

Defibrillator Donation

Port Dover Lions Club

On behalf of the Chris Shepherd – Joe Ambrose Memorial Golf Tournament 2010, it is my honour to announce that we have not only met, but surpassed, our goal of raising enough funds to donate a defibrillator to Lynn Meadows Golf and Country Club.

The tournament this year was an outstanding success and I am pleased to be able to also announce that we are able to donate 3 more defibrillators to be located in Port Dover.

The recipients of these defibrillators are as follows:

1. Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 158, Port Dover
2. Lighthouse Festival Theatre, Port Dover
- 3. Port Dover Lions Club – Silver Lake Park / Market, Port Dover.**

Defibrillators are life-saving devices that are very user-friendly, complete with voice prompts. In the event of an emergency, virtually anyone can open the device, follow clear voice instructions and administer what could be a life-saving shock to a cardiac arrest victim.

We will continue to hold this tournament yearly in memory of Chris and Joe until Defibrillators machines are placed at all Norfolk County golf courses as well as many public locations in Norfolk.

Please accept this donation on our behalf.

Sincerely,

Shelley Wenige
Organizer
Chris Shepherd – Joe Ambrose Memorial Tournament

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A brief history of the tournament:

On October 19, 2008, Chris Shepherd, a 38-year old Port Dover, Ontario man collapsed and died at Turkey Point Provincial Park Golf Course. Chris was born and raised in Simcoe. He left behind a wife and 2 children. The tragedy shook a great number of people in our small close-knit town. As a result, many have had a difficult time understanding Chris' death and dealing with it. My husband (Joe Ambrose) was on the golf course with Chris that day, along with my 2 stepsons, ages 15 and 10. My husband immediately started CPR but to no avail. The course was not equipped with a defibrillator.

This past March 17, 2010, Joe suffered a massive heart attack and was also taken from us. Joe leaves behind 4 children. My husband and I started this golf tournament as a way to honour a great man (Chris) and to aid in healing.

In 2009, we placed a defibrillator at Turkey Point Provincial Park Golf Course in memory of Chris.

In order to honour Chris and Joe, it is my intention to carry on with a yearly tournament in their names.