

Wendy Farrow-Reed (left) of the Downtown Georgetown BIA and pharmacist Lisa Bowen of Young's Pharmacy & Homecare (centre) watch its manager, Heather MacVicar, utilize a defibrillator that is located in the store during one of the monthly training sessions.

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Offers Red Cross First Aid courses Young's Pharmacy installs AED in store for public use

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Young's Pharmacy & Homecare on Main St. in Georgetown now has an Automated External Defibrillator on site for use by the public and offers Red Cross First Aid courses each month to educate people on how to use the device.

Sudden cardiac arrest is the leading cause of death in Canada and when an AED is immediately available to victims, the chance of survival has been found to increase by at least 75 per cent over performing Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation.

With a number of special events held on Main St. throughout the

year, including the Farmers' Market, Young's Pharmacy and the Downtown Georgetown Business Improvement Association decided to take up a joint initiative and both contributed to the purchase of the AED.

Even for the untrained, the AED is user-friendly and provides voice-activated audio instruction, but due to recent changes to the devices, it's recommended that those who have received instruction on how to use the AED should go back for re-training.

Young's conducts monthly training sessions for AED usage, CPR and First Aid.

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