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Cathy Savant (left), Spang Crest Manor Administrator, accepts AE Defibrillator from the Hershey Medical Center Penn State Heart & Vascular Institute. Also pictured is Carolyn Mueser, Hershey Medical Center Penn State Heart & Vascular Institute, Eleonore Shay, Assistant Administrator Spang Crest Manor, Dr. James Cox, President/CEO Luthercare and Patti Wengert, Hershey Medical Center Penn State Heart & Vascular Institute

Spang Crest Manor Recipient of AE Defibrillator from Hershey Medical Center

On Tuesday, January 29, 2008, Spang Crest Manor, 945 Duke Street, Lebanon, became the first recipient in Lebanon of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) donated by Hershey's Medical Center's Penn State Heart and Vascular Institute. This donation is through the Penn State Heart and Vascular Institute's Project Human Touch program, enabling the center to actively contribute to community improvement.

The Community Affairs Committee of the Penn State Heart and Vascular Institute is dedicated to fighting heart disease both in and out of the hospital. To this end, the Project Human Touch program evolved in order to facilitate the acquisition, placement and training necessary to bring early defibrillation technology to their neighborhood. Spang Crest Manor, as part of their neighborhood, was the perfect place to start in Lebanon.

Spang Crest Manor Received AED from Hershey Medical Center

The program operates under the direction of John Field, MD, who works with the leaders in the community interested in starting an AED program. Carol Moser, BSN, RN-C, the program coordinator, is responsible for training, registration for the use and maintenance of the AED placed with communities, such as Spang Crest Manor. Ms Moser, who made the presentation to Mrs. Cathy Savant, Administrator of Spang Crest Manor, said, "With the advent of the AEDs, we now have even more potential to save lives." Stephanie Mendoff, RN, Nurse Manager at Spang Crest Manor is the Site Coordinator for the project and is responsible for keeping a maintenance log for the AED. The AED is for use at Spang Crest Manor and several of the staff are trained in its use. The AED can be used on adults as well as children. James Cox, President and CEO of Luthercare stated, "We are truly grateful to Hershey Medical Center for this donation. We all feel a little bit safer knowing this equipment is here if we should ever need it."

Project Human Touch's hope is to facilitate the acquisition of AEDs to organizations, like Spang Crest Manor, who desire them. For more information on the program, please contact Carolyn Moser, Penn State Heart and Vascular Institute, at 717.531.6416.

Luthercare, a social ministry organization affiliated with the Lower Susquehanna Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and Lutheran Services in America is a leading provider of independent, assisted living, and skilled care residences in Lancaster and Lebanon County. Luthercare operates Luther Acres, a Continuing Care Retirement Community in Lititz, PA, Spang Crest Manor, a skilled nursing, rehabilitation center, assisted living community and adult day services in Lebanon, PA and St. John's Herr Estate, an independent and assisted living community in Columbia, PA. In addition, Luthercare also operates five childcare centers in Lebanon, Annville, Reamstown, Lancaster and Columbia.

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