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## North Shore Medical Center Donates Defibrillators



North Shore Medical Center CEO Manny Linares (left), North Shore Chief of Staff Dr. Susan Baker (third from left) and Elliot Fisch (center), Chapter Leader – Sudden Cardiac Arrest Association South Florida Chapter with staffers of local organizations who accepted the donations.

### North Shore donates defibrillators

North Shore Medical Center and the hospital's medical staff donated two automated external defibrillators (AEDs) to local organizations in Miami-Dade County. An AED is a portable electronic device that can be used to potentially save lives should someone experience Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) outside of a hospital.

"North Shore Medical Center is focused on improving the health and safety of our local community," said Manny Linares, chief executive officer of North Shore Medical Center. "Providing AEDs and educating others on their life-saving potential is an effective way of empowering the communi-

ty with the skills necessary to help save a child, parent or teacher's life if one should experience a SCA."

Key employees were invited to North Shore Medical Center to receive the AEDs and a brief training on how to use them by a representative from the Sudden Cardiac Arrest Association. AEDs are designed to be simple to use for the average layman. Training to use an AED is frequently included in first aid, and basic life support level CPR classes.

North Shore Medical Center donated the AEDs to support its local community and  
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### Hospital provides needed devices

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equip its area organizations and schools with this life-saving technology. A SCA can happen at any time and affect people of all ages. According to the American Red Cross, over

300,000 Americans die of SCA every year. It is estimated that up to 50,000 of these deaths could be prevented if someone on the scene initiated the Cardiac Chain of Survival and had access to an AED for immediate use at the time of the emergency.