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**“I Swallowed a Penny”: Credit Valley’s Unique
Traveling Suitcase and Road Show Programs**

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For Immediate Release: (Mississauga, Ontario) It’s dress up time! Young students will now get the chance to play doctor or nurse, examine x-rays to see what everything from a broken bone to a swallowed penny, and prescribe treatments to their “patients” all in the comfort of their own classrooms.

Recognizing the need to educate children about hospital care, The Credit Valley Hospital is bringing the hospital right to the community’s children with two popular programs: the *Traveling Suitcase* and the *Road Show*. Offered to elementary schools across the Peel and Halton regions, the programs are designed to provide young students with information about health care and assist in their understanding of hospital functions.

“We are thrilled to introduce these programs to schools,” says Wayne Fyffe, President and CEO of The Credit Valley Hospital. “*The Traveling Suitcase* and *The Road Show* both provide an excellent opportunity to quell children’s fears, giving them a better understanding of the functions of our hospital and what is required of them when visiting.”

Geared to children in kindergarten through grade two, the *Traveling Suitcase* is like a hospital in a trunk, filled with ‘medical clinic’ items and a variety of written and visual resources suitable for use in the classroom. Naturally curious, children will be fascinated to role play as doctor, nurse, patient or technician, using the stethoscope, blood pressure cuff and oxygen mask.

Similarly, *The Road Show* provides the same opportunities to young students. It is offered by Sylvie Hoyer and Sylvia Sharp, two hospital volunteers. The show includes a discussion about the various areas of a hospital such as the fracture clinic, paediatric playroom and Magic Garden to emergency, ambulance and helicopter transfers. Children also have the opportunity to experiment with casting materials.

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The *Road Show* presentations will take place Thursdays from 10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. and will carry a \$50 charge per presentation to maintain the cost of supplies and the program. To rent the *Traveling Suitcase* for a one-week period, the cost is \$20, \$10 of which is a returnable deposit. To book either program, teachers may contact the Volunteer Department at Credit Valley at (905) 813-1585.

The Credit Valley Hospital offers quality compassionate health care to the people of the growing communities of Peel and Halton.

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