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**Re: "Dramatic rescue yields life-saving award," edmontonjournal.com, June 4.**

I was thrilled to learn of the citizen CPR rescue of Janet Nielsen in March. Citizen CPR is so critical to saving lives.

Forty-five thousand Alberta youth are learning CPR each year thanks to a schoolbased program set up in high schools throughout the province.

This popular program exists due to a partnership between the ACT Foundation (a charitable organization dedicated to helping schools across Canada establish in-house CPR programs free for students), the Government of Alberta, including the Ministry of Education, and community partners across Alberta.

Mannequins have been donated to all 315 high schools and teachers have been trained as CPR Instructors for their students. Many lives are being saved.

Edmonton was the first city in Alberta in which the ACT Foundation established the CPR program.

In 2001, the province made CPR a mandatory part of the provincial curriculum based on the ACT Foundation's successful Edmonton pilot.

This ensures that all students receive this life-saving training as a part of their highschool experience now and in the future. Youth take their life-saving skills to present and future families, and the number of CPR-trained citizens dramatically increases across the province each year.

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