



32 George Street, Kingston, Ontario, K7L 2V7

For Immediate Release

2 November 2010

**Temporary Closure - Museum of Health Care at Kingston
November 8, 2010 to January 31, 2011**

KINGSTON, ON - The Museum of Health Care's galleries will be temporarily closed to the public for renovations and restorations from Monday, November 8, 2010 to Monday, January 31, 2011. The Museum's administrative offices will remain open during the closure.

The closure this winter will allow time to prepare spaces needed for the Museum's new Children's Gallery. This gallery-based learning centre will be devoted to children and their families, teachers, and caregivers. The renovation and restoration will set the stage for the new gallery, to be opened at a later date.

The first of many exciting, educational Children's Gallery exhibitions is "Skin." The conceptual and interactive elements for this gallery will include: large-scale models of mites and other animals that live on skin, seating and furniture designed to resemble a magnified cross section of skin, exploration into the different colours of skin and the reasons for the differences, and many more fun and informative facts.

Even while the galleries are closed, the Museum of Health Care will remain active. It will continue to accept bookings for in-Museum education programs and group tours from February 1, 2011 and beyond, and also provides a variety of in-classroom educational offerings for schools and other groups, including classroom kit versions of the popular programs, "Health Care in Early Settlers in Upper Canada," "Health Care in Early Civilizations," and in-classroom presentations of the program "Healthy Living & Diabetes." The Museum's curriculum-linked education programs provide hands-on learning opportunities for students of all ages, in the Museum or in the classroom.

The Museum is working to keep its temporary closure brief, and would like to apologize to visitors for any inconvenience caused by the renovations. The 2011 re-opening of the Museum of Health Care coincides with its 20th anniversary; a series of exciting public events is planned to kick off this anniversary year and promises to be well worth the wait.

The Museum of Health Care acknowledges the support of the Ontario Trillium Foundation, Parks Canada, and other individuals whose gracious awards have made this renovation and restoration project possible.

For information about booking education programs or to receive updates on Museum news and events, please visit www.museumofhealthcare.ca, or contact Catherine Toews at 613-548-2419.

-30-

For more information, please contact:

Catherine Toews or Jenny Brown ■ 613-548-2419 ■ museum@kgh.kari.net ■ www.museumofhealthcare.ca