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Partnership facilitates live saving learning



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High school receives defibrillator training funding

In addition to funding secured from the Ontario government, a partnership between the Kiwanis Clubs of Tweed and Madoc has ensured the receipt of four automated external defibrillator (AED) training units to Centre Hastings Secondary School (CHSS) in Madoc in support of the ACT (Advanced Coronary Treatment) Foundation's set-up of its High School CPR and AED Training Program. Presenting the funds at CHSS Friday, September 26th were, from left, Tweed Kiwanis President Wayne Kay, Tweed Kiwanian and Councillor Don DeGenova, CHSS Principal Shelley MacKenzie-Coates, Madoc Kiwanis President Jim Dennison, Madoc Kiwanis Director Jim Duguid and Kiwanian Johnny Ellis.

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The Kiwanis Clubs of Tweed and Madoc were happy to respond favourably to a request by the Advanced Coronary Treatment Foundation to support the set-up of its High School CPR and AED Training Program within Centre Hastings Secondary School (CHSS) in Madoc.

Each Club donated \$875 for a total joint donation of \$1750, presented to CHSS Principal Shelley MacKenzie-Coates the morning of September 27th. The funds (\$2800 in total including a grant from the Ontario Government) will allow for the purchase of four individual automated external defibrillator (AED) training units which will be used to teach grade 9

physical education students. CHSS physical education teachers have been trained on the units and are now qualified to provide the training to some 200 students as part of the school's curriculum and a complement to its current First Aid/Heart & Stroke education. MacKenzie-Coates relayed that approximately 25% of the school's current teaching and custodial staff are also trained in AED use. An AED is housed within the school office for emergencies.

All schools within Hastings County are expected to receive similar training resources in the form of mannequins, AED training units and teacher training, relayed Michelle Rose, Communications Coordinator for the ACT Foundation. "ACT is currently working with local, provincial and national partners to bring the CPR and AED training program to all of the region's schools."

Acknowledging the contribution from the two local Clubs, ACT Foundation Executive Director Sandra Clarke relayed, "We are thrilled with the support of the Madoc and Tweed Kiwanis Clubs. Without them, this lifesaving program would not be possible."

Tweed Kiwanis President Wayne Kay noted that the training extended beyond the walls of the high school and is a useful skill for "any where these kids go in the world."