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Celebrate 21 years of Bandaged Bear!

This March Bandaged Bear, the lovable mascot of The Children's Hospital at Westmead, will celebrate his 21st birthday. To make this a milestone to remember patients and staff of the hospital are encouraging you to volunteer on Friday 26 March, or hold your own "When I Grow Up..." themed party during the month of March, to raise vital funds for the Bandaged Bear Day Appeal.

It's easy to make a difference in the life of a sick child!

Volunteer

Donate part or all of your day on Friday 26 March to help sell Bandaged Bear merchandise at train stations, shopping centres and major business districts across Sydney.

Everything is organised for you, including permits, merchandise and a t-shirt, all you need to do is register.

Hold your own

"When I grow up..." party

Invite your family and friends to dress up and donate during the month of March.

Register your party and be as creative as you can! We want to hear about it on our website.

We can even give you some tips to get you started! A party pack is available on request.

To register as a volunteer or for more information on throwing your own themed party visit www.bandagedbearday.com.au or contact the Special Events Team on 02 9845 3364.

Bandaged Bear has long been a symbol of all the hospital stands for: Healthy Children for a Healthy Future. As one of the Hospital's major fundraising appeals, Bandaged Bear Day has raised over \$12 million since its inception - a fantastic community effort!

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Funds raised by the Bandaged Bear Day Appeal will help treat sick kids needing a range of medical treatments. The money goes to areas of most need within the hospital, including research into childhood illness, purchase of equipment and provision of patient services. This contributes to *The Children's Hospital at Westmead* being a world class centre of healing for sick children and their families.

This year Bandaged Bear will sport a new colourful coat, for the first time designed by the winner of our nation-wide schools competition. Merchandise includes clip-on bears, plush bears, hacky sacks, pens and note pads.

Bandaged Bear merchandise will be on sale in participating retail outlets across NSW and the ACT, including Best & Less, Mister Ply&Wood, Blooms The Chemist, HCF, St George, Toys R Us, GAME and Starbucks.

The Children's Hospital at Westmead is the highly respected, largest paediatric centre in NSW, providing excellent care for children from NSW, Australia and across the Pacific Rim. Established in 1880, *The Children's Hospital at Westmead* is a stand-alone public Hospital and registered charity with 3,000 staff working in 150 departments. 70,000 sick children and their families are cared for each year in a family-focused, healing environment.

Funded by the NSW Government, *The Children's Hospital at Westmead* provides significant extra services aided by the generosity of individual and corporate donors. For more information visit www.chw.edu.au

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