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

(KINGSTON, ON) --For the sixth year in a row, the Museum of Health Care is holding Family Day Programs focused on staying healthy, dispelling fears about doctor visits, and teaching young children about healthcare professions.

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 nursing students, will write prescriptions, prepare bandages, and make minor repairs with a needle and thread.

“The staff look forward to running this program every year because it is just so fun,” says Program Director and Museum Manager Jenny Stepa. “It’s not always easy to teach young children about healthcare history and what it means to be healthy, but this program combines hospital-themed activities with interactions with real nurses and role-playing to engage participants.”

“It’s such a delight to continue this program this year because it’s charming, fun, and a great way to spend Family Day. It’s been rewarding to hear from parents who have participated several times and who continue to return because their children had such a positive experience. 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 15 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, or complete an online registration form at www.museumofhealthcare.ca.

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

Date: Monday, February 15, 2016

Time: 10:30am to noon OR 1pm to 2:30pm

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



*The Museum of Health Care is turning 25!
We're celebrating the Museum's 25th Anniversary all year long
with exciting events, projects and programs to thank our
community for its support and interest. To discover what's
happening next, check our website:
www.museumofhealthcare.ca*

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