



STUDENTS EARN PAD CERTS

Students at I.E. Weldon Secondary School in Lindsay learned more than their A-B-Cs last week. The students took part in the ACT High School CPR and Defibrillator Training Project and earned their PAD certification.

Over the next few weeks, the program will see more than 1,800 Grade 9 students from seven high schools in the Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) and one high school from the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board (SMCDSB) empowered to save lives every year.

Thirty-three physical education teachers have been trained as CPR and defibrillator instructors for their students. Two hundred mannequins, 40 defibrillator mannequins, and 32 defibrillator training units will be donated to schools.

This exciting program is made possible with the support of the Advanced Coronary Treatment (ACT) Foundation's partners including the Government of Ontario, The Ontario Trillium Foundation, Hydro One and our health partners, AstraZeneca Canada, Bristol-Myers Squibb Canada, Pfizer Canada and sanofi-aventis.

People often think that the ACT Foundation is a government organization but there is a wonderful public/private partnership and support to bring this lifesaving program to schools, at no cost to schools and in a manner that schools can sustain it over the long term. Support from the Foundation's partners is crucial to making this program possible.