



Siouxland Community Blood Bank

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**SIOUXLAND COMMUNITY BLOOD BANK
AWARDED FUND FOR SIOUXLAND GRANT MONEY**

SIOUX CITY, IA May 26, 2009—The Siouxland Community Blood Bank is the recipient of a Siouxland Community Foundation “Fund For Siouxland” grant in the amount of \$2500.

The grant money has been used to purchase two automated external defibrillators (AEDs) to allow the Siouxland Community Blood Bank to respond quickly to community medical emergencies.

AEDs are portable devices used to diagnose irregular heart rhythms and through electrical therapy allow the heart to reestablish a regular rhythm. AEDs are used for emergency response to cardiac arrest.

“The benefit of having the automated external defibrillators is immeasurable,” said Jan Twait, CEO for the Siouxland Community Blood Bank. “For every minute that a person having cardiac arrest is left untreated, their chance of survival decreases and their chance of brain damage increases. It is vital for us to have the highest level of first responder equipment such as the AEDs on hand for the express purpose of an emergency.”

By having two AEDs, the Siouxland Community Blood Bank will have one located at their 1019 Jones fixed location and one located on mobile blood drives. Though the need to use an AED is rare, the Siouxland Community Blood Bank joins other agencies in being prepared in the event of such an emergency.

The Siouxland Community Blood Bank is a nonprofit organization that has been in operation since 1967 to serve the Siouxland area’s blood needs. To learn more about the Siouxland Community Blood Bank, visit their website at www.siouxlandbloodbank.org or call 252-4208.