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Recreation 6/12 – Ontario Defibrillator Access Initiative (ODAI) – For information



January 25, 2012

Dear Mayor Kelterborn,

On June 3, 2011, Premier Dalton McGuinty announced the Government of Ontario's commitment to saving lives with Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) and announced that \$10 million will be provided to place the life-saving devices in publicly-funded community sport and recreation facilities and schools with high recreation and sport use across Ontario. A portion of the funding will also be set aside to develop Ontario's first AED registry. This registry will track all of the public access units placed and will link directly into the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) system.

As a result, the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Ontario is leading this initiative, called the **Ontario Defibrillator Access Initiative (ODAI)**, and is set to open the largest application process for AED grant funding in Ontario's history. The aim of the ODAI is to distribute a minimum of 2,500 defibrillators and train a minimum of 25,000 people across Ontario, which will significantly add to the current inventory of public-access defibrillators currently in Ontario. This will have a significant impact on cardiac health of all Ontarians.

There are no fees associated with this initiative and an AED will come as part of a complete package. In addition, the package includes the following materials and services for every AED that is placed:

- One set of Adult electrode pads and one replacement set;
- One set of Pediatric (infant/child) electrode pads;
- One installed battery and a backup battery,
- One display cabinet and signage;
- Free CPR-AED certification for at least 10 individuals per device (e.g. employees, frequent facility users);
- One *Family & Friends™ CPR Anytime™ Kit* to continue training on CPR-AED; and
- Listing of the AED on the provincial registry.

In addition, each participant receives preferred pricing on any related AED equipment (e.g. AEDs, pads, batteries); and access to preferred pricing on any additional AED-CPR certifications purchased during the length of the Initiative.

As AEDs continue to become available in a variety of public settings, they are quickly becoming the 'standard of care' for owners and operators of public spaces. The Good Samaritan Act (2001) protects people who voluntarily offer CPR or first aid assistance in an emergency. Additionally, the Chase McEachern Act (Heart Defibrillator Civil Liability Act, 2006) protects users of AEDs from liability for damages that may occur and protects the owners and occupiers of the buildings where AEDs are installed from liability for damages. If you have any questions about this area, we encourage you to seek legal advice.

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An online application portal is now open, and will close by **Friday, February 24, 2012, at noon (12:00 PM)**. It can be accessed at the following address: <http://aedprogram.heartandstroke.ca>

A background document that includes a helpful Q&A and further information on the importance of AEDs can be found here: <http://bit.ly/wBh85q>. I hope you will consider this as an exciting opportunity to make these public facilities and schools safer and more responsive to the emergency needs of your community. Should you have any questions or require further information, please contact us at: 1-888-284-4188

Sincerely,



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CC: Susan Duke

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