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**New Summer Family Program
“Behind the Scenes: Health Care in WWI”**

(KINGSTON, Ont.) – This summer, history enthusiasts age six to twelve can learn about the fascinating behind-the-scenes work of health care professionals during World War I. Families are invited to the Museum of Health Care on Saturday, July 19th, July 26, August 9th OR August 16th for a brand-new Summer Family Program titled “Behind the Scenes: Health Care in WWI.” Pre-registration is required.

To commemorate the centenary of the First World War, Museum of Health Care Public Programs Assistants developed an interactive education program that will highlight the work of various health care professionals at the time. According to program creators Abbey Cressman and Mariah Maddock, “Behind the Scenes: Health Care in WWI” will allow participants to get messy during a hands-on trench simulation, learn the dirty details of disease through the eyes of a doctor, and practice cast-making as a war aide on the home front. In addition to this program, the Museum of Health Care is developing an exhibit that will examine the training and experience of the men and women of the Canadian Army Medical Corps and Canadian Army Nursing Corps, with specific reference to Kingstonians.

“We tried to think about the themes we are presenting – how we represent war to young children in a way that respects their intelligence but allows for further understanding,” says Museum of Health Care Public Programs Assistant Abbey Cressman. “Health is something that most children know something about, and our program uses this knowledge as a building block to engage with the impact of health care on a defining historical period,” she adds.

Program co-creator Mariah Maddock added: “While planning this program, we strived to connect participants with health and WWI in the most creative and interactive ways possible. Our hands-on activities will guarantee participants have a blast, while simultaneously learning about the role of healthcare during WWI.”

To attend one of the four sessions, call 613-548-2419, email info@museumofhealthcare.ca, or register online at www.museumofhealthcare.ca. Admission is \$5 per participant, with no charge for accompanying adults.

Location: Museum of Health Care at Kingston, Ann Baillie Building National Historic Site, 32 George Street, Kingston, ON.

Dates & Times:

Sat. Jul. 19th @ 2:00-3:30 pm or

Sat. Jul. 26th @ 2:00-3:30 pm or

Sat. Aug. 9th @ 2:00-3:30 pm or

Sat. Aug. 16th @ 2:00-3:30 pm

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