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"Teddy Bear Hospital" Family Day Programs
at the Museum of Health Care

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

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.

"This has become not only one of our most popular programs, but also a staff favourite," says Program Director and Museum Manager Jenny Stepa. "It's not always easy teaching young children about health care, but we found a safe and fun way to get them to interact with medical professionals. During the program, our volunteers, some of whom are retired nurses, will write prescriptions, prepare bandages, and make minor repairs with a needle and thread," she adds.

"It's a great program and 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 programs offers families a fun and education activity this Family Day," Stepa concludes.

The "Teddy Bear Hospital" programs will be held on Family Day, Monday, February 17 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 17, 2014
Time: 10:30am to noon OR 1pm to 2:30pm
Cost: $5/child (no charge for adults)

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