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Herkimer Industries Donates Stop the Bleed Kit to Herkimer BOCES

HERKIMER - Herkimer Industries, the employment division of Arc Herkimer, donated a Wall-Mounted Bleeding Control Station to Herkimer-Fulton-Hamilton-Otsego BOCES on Friday, May 4.

The Bleeding Control Station will be installed next to the Herkimer BOCES AED (automated external defibrillator) at the Career and Technical Education labs at the William E. Busacker Complex in Herkimer.

The top cause of preventable death in trauma is bleeding. Twenty percent of people who have died from traumatic injuries could have survived with quick bleeding control. Launched in October 2015, Stop the Bleed® is a national awareness campaign and call to action. It is intended to cultivate grassroots efforts that encourage bystanders to become equipped and empowered to help in a bleeding emergency before professional help arrives.

The American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma (ACS COT) is leading this effort to save lives. The goal is to train everyone in the U.S. about what to do during a bleeding emergency. Herkimer Industries is proud to be the designated and primary kitting house for this national program.

Arc Herkimer Vice President of Industrial Operations Michael Lamb said, "Although we hope there's never a need to utilize this donation, because of our working relationship with Herkimer BOCES, we felt compelled to donate this Bleeding Control Station for their facility on Gros Boulevard. Organizations who



Herkimer Industries donated a Bleeding Control Station to Herkimer BOCES. Those on hand for the presentation included, from left, Health and Safety Service Coordinator Adam Hutchinson and Technical Education Principal Kathy Fox, both Herkimer BOCES, Arc Herkimer Vice President of Industrial Operations Michael Lamb, Herkimer BOCES District Superintendent Sandra Sherwood, Arc Herkimer President/CEO Kevin Crosley, and Herkimer Industries National Business Development Director Suzanne Bakiewicz.

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serve the public understand the need for having life-saving devices and the importance of creating peace of mind. Our goal is to have bleeding control kits at every school and college across New York State and beyond.”

Herkimer-Fulton-Hamilton-Otsego BOCES District Superintendent Sandra Sherwood said, “We appreciate this donation from our community partners at Arc Herkimer and Herkimer Industries and thank them for their support of school safety. This is a donation that we hope stays unused where it is installed, but it is important to have available. In the event of an emergency situation or an accident involving equipment used in our Career and Technical Education labs, having this Stop the Bleed Kit could save lives.”

Bleeding Control Training Kits, Portable Kits, Wall Mounted Kits, and Personal Kits are assembled and packaged, and order fulfillment is completed at Herkimer Industries by individuals with disabilities. Employees take great pride in producing these life saving kits.

For additional information on the program and available kits, please contact Suzanne Bakiewicz, Herkimer Industries at (315) 574-7633 or visit bleedingcontrol.org.

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