



Teachers learning to become CPR instructors

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York Region teachers are learning to save your child's life.

Today, 250 teachers will be trained as CPR and defibrillator instructors at Bill Crothers Secondary School as part of the ACT high school CPR and defibrillator training program. At the same time, more than 1,700 durable mannequins and 244 defibrillator training units are being donated to schools across the region.

The program will help instruct 14,000 high school students from 48 high schools in the York Region and York Catholic district school boards, empowering them to save lives.



Defibrillator. A program is teaching students at 49 York high schools how to use the device as well as CPR skills.

Eight in 10 out-of-hospital heart attacks occur at home. Early CPR, combined with early defibrillation, can increase survival rates by up to 75 per cent, according to the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

The ACT foundation is the national charitable organization working to establish CPR and defibrillator training programs in all Canadian high schools.

To date, the foundation has set up the high school CPR program in more than 1,600 Canadian schools, empowering more than 1.8 million youths to save lives.