

WCHF Donates AEDs to Communities

The communities of Aurora, Biwabik, Hoyt Lakes, and Town of White were recently on the receiving end of a life-saving donation. Each town received a donated Automated External Defibrillator or AED as the machine is more commonly referred.

An AED is an electronic device, designed for a lay person to use before emergency personnel arrive on the scene. It is portable and able to automatically diagnose a life-threatening cardiac event in a patient. It then treats the person, if needed, through defibrillation. In addition to the AED, the donation also included extra pads and a wall cabinet to place in their respective communities. Aurora, Biwabik and Town of White's will be placed at their respective Community Centers' and Hoyt Lakes' will be placed at City Hall.

The White Community Hospital Foundation (WCHF) which encompasses the four communities is the benefactor. WCHF's mission is to enhance the availability of quality healthcare provided by Northern Pines Medical Center through fund raising which will benefit the patients, programs, and communities served.

The foundation has had several years of very successful bake sales creating a surplus of funds. Residents of the Town of White, Hoyt Lakes, Biwabik, and Aurora volunteer to bake many tasty bakery items, volunteers work the sale, and finally, residents and visitors alike purchase the baked goods at a one day bake sale. Funds are also raised through memberships, donations and honorariums.

To say thank you to residents for being so supportive of the foundation the Board of Directors of WCHF wanted to do something special for residents which would benefit the whole area. The Board feels this donation will do just that.