

Baptist awarded for spreading CPR knowhow

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The American Heart Association has presented Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center's CPR Community Training Program with an award for increasing the number of people it has trained in CPR.

Only 28 CPR Community Training Centers in the U.S. have received the award. Wake Forest Baptist was one of two North Carolina training centers recognized.

"This award would not have been possible without the assistance of a team of highly motivated individuals, comprised of CPR training sites, such as Iredell, Hugh Chatham, Northern Hospital, Life Support Education, Forsyth Technical Community College, and the State Highway Patrol, and more than 400 independent instructors," said Kathy Nelson, American Heart Association



Posing with the award are (from left) Marilyn Calhoun (CPR coordinator/instructor at Forsyth Tech), Daphne Southard (program assistant at Baptist's Community Training Center), the AHA's Kathy Nelson, Billy Haynes (coordinator of Life Support Education at Baptist) and the AHA's Rod Kimble and Sarah Fedele.

Regional Training Coordinator for Wake Forest Baptist. "Our goal is to improve community

Outreach Center initiatives and help save lives. In 2012, we collaboratively trained 27,665 people to be able to do just that."

Nearly 383,000 out-of-hospital sudden cardiac arrests occur annually. Four out of five cardiac arrests happen at

home. Statistically speaking, if called on to administer CPR in an emergency, the life you save is likely to be someone at

home: a child, a spouse, a parent or a friend.

Effective bystander CPR provided immediately after sudden cardiac arrest can double or triple a victim's chance of survival, but only 32 percent of cardiac arrest victims get CPR from a bystander. Less than eight percent of people who suffer cardiac arrest outside the hospital survive.

"This award for top one percent of growth in the country translates into more CPR trained individuals in the region, resulting in more people being able to save more lives," shares Rod Kimble, American Heart Association Emergency Cardiovascular Care Senior Account Manager for North Carolina and South Carolina. "The performance of Wake Forest Baptist's CPR Training Program sets a high bar for the country and is deserving of this distinguished national recognition."



A Day to Remember

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Sunday, Oct. 20 was a special day at Friendship Baptist Church. The morning service began after congregants took part in a unity march led by Patricia Frazier, the mother of the church's late pastor, Rev. Stacey L. Frazier. The service celebrated Friendship's 99th anniversary, and, equally as important, the paying off of the church's mortgage, which was symbolically burned during the event.



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