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Valentine’s Day Monkey Business

The Norfolk General Hospital Emergency Department received a very special Valentine’s Day treat. More than 100 stuffed monkeys were delivered on February 13 by Keith Urban Fan Club president Debbie Oliver and her daughter Autumn Miller. Accepting the donation was Ben Speers, NGH Director of ED. For the past 13 years Urban’s 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 has coordinated the Canadian Urban Fan Club drive spreading happiness to children in hospitals here at home equally dividing distribution to Norfolk General as well as Woodstock General and the Children’s Hospital in London.

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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