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Monkey Business in ED

Valentine's Day was very special in the NGH Emergency Department as 50 stuffed monkeys were lovingly delivered for children in our care to enjoy. Debbie Oliver is a huge fan of Country music star Keith Urban. For more than a decade, Urban's fan club has, through an on line drive, collected thousands of stuffed monkeys during the month of January. The stuffed toys have then been given to sick children at hospitals in Australia and the United States.



Debbie Oliver and daughter Autumn Miller

Oliver, who coordinated the drive locally, explained "As Canadian fans of Keith Urban we thought it would be good to spread some happiness to children in hospitals here at home. So, for the first time in Canada, we are bringing the monkeys to Norfolk General as well as Woodstock General and the Children's Hospital in London."

"It is a very thoughtful gesture. We jumped at the opportunity to receive the monkeys. It's not every day you can say Keith Urban – and his fans – made a child feel better in your hospital's Emergency" remarked Kim Mullins Director of NGH ED.

The Monkeys will complement the existing Share Bear program and be 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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