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NEWS RELEASE

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S.C.I.T.S. Presented with Public Access Defibrillator

Sarnia, ON - The County of Lambton, HeartSine, and Rescue 7 are partnering together to present a Public Access Defibrillator to a local high school in recognition of a life saved through the use of the device last fall.

The PAD is being installed near the gymnasium at Sarnia Collegiate Institute & Technical School.

The donation, through HeartSine and Recue 7's "Forward Hearts" program, comes after Ron Robbins was revived through the use of a Public Access Defibrillator at Bluewater Country Adult Leisure Living Community in Sarnia September 28, 2012.

Mr. Robbins was attending a social event when he slumped to the floor with vital signs absent. Through the work of three bystanders, C.P.R. was applied and the PAD administered, leading Mr. Robbins to regain consciousness. He was conversing by the time Lambton Emergency Medical Services arrived on scene.

"This goes to show that early recognition, quick C.P.R. and defibrillation were instrumental in saving a life," says Jon Cann, Public Access Defibrillator Coordinator for the County of Lambton.

HeartSine and Rescue 7, through the "Forward Hearts" program, coordinate the donation of a PAD every time a life is saved through the use of the defibrillator.

To date, over 30 Public Access Defibrillators have been installed across the County of Lambton.

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