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Olympic fever inspires month of playful competition

The Women's and Children's Hospital was ablaze with Olympic colour this morning as over 50 patients and staff came together to launch their very own Games, to coincide with the Summer Olympics in Rio.

A boisterous opening ceremony took place in the Starlight Express Room and involved a parade of 12 "Olympic teams" made up of patients, families and staff from each of the hospital's wards. There were also teams representing the Starlight Children's Foundation, the Women's and Children's Hospital School, TeamKids and the Clown Doctors.

Each team devised its own colours, flag and anthem for the 2016 WCH Games.

Following the parade, a young patient from Cassia Ward lit an "Olympic cauldron" and declared the 2016 Women's and Children's Hospital Games to be officially open.

A dance competition ensued as the inaugural event of the Games.

Other child-friendly events will take place at the hospital throughout the month of August and will include balloon relays, paper plate discus, air hockey, hula-hooping, bingo, Wii bowling and other fun activities.

A leader board will be maintained in the Starlight Express Room and medals awarded to the highest-performing teams at the end of the month.

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