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Monkeys for Valentine's Day at NGH

A carload of stuffed monkeys arrived at the Norfolk General Hospital Emergency Department for Valentine's Day. Debbie Oliver and her daughter Autumn Miller delivered the toys as part of the 14th annual Keith Urban Facebook Fans Monkey drive. Accepting the donation was Lacie Hampson, NGH Director of ED.

The Keith Urban worldwide fan club has collected thousands of stuffed monkeys through an on line drive during the month of January. The stuffed toys collected are distributed to children in the care of hospitals in Australia, the United States and Canada.

Debbie Oliver is President of the Keith Urban Fan Club Canada and has coordinated for the drive to distribute this unique Valentine's gift to children at Norfolk General for 4 years.

The donation complements the existing Share Bear program organized by the hospital Volunteer Association. The stuffed toys are given to children who visit the NGH ED.

About the Share Bear Program: All stuffed toys must be newly purchased or made from all new materials. Toys should be between 8 and 16 inches tall. Tags are to be left on purchased toys so that volunteers know that it is new and there is no risk of cross contamination. Donations can be dropped off at the Main Information Desk. Any questions can be directed to the Director of Volunteers at 519 426 0750 ext. 2100



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