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"Teddy Bear Hospital" Family Day Program back by popular demand at Museum of Health Care

(KINGSTON, Ont.) --For the second year, the Museum of Health Care is holding a Family Day program focusing on staying healthy, dispelling fears about doctor visits, and learning about health care history.

According to Program Director Catherine Toews, children aged three to eight can bring their teddy bear or other special stuffed animal to the Museum of Health Care where trained teddy doctors and nurses will be on hand to examine and treat the toys' bumps, lumps, and bruises (real or imaginary).

"Museum staff and volunteers, some of whom are real nurses, will also help children make their own reflector headbands, hold a special story time, and provide snacks, which have been generously donated by Card's Bakery," says Toews. "I really look forward to hearing all the creative stories about the toys' medical histories."

Teddy Bear Nurse, and real retired nurse, Claire Kelly says that she didn't hesitate to volunteer again.

"Last year was so much fun. We had a wonderful time sewing up toys, writing prescriptions, and making splints out of Popsicle sticks," says Kelly.

The Teddy Bear Hospital will be held on Family Day, Monday, February 20 from 10:30 am-noon or 1pm-2:30pm. The morning session is now fully booked, but the Museum is accepting names for a waiting list. The program is suitable for children aged three to eight, with adult accompaniment. Pre-registration is required. To register 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 20, 2012

Time: 10:30am to noon (Session full. Waiting list room only.) OR 1pm to 2:30pm

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

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