

Trinity Presents Honorary Junior EMT Plaques to Hellenic Academy Students

Trinity EMS, the largest provider of emergency medical services in the Merrimack Valley and Southern New Hampshire, is continuously looking for opportunities to give back to the communities they serve. One of the ways they do this is by providing education and training to not only their staff, but the community at large. In Lowell, where Trinity provides 911 emergency services, they offer courses in CPR, First Aid and Choke Saver in the public schools.



In June 2011, Trinity's Education Specialist, Dan Scanlon, went to the Hellenic American Academy on Broadway Street in Lowell to teach the 7th and 8th graders CPR and Choke Saver skills. On September 28th, those skills were put to the test when an 8th grader was choking on her lunch. Without hesitation, fellow 8th grader Kris Anderson jumped up and started the Heimlich Maneuver. While Kris was assisting his classmate, Zach Gaudet, a 7th grader, helped with the student then calmly went and notified the school's nurse. When the nurse arrived on the scene, Kris had already dislodged the food and his classmate was breathing again.

"It's one thing to teach kids the techniques and information regarding CPR and Choke Saver," said Scanlon, "it is a whole other thing to have them actually use it in a hectic setting and save a life."

"Trinity has dubbed these students 'Honorary Junior EMTs,' said Trinity's Director of Business Development Chris Dick. "This is a great story and I'm proud of these boys. We can all learn from what happened here, to stay calm in a difficult situation and utilize the training we have been taught to help others. They did the right thing and these kids are heroes."

Trinity rewarded Kris and Zach with plaques on Wednesday October 5th in-front of their classmates.



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