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NEWS RELEASE

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Cedar Rapids Hospitals to Have Special Easter Sunday Visitors

The Easter Bunny, McGruff “the Crime Dog”, and Linn County Sheriff Brian Gardner will be visiting pediatric patients this Easter Sunday at St. Luke’s Hospital and Mercy Medical Center in Cedar Rapids.

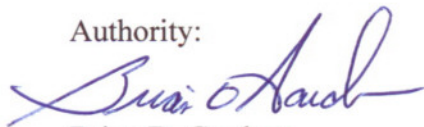
The Linn County Sheriff’s Office has teamed up with The Easter Bunny Foundation, (www.theeasterbunny.com) an Orlando, Florida-based non-profit organization, and other Sheriff’s Offices throughout the nation in hopes of bringing an enjoyable Easter to hospitalized children.

In addition to personal visits from the Easter Bunny and McGruff “the Crime Dog”, the hospitalized children will also receive a new plush toy, a coloring book, and crayons.

“It’s our hope that we can bring some additional happiness to boys and girls who might otherwise be experiencing a not-so-pleasant time away from family and friends this Easter holiday,” said Linn County Sheriff Brian Gardner.

The Easter Bunny and McGruff “the Crime Dog” are scheduled to arrive at the pediatric units at St. Luke’s Hospital Easter Sunday at 10:00 AM and Mercy Medical Center at 11:00 AM. Both hospitals have advised that the news media are welcome to attend this event. The St. Luke’s Hospital event will be held in the 2nd floor pediatrics unit of the Helen G. Nassif Center for Women’s and Children’s Health at 150 11th St NE. The Mercy Medical Center event will be held in the hospital’s 3rd floor pediatrics unit at 701 10th St SE.

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