



Riverview Health Emergency Room & Urgent Care Supports Conner Prairie with a \$5,000 Donation for AED/Cardiac Devices

Medical Facility Assists with Cardiac Safety Measures for Cultural Destination

FISHERS, Ind. (September 10, 2020) – To support Fishers EMS and Fishers Fire Department, [Riverview Health Emergency Room & Urgent Care](#) donated \$5,000 to [Conner Prairie](#) to support the facility's efforts to house automated external defibrillator (AED) machines throughout the complex for guests who experience sudden cardiac arrest.

Conner Prairie is a unique historic place that inspires curiosity and fosters learning by providing engaging and individualized experiences for everyone. Every year the museum sees hundreds of thousands of visitors, and with the recent implementation of [safety practices](#) due to the novel coronavirus, further measures are being taken to strengthen best practices for individuals with other medical concerns. With the suggestion and support from local first responders, Riverview Health ER & Urgent Care provided a donation in support of these changes—the funds will go toward machines that help restart a person's heart during a medical emergency.



Pictured: Norman Burns, CEO of Conner Prairie, Lynne Bunch, RN, MBA/MSN, NEA-BC, Program Director of Riverview Health Emergency Room & Urgent Care, Seth Warren, CEO of Riverview Health and Steve Davison, EMS Chief of Fishers Fire Department

Because cardiac arrest must be addressed swiftly, AEDs are a common piece of equipment found in public spaces, offering support to community members in the event of sudden cardiac arrest. According to the American Heart Association, cardiac arrest can happen unexpectedly to anyone at any time and [is caused](#) when the heart's electrical system malfunctions, producing abnormal heart rhythms that make the heart stop pumping blood. AEDs are used to deliver an electrical shock to the heart to restore its normal rhythm. The electrical shock is known as a defibrillation and is time-sensitive to individuals who go into cardiac arrest. [Early signs](#) that an individual is going into cardiac arrest include having a racing heart, lightheadedness or dizziness, or a sudden loss of consciousness. More than 356,000 people of all ages experience out-of-hospital cardiac arrests annually in the United States.

"Riverview Health ER & Urgent Care is proud to be able to supply AEDs to Conner Prairie. These are important tools to have in public spaces," said Seth Warren, Riverview Health president and CEO. "While part of our efforts to support the health and safety of Hamilton County focus on taking care of our current patients, we also understand that should an immediate emergency like cardiac arrest arise, Hoosiers should have access to technology that can ultimately save their lives. We're proud to support Conner Prairie for their endeavors to educate, entertain, , and most importantly, find opportunities to ensure public safety."

While training is offered to use AEDs in the medical field, AEDs don't require officiated training to be used in public due to the device's ability to give verbal instructions to its users. Many machines hang on the wall and are removable when needed. Once a device is turned on, users must follow the voice prompts to properly administer care. Included with the device are padded electrodes, an adapter and a battery. Users attach the pads to the chest of the person suffering from cardiac arrest and signals are sent to the processor to analyze the heart's rhythm to determine if a defibrillation shock is needed. Depending on the

device, the AED will automatically send a shock or voice commands will promptly announce when a button should be pressed to deliver it.

Established in 1934 and offering one of the largest exploration experiences within the state, Conner Prairie is nationally acclaimed and accredited by the American Alliance of Museums along with being Indiana's first Smithsonian Institution affiliate. Doing their part to provide guests with a wonderful, engaging interaction by ensuring that there are proper medical protocols during emergencies, Conner Prairie prioritizes guests and their ability to enjoy activities that inspire curiosity and foster learning about Indiana.

"Providing proper equipment and medical emergency plans for our guests is top priority at Conner Prairie," said Norman Burns, president and CEO of Conner Prairie "We want everyone to have an enjoyable experience, but sometimes the unexpected happens. Emergencies like cardiac arrest are never planned, and to be able to implement devices with the help of Riverview Health ER & Urgent Care to save the lives of our community members is tremendous."

Riverview Health is the only health system in Hamilton County that offers emergency and urgent care services under one roof. Understanding that providing health care options with caution and safety in mind is integral to community betterment and growth, Riverview Health seeks opportunities to support and continue providing the best possible care to Hoosiers. As the only health system in Hamilton County that offers emergency and urgent care services under one roof, patients are only billed for the level of services they need, unlike most emergency rooms or urgent care centers.

Riverview Health ER & Urgent Care has two locations in Hamilton County. Fishers' location is 9690 E. 116th St., Fishers, IN 46037. Opening Aug. 3, Carmel's location is 14585 Hazel Dell Pkwy, Carmel, IN 46033. Their emergency rooms are open 24 hours a day, every day. Their urgent care centers are open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. No appointment is needed for in-person visits; however, [pre-registration is available](#).

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About RIVERVIEW HEALTH EMERGENCY ROOM & URGENT CARE

Riverview Health Emergency Room & Urgent Care offer Hamilton County's only combined emergency room and urgent-care centers under one roof. The patient-centered, retail-care model is built on a proven business system focused on concierge-level customer service and transparency. Riverview Health ER & Urgent Care's locations have on-site lab equipment and a radiology suite with X-ray and multislice CT scanners. They are open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Every patient is seen by an ER-trained physician. Patients only pay for the care they need, as objective criteria determine whether emergency or urgent care is required. This proven model establishes a cost-effective, personal and time-efficient way to deliver high-quality medical services at the appropriate cost, garnering long-term patient loyalty. Riverview Health ER & Urgent Care is a joint venture partnership with [Intuitive Health](#). For more information, visit [ERUC.Riverview.org](#), read the [company's blog](#) or find the company on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

ABOUT CONNER PRAIRIE

Spanning more than 1,000 wooded acres in Central Indiana, Conner Prairie welcomes more than 400,000 visitors of all ages annually. As Indiana's first Smithsonian Institute affiliate, Conner Prairie offers various outdoor, historically-themed encounters and indoor experiential learning spaces that combine history and art with science, technology, engineering and math to offer an authentic look into history that shapes society today. Conner Prairie is a 501(c)3, nonprofit organization – accredited by the American Alliance of Museums – that relies on grants and philanthropic donations from individuals, corporations and foundations for sustainability and growth. Visit [connerprairie.org](#) or call (800) 966-1836 for admission dates, hours, ticket prices and opportunities to donate and volunteer.

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