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Local High School students to get trained on A.E.D. use

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Today, the Advanced Coronary Treatment (ACT) Foundation and its supporting partners are launching the ACT High School Defibrillator Training Program for area high schools. Each year, more than 1,600 high school students from 11 high schools will be empowered to save lives through the ACT High School CPR and Defibrillator Training Program. Together with the support of the Bancroft Lions Club, Kiwanis Club of Trenton, Kiwanis Club of Tweed and Madoc Kiwanis Club, ACT's partners have donated 52 mannequins, 41 Automated Emergency Defibrillator training units and teacher training to support this lifesaving program. ACT Foundation Executive Director Sandra Clarke says they are thrilled with the support of their partners. Four in five out-of-hospital cardiac arrests occur at home or in public places. Early CPR, combined with the use of an AED within the first few minutes, can improve survival rates for cardiac arrest victims by up to 75 per cent, according to the Heart and Stroke Foundation. The launch is scheduled for today at 10:00 a.m., at Centennial Secondary School in Belleville.