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Runnymede Healthcare Centre partners with local elementary school to offer innovative intergenerational programming

TORONTO – Kindergarten students from Swansea Public School will spend an entire week at Runnymede Healthcare Centre as part of an innovative intergenerational program that provides social benefits to both children and the patients.

The week-long program, “Kids in the Community,” will integrate the kindergarten curriculum into its itinerary and will feature a shared mealtime with patients every day.

Runnymede currently enjoys monthly visits during the school year from the students at Swansea, who visit with Runnymede’s patients and share in special activities, such as arts and crafts projects.

The intergenerational program fosters increased understanding between generations. The enthusiasm the children bring when they visit has an extremely positive impact on the patient experience, boosting patients’ engagement when they interact with the children. In turn, the program provides children with an opportunity to develop a greater appreciation for senior citizens and become comfortable around people with some level of disability.

Special funding for Kids in the Community has been provided by the Toronto District School Board’s department of Experiential Learning.

Where: Runnymede Healthcare Centre, 625 Runnymede Road

When: May 28 – June 1, 2018, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Please check in at front desk or RSVP via email.

About Runnymede Healthcare Centre

At Runnymede Healthcare Centre, we have a single, clear purpose: improve the quality of life of every patient, every day. Runnymede Healthcare Centre is an innovative 206-bed complex continuing care and rehabilitation hospital with a proven track record of success in providing the highest level of patient-centred care to those whose treatment needs cannot be met at home or in an acute care facility. Our interprofessional team works together to provide the outstanding care that makes it possible for patients to regain mobility and independence to return home to the community, if possible. Since 1945, Runnymede has worked as an important piece of the healthcare system, providing our patients with the right care in the right place at the right time. To learn more, please visit: www.runnymedehc.ca.

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