

Life Saving Teens



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St. Mary's College received a special gift Friday afternoon the donation of 30 life saving CPR mannequins. The mannequins will help 190 Grade nine students learn lifesaving CPR skills.

The mannequins come courtesy of Kiwanis Club of Lakeshore and the ACT Foundation. "The members of the Kiwanis Club of Lakeshore are committed to excellence within our community and are pleased to be able to support this lifesaving program within our school system," Serge Viau Treasurer of the Club said.

The Kiwanis Club of Lakeshore and the Kiwanis Club of Sault Ste Marie have been raising money for the program since 2004 making the ACT High School CPR program available in all Sault Ste Marie and Algoma District high school in the Huron Superior District Catholic School Board and the Algoma District School Board.

Across the district 36 trained teachers, use 360 mannequins to train 1,500 grade nine students in the program annually says Gym teacher Shauna Young. "I believe it is so important for our young people to learn lifesaving skills. The ACT High School CPR program has helped facilitate this process for teachers."

Other local supporters of the program Keith Spencer Trucking, Essar Steel, PUC Services Inc, Viau Financial Group, Flakeboard and McDougall Fuels have helped raise money to implement and continue the program.

St. Mary's also hosted the The Great High School Trivia Challenge in February which raised \$1,831 towards the program.

Korah Collegiate will host the second Great High School Challenge Wednesday December 3rd doors open at 6pm. Money raised at this event will be used to purchase supplies such as manuals and face and lung shields for the mannequins.

The ACT Foundation is a charitable organization dedicated to promoting health. They work with the community partners to establish the programs in the schools. They are engaged in a national campaign to make CPR programs in schools mandatory.

Viau, says that the Kiwanis Club is involved in a number of programs in the schools including the "What Christmas Means to Me" essay writing contest. The awards night for

the contest is December 10th at the Marconi Hall.

To learn more about the Kiwanis Lakeshore Club visit their [web site](#).

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