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PRESS RELEASE

York General Health Care Services Auxiliary 2010 Star of Lights Protecting York's Hearts.

Auxiliary purchases two Automatic External Defibrillators.

YORK, NE – March 14, 2011: The York General Health Care Services (YGHCS) Auxiliary recently purchased two (2) Automatic External Defibrillators (AED) with the funds raised from the 2010 Stars of Lights Campaign.

Each year the YGHCS Auxiliary Stars of Lights Campaign raises funds for one special project at York General Health Care Services that will help improve the medical care available to its patients and residents. This year, thanks to the generous support of businesses and individuals from York and the surrounding communities, the YGHCS Auxiliary was able to purchase two new AED's for Willow Brook and the York General Wellness Center.

An AED is a small but important piece of medical equipment that medical and non-medical staff can use to assist a patient in a cardiac emergency situation. This life saving piece of equipment has come a long way since its first inception, but many can attest to its use, especially in situations that can occur outside of an ER or hospital room. Many AED's can now be found in a variety of public locations including in airports/airplanes, malls, government offices, and fitness centers.

The American Red Cross and the American Heart Association is currently urging the public to become more knowledgeable about AED's, and hopes to have the equipment more accessible to the public as well as a goal of a least one member of every household trained to be able to use it in an emergency. For more information about AED's please contact your local chapter of the American Red Cross or go online: www.redcross.org.

Since 1957, the YGHCS Auxiliary has been serving the York and surrounding communities through volunteer and fundraising efforts to better improve the medical care provided throughout York General Health Care Services. Annual membership is \$15.00 and is open to women and men. For

more information about the YGHCS Auxiliary, please visit our website, www.yghcsauxiliary.org or contact Jenna North, (402) 366-3760 or jjnorth@neb.rr.com.



PICTURED: Presentation of one of two AED's to the staff of the Wellness Center and Willow Brook. From left; Josie Crowdell, York General Wellness Center, Lynnelle Trauger, York General Wellness Center, Chris Payne, Director of York General Wellness Center, Rhonda Koehn, Administrator of Willow Brook, Kara Rauert, Chair of 2010 Star of Lights and YGHCS Auxiliary 2nd Vice President, Jenna North YGHCS Auxiliary Executive Board President. Photo courtesy of Leslie Robinson, YGHCS Marketing Department.