

First Nation students receive lifesaving skills training

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The Advanced Coronary Treatment (ACT) Foundation and lead community partner Hydro One launched student and community training in CPR and defibrillation in the communities of Whitedog and Grassy Narrows in late October.

The initiative saw more than 200 students and community members empowered with essential lifesaving skills.

The ACT Foundation is the charitable organization that is establishing CPR and defibrillator training programs in high schools throughout Ontario and across Canada.

ACT is working in partnership with the Kenora Chiefs Advisory, lead community partner Hydro One, and health partners, AstraZeneca Canada, Sanofi Canada, and Amgen Canada, to bring this program to the communities of Whitedog and Grassy Narrows. This initiative will see each school receives CPR and automated external defibril-

lator (AED) training mannequins and AED training units.

"Hydro One proudly supports the ACT Foundation's CPR training because we believe that safety should always come first," said Derek Chum, Vice President, Indigenous Relations, Hydro One. "Whether at home, school or work, this curriculum will empower students with the skills and knowledge to save lives."

Thanks to our partners:

- More than 200 students and community members to be trained in CPR and how to use a defibrillator
- 56 mannequins to be donated
- 8 defibrillator training units to be donated

With eight in 10 out-of-hospital cardiac arrests occurring at home or in public places, empowering youth with CPR training as part of their high school education will help increase citizen CPR response rates over the long term.



Student Hayden Williamson (left) and Tausha Esquega (right), representing Hydro One (who donated the training equipment for this CPR and AED training).

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