

# Press Release

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## **Texas School Students Safer, Thanks to Oil and Gas Producer's Generous Donation**

*Decatur, Texas, USA* – EnCana Oil & Gas, USA, a leading North American natural gas producer, has donated a total of 12 portable Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) manufactured by Heartsine Technologies to five school districts in areas where EnCana has drilling operations. Four of the The Heartsine samaritan™ Public Access Defibrillators, or PADs, were donated by EnCana Decatur Independent School District (ISD) in North Texas, and two each have been donated to the Buffalo ISD, Fairfield ISD, Teague ISD and Franklin ISD. The districts will place them in locations with the greatest need. The project was undertaken in conjunction with HeartSine Technologies, who are working with EnCana on the presentation, delivery and training of school staff with the defibrillators.

In making the announcement, Deborah West, Community Relations Advisor for EnCana, said, "This project is part of EnCana's commitment to Community Investment, where we work to give back to the communities where we have drilling operations, in this case the North Texas and East Texas areas. These easy-to-use portable devices can be used by anyone encountering a situation where someone's heart has stopped beating on campus, be it a student, a teacher, an athlete or a visitor. We chose the Heartsine samaritan™ PADs for their ease of use and deployment, reputation for high reliability, and cost-effectiveness. These products save lives and protect the health of our students on campus and at sporting events. We are pleased to have taken this opportunity to make a meaningful contribution to the health of our host communities."

Sudden cardiac arrest, or SCA, can strike anyone, anywhere, at anytime. SCA kills more than 450,000 Americans each year, making it the leading cause of death in the United States. In SCA, the heart suddenly stops beating normally and can no longer effectively pump blood.

Portable AEDs – Automated External Defibrillators – save lives. They're the size of a small dinner plate, portable, and contain powerful, sophisticated electronics and a user-friendly interface that allows anyone, literally, to save someone's life. When AEDs are available and used within the first minute up to 90% of victims may survive. That's why they are ideal for use in schools, at sporting arenas, anywhere people gather. They're affordable and simple to use, even by untrained personnel. Today's sophisticated AEDs can analyze, in part, the cardiac condition of a person in the field, give the user step-by-step foolproof instructions, and in most cases shock a victim's heart back into operation with a simplicity that seems almost child's play.

Additionally, AEDs are required in Texas schools. The Medical Advisory Committee of Texas' University Interscholastic League (UIL), created by The University of Texas at Austin, successfully recommended that the UIL Legislative Council pass a rule change to require at least one Automated External Defibrillator (AED) on each UIL member high school campus. This measure took effect on August 1, 2007. Now, each UIL high school must have at least one AED on campus. Additionally, each school should have a plan for the implementation, coordination and maintenance of the AED. The 80th Texas Legislature passed Senate Bill 7, which requires that at least 1 AED must be located on every campus (including elementary, junior high and high school), and that the campus AED must be readily available during any UIL athletic contest on campus.

### **About Heartsine Technologies**

As a world leader in personal and public access defibrillators, HeartSine's mission is to advance the deployment of lifesaving defibrillation therapy in non-traditional areas of care through the development of proprietary technologies and quality products. For more information, visit [www.heartsine.com](http://www.heartsine.com), or contact Heartsine Technologies, Inc., 105 Terry Drive, Newtown, PA 18940, Tel. (215) 860-8100.

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