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First Nations students train in CPR lifesaving skills

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Student Hayden Williamson and Hydro One representative Tausha Esquega practice lifesaving procedures on a mannequin at Sakatcheway Anishnabe School in Grassy Narrows on Wednesday, Oct. 25. Hydro One donated the mannequins and other training equipment for the training exercises at Grassy Narrows and Wabaseemoong First Nations. Supplied

More than 200 Grade 9 –12 high school students and community members at two area First Nations recently participated in an exercise to develop lifesaving skills in CPR and defibrillator training.

The Advanced Coronary Treatment (ACT) Foundation in partnership with the Kenora Chiefs Advisory and community health providers presented the training program to students at Mizhakiwetung Memorial School in Wabaseemoong on Tuesday, Oct. 24 and at Sakatcheway Anishnabe School in Grassy Narrows on Wednesday, Oct. 25.

The students engaged in hands on exercises using CPR and automated external defibrillator training mannequins to gain experience with the potentially life saving procedures and equipment to respond to a first aid emergency at home, school and in the community.

“We are thrilled with the support of our partners,” ACT Foundation executive director Sandra Clarke stated in a news release. “Thanks to them, we are able to bring this lifesaving program to Whitedog and Grassy Narrows, ensuring all youth will be trained. Students and community members will bring their lifesaving skills to current and future families, building stronger communities and saving lives.”

ACT, a charitable organization is establishing the training programs in high schools throughout Canada with sponsor Hydro One as its lead community partner in the province.

“Hydro One proudly supports the ACT Foundation’s CPR training because we believe that safety should always come first,” commented Hydro One Indigenous Relations vice president Derek Chum. “Whether at home, school or work, this curriculum will empower students with the skills and knowledge to save lives.”

ACT also receives support from health partners, AstraZeneca Canada, Sanofi Canada, and Amgen Canada

To date, the ACT Foundation has set up the CPR Program in more than 1,790 high schools nation-wide, empowering more than 3.9 million youth to save lives.