

Georgia's Forsyth County Becomes Third Partner Community in Avive's 4 Minute City™ Program

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-- Avive Solutions, Inc. announces the
selection of Forsyth County, Georgia, as
its third 4 Minute City Program (4MC).
The 4MC Program aims to empower
bystander response to improve
survival rates of out-of-hospital cardiac
arrest (OHCA) through data-driven
placements of hundreds of Avive's



next-generation <u>Avive Connect™ Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs)</u> and first-of-its-kind software system.



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Manager

The 4MC is a collaboration between Avive Solutions and leaders in Forsyth County, including Northside Hospital Forsyth, Central EMS, Forsyth County Fire, Forsyth County Sheriff's Office, Cumming Police, and Forsyth County Emergency Management/911.

The program is designed to give everyday people the tools and the opportunity to offer cardiac arrest victims quick lifesaving help before EMS arrives at the emergency. Rapid defibrillation saves lives; the sooner people receive a shock from an AED, the higher their chances of survival.

"Northside Hospital is committed to the health and

wellness of our community," said Skip Putnam, CEO of Northside Hospital Forsyth. "When we

learned about the opportunity to partner with Avive and our local public safety leaders to make the 4 Minute City Program a reality, it was an easy decision to make."

Generally, Avive's 4MC Program aims to tackle the enormous health care challenge of OHCA in communities by:

Strategically deploying hundreds of Avive Connect AEDs™ throughout Forsyth County in locations designed to do the most good, for the most people.

Connecting the actions of bystanders, 911 dispatchers, Fire/EMS, and health care providers to create a cohesive prehospital system of response.

Cultivating a culture of response throughout Forsyth County through massive community training and awareness activities so citizens are ready to step up when it matters the most to deliver early intervention.

Public and health safety leaders in Forsyth County looking for ways to improve Sudden Cardiac Arrest outcomes in the community view the 4MC Program as an opportunity to move in the right direction.

"Being able to respond quickly to someone having a cardiac event is crucial to their survival, so having this additional response tool in addition to the services the County's amazing first



The 4 Minute City Program will cultivate a culture of response in Forsyth County, empowering citizens to step up when it matters the most to deliver early intervention



Avive's 4 Minute City™ Program empowers bystander response to deliver AEDs where they are needed, when they are needed.

responders already provide, could mean the difference between life and death in many instances," said Forsyth County Manager David McKee. "We're all in on saving lives in Forsyth County."

According to Dr. Jeffrey Marshall, Chief of Northside Hospital Cardiovascular Institute, the benefits of the 4MC Program don't stop in the pre-hospital setting but also can extend into the downstream advanced care provided at the hospital.

"This new technology has the potential to help us when cardiac arrest patients arrive at our hospital to know more about what may have happened leading to their cardiac arrest. Today, when these patients can arrive at the hospital, we often only get a verbal report about what people think happened before EMS arrival. This new system can provide real data from these cardiac arrest emergencies before EMS arrives on scene. Our doctors are very excited and feel this is a game-changer. They believe this will definitely be another tool to help save lives."

Every Second Counts:

Studies have shown that a person's chance of survival drops 7%-10% every minute once they experience a cardiac arrest. With ready access to the Avive AED and CPR training, bystanders can jump in and provide more immediate assistance to positively impact the overall number of lives saved.

While effective CPR from a caring bystander can buy time, only a shock from an AED can completely restore a person's heartbeat to save their lives.

"We're thrilled to partner with Forsyth County on this exciting initiative," says Micah Bongberg, VP of Commercialization at Avive. "While selecting our initial 4 Minute City Partners, we were overwhelmed with interest from communities across the country, but Forsyth County stood out with its phenomenal health care system (Northside Hospital) and close collaboration with public safety leaders."

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