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**MEDIA ALERT** – Friday, March 3, 2023  
**Fargo Public School District #1**

## **STUDENTS TO PRESENT WE CARE BEARS DONATION TO ESSENTIA HEALTH**

Snuggling a teddy bear can help to calm the nerves of anybody in a scary situation. The first graders at Lewis & Clark Elementary School are making sure children at Essentia Health feel that comfort.

**WHAT:** We Care Bears Donation Presentation  
**WHEN:** **Tuesday, March 7** at 8:30 a.m.  
**WHERE:** Lewis & Clark Elementary School, 1729 16<sup>th</sup> Street South, Fargo  
**CONTACT:** **Stacy Anderson**, Lewis & Clark Gifted and Talented Teacher,  
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The first graders in Lewis & Clark's Gifted and Talented program will present collected teddy bears and assorted stuffed animals to Pamela Perleberg from Essentia Health at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 7 in the Gifted and Talented resource room.

The students collected 80 new stuffed animals during their We Care Bears donation drive, February 9-16. Donations came in from school staff, students, families, and the community.

Perleberg will receive the donation in a special ceremony and will give a presentation to the students. Stuffed animals will also be donated to the YWCA.

We Care Bears is a national project started by Jessica Carscadden of San Diego, California in 2013. She was comforted by her stuffed animals while in an orphanage in China. She was eventually adopted and gave her stuffed animals to the San Diego Fire and Police Departments to help other scared children be comforted in a time of need. Now, many states have teddy bear donation drives. The Gifted and Talented students at Lewis & Clark have run the We Care Bears service project each year since 2017.

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