

Southside Hospital gets life-saving equipment donated by Safe Banking Systems CEO

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Safe Banking Systems' David Schiffer and Carol Stabile with Southside Hospital's Dr. Frank Manetta, Dr. Puneet Gandotra and Donna Moravick as well as Syed Abbas, a grateful former patient.

BAY SHORE, NY —

A Long Island benefactor has donated an automated cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) machine that will help save the lives of many trauma and cardiac patients in Southside

Hospital's [Bohlsen Family Emergency Department](#).

The chest compression device called the LUCAS has been donated by David Schiffer, founder and chief executive officer of Mineola-based Safe Banking Systems.

For patients who come into the emergency room in cardiac arrest, the LUCAS device can provide high-quality chest compressions while they are being transported to the cardiac catheterization lab to open a blocked coronary artery. Recently, Syed Abbas, 35, of Hicksville, needed an extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO) machine to keep him alive during the critical minutes from coming to the hospital's emergency department to getting to the catheterization lab to have a stent open up his blocked artery. Knowing that the LUCAS device could help save people in similar situations to that of Mr. Abbas, he came back to the hospital to thank Mr. Schiffer for his donation.

"Knowing what a difference this device will make for people, I couldn't be happier to have this technology to help Southside Hospital save people's lives," said [Donna Moravick, NP](#), executive director of [Southside Hospital](#). "We greatly appreciate Mr. Schiffer's generous donation."

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