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Ellen Anderson - Mayor

The Blue Mountains

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January 3, 2012

Dear Ellen Anderson - Mayor of the Town of the Blue Mountains,

We at St. John Ambulance are committed to enhancing the quality of life for the citizens of Grey Bruce Huron through educational training and community service. In 2011, our Volunteers expended a staggering 9,800 service hours in their communities. *Medical First Responders* provided over 6,000 volunteer service hours ensuring valuable first aid coverage at numerous events in your area. In addition to providing first-on-the-scene coverage at local events, our volunteers are also trained and prepared to assist your community in times of natural disaster or emergency. Now, we request your assistance in return. Our need for financial support is ongoing. In order to maintain and upgrade vehicles, uniforms and training, there is always a need for additional funding.

As well, our St. John Ambulance *Therapy Dog Program* has been a real success in this region. These volunteers and their faithful pets visited at 28 different care facilities, providing 3,800 volunteer service hours throughout the Grey Bruce Huron region. This is an incredible program - unfortunately it also requires funds to run effectively.

We can assure you that the funds donated will be returned to your community several times over. Your funds will go directly towards supporting the programs that provide first aid coverage at your local fairs and community events, visiting the elderly in your nursing homes, providing Babysitting courses for your youth, First Aid on the Farm training to your rural neighbours and First Aid Training to your local industries.

St. John Ambulance also provides information seminars to new parents at Early Years centers, as well as coaching educators in providing quick and effective assistance to students in the event of anaphylactic shock. Over the past year we have noted a marked increase in requests for information seminars and first aid event coverage. It is encouraging to see the Grey Bruce Huron regions taking such an interest in the health and safety of its citizens. We make every effort to accommodate these increasing requests.

Please have a look at the enclosed newsletter to see the active role our organization plays in your community. Please help us to continue to provide these invaluable services to your community by making an affirmative grant decision. The health and safety of Grey Bruce Huron is our number one priority - we hope you will make it yours too.

Sincerely,

Kathy Murphy Ermel, Branch Manager
St. John Ambulance, Grey Bruce Huron Branch
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*Our mission is to enable Canadians to improve their health, safety and quality of life
by providing training and community service.*

St. John Ambulance 1st Responders Participate in Mock Disaster



Above: Medical 1st Response volunteer, Jonathan Pepler, prepares to assist two casualties of the "disaster".

Contact us for volunteer opportunities with Medical 1st Response or the Therapy Dog program.

St. John Ambulance Medical 1st Response volunteers spend thousands of hours each year providing on-site first aid at local events. Behind the scenes they are continuously practicing their skills. This June our volunteers participated in a 'mock disaster' alongside local emergency crews. Police, ambulance, fire and our volunteers practiced their coordinated response, in the event of a real disaster.

Defibrillation is as Important as CPR



The importance of CPR is well established, but there is a newer innovation popping up in many public and private buildings. You may have seen the white alarmed cabinet and the AED (Automated External Defibrillator) inside without realizing what a potential lifesaver it can be. The chances of surviving an out of hospital heart attack increase dramatically with the use of a defibrillator within the first few minutes following collapse. Recognizing the value of this technology, *all* St. John Ambulance courses include the use of an AED in addition to CPR training.

Therapy Dog Program Continues to Grow



This past year fourteen new Therapy Dog teams joined our existing volunteers. The Therapy Dog Program provides companionship and love to those in hospitals and long term care. Currently, our volunteers visit weekly at 34 care facilities in Grey, Bruce and Huron Counties.



Right: Dawn Davies & "Pax" visit with a resident at Hampton Court in Southampton.

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What is St. John Ambulance?

St. John Ambulance is a worldwide charitable organization that has been serving the residents of Ontario for over 125 years. Our mission is to enable Canadians to improve their health, safety and quality of life by providing training and community service. Proceeds from St. John Ambulance Training supports our Community Service Divisions - Volunteer Medical 1st Responders & Therapy Dog Programs - as well as health and safety initiatives throughout the Grey Bruce & Huron region.