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**Popular "Teddy Bear Hospital" Program  
Returns to the Museum of Health Care this Family Day**

(KINGSTON, ON) – Kingston's sick and injured stuffies in need of care can find it this Family Day at the Museum of Health Care's seventh annual Teddy Bear Hospital.

On Monday February 20<sup>th</sup>, children aged three to eight are invited to bring their teddy bear or other stuffed toy to the Museum of Health Care, where "teddy doctors and nurses" will examine and treat the toys' ailments, real or imaginary. During the program, Museum volunteers, some of whom are retired nurses or medical school students, will write prescriptions, prepare bandages, and make minor repairs with a needle and thread.

"Our Family Day program aims to dispel fears about doctor's visits, and teach young children about the healthcare professions and how to stay healthy," says Program Director and Museum Manager Jenny Stepa. "It's a fun and interactive program that our staff and volunteers look forward to every year."

Several families have returned year after year to enjoy the Museum's Family Day program, which combines hospital-themed activities with healthcare history, role-playing and interactions with real nurses.

"We're delighted to continue this program this year because it's charming, fun, and a great way to spend Family Day. Between the story time, the hands-on craft and the snacks generously donated by Card's Bakery, this program offers interactive, entertaining, and educational activities" Stepa concludes.

The "Teddy Bear Hospital" programs will be held on Family Day, Monday, February 20 from 10:30 am-noon OR 1pm-2:30pm. The program is suitable for children ages three to eight, with adult accompaniment. Pre-registration is required. To register please call 613-548-2419, e-mail [info@museumofhealthcare.ca](mailto:info@museumofhealthcare.ca), or complete an online registration form at [www.museumofhealthcare.ca](http://www.museumofhealthcare.ca).

**Location:** 32 George Street, Ann Baillie Building National Historic Site

**Date:** Monday, February 20, 2017

**Time:** 10:30am to 12pm OR 1pm to 2:30pm

**Cost:** \$5/child (no charge for adults)

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