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Dairyland Donates AED to St. Felix School in Wabasha *AED to be placed in auditorium for community use*

WABASHA, MN— Dairyland Power Cooperative has donated an automated external defibrillator (AED) to St. Felix School in Wabasha, Minn. The donation came about after Dairyland employee Larry Stenzel won the Cardiac Science AED while attending the 2010 Wisconsin Safety Council's annual conference. Stenzel is Manager, Safety, Power Plant Operations at Dairyland's Alma (Wis.) Generating Site.

Initially, Stenzel thought he would simply give the lifesaving defibrillator to Dairyland for use in one of its facilities. However, the Phillips HeartStart brand of AEDs has been standardized in the Dairyland system, with Dairyland employees receiving training on those specific devices every two years. Therefore, Larry began searching for area organizations who would benefit from the Cardiac Science AED, valued at \$2,000.

Dairyland approved the AED donation to St. Felix School in Wabasha, Minn., where it will be placed in its auditorium for school and community use. The school is owned by St. Felix Parish, but is used by many area organizations for events and sporting activities year-around.

This donation is in place just ahead of February, American Heart Month. An AED is used to treat ventricular defibrillation or sudden cardiac arrest. AED machines make it possible for anyone to offer immediate help to a victim suffering from a cardiac arrest, while awaiting emergency medical personnel. Early defibrillation is critical for the survival of patients in cardiac arrest.

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