

Teddy Bear Clinic coming Saturday

Doctors and nurses at Headwaters Health Care Centre (Headwaters) in Orangeville will be on hand to examine, diagnose and care for the community's teddy bears at the Teddy Bear Clinic.

The Headwaters Health Care Auxiliary will be hosting the annual event May 4, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Headwaters.

“Inviting children to visit our hospital in a fun and informative atmosphere helps alleviate any potential fears if they are ever faced with coming to the hospital for treatment or to visit someone special,” said Headwaters Health Care Auxiliary President Jim Aijala. The Teddy Bear Clinic leads kids and their cuddly friends through a typical day at the hospital. They are registered with a health card, special identification wrist bands are applied with the animal's name, and then they sit in a waiting room before being called into an examination room where they see the doctor – just like patients do every day at Headwaters.

The Teddy Bear Clinic also includes other activities, such as face painting, a fish pond, barbecue, Tooth Fairy and a Tooth Fairy Express, Miniature Horses and a raffle. Local emergency services staff will be on hand to educate kids and families on various procedures to keep them healthy and safe. Free parking is provided by the hospital during the event. Admission is \$2.

For more information, call the Headwaters Health Care Auxiliary at 519-941-2410, ext. 2268 or email hhccauxiliary@headwatershealth.ca