

letter to the editor

AED awareness just be boosted

Good article (Sarnia This Week, Nov. 15) regarding the need to increase the number of people trained in CPR and increasing the public's awareness of automated external defibrillators (AED).

I am delighted to say that about 3,000 area youth are currently learning CPR and AED skills each year thanks to a school-based program in which Sarnia-Lambton and Chatham-Kent high schools deliver CPR and AED training to all students at the Grade 9 level every year. With the support of partners, the ACT Foundation has ensured schools receive the donations of hundreds of training mannequins, AED training units, and defibrillators. High school teachers have been trained as CPR and defibrillator instructors for their students.

The ACT Foundation is working in partnership with the Government of Ontario and partners to equip high schools throughout Ontario with the CPR and AED program, start-up resources, and teacher training so schools can deliver the program and ensure all youth receive this lifesaving training as part of their high school education. CPR was inserted into the provincial curriculum in 1999 and over 1.4 million students have been trained by their teachers to date.

By ensuring CPR and AED training is free for all students as a part of their high school experience, we are ensuring all youth receive the training and it becomes a life skill.

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Christmas Home Tour a success

On behalf of the IODE Sarnia-Lambton Municipal Chapter, I would like to thank you for the excellent coverage your publication has given our 2012 Christmas Home Tour. We were blessed with good weather and were equally blessed with over 1,000 people who supported our cause.

Every year on the third week-end of November, the tour has become a wonderful tradition within the Sarnia and Lambton community. It was very gratifying to see the great number of tour goers who made the trek to the five homes and the Hospitality Centre with their friends and relatives.

For the sixth time, IODE has been able to make connections with homeowners, local decorators and businesses in order to help a local charity, this year in particular, we chose to direct some of the ticket proceeds to help the Sexual Assault Sur-