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## **Herkimer Industries Supports National Stop the Bleed Day**

HERKIMER - Herkimer Industries, the employment Division of Arc Herkimer is proud to support the National Stop the Bleed Day on Saturday, March 31, 2018.

The top cause of preventable death in trauma is bleeding. 20% of people who have died from traumatic injuries could have survived with quick bleeding control. The goal of the American College of Surgeons is to train everyone in the U.S. about what to do during a bleeding emergency.

National Stop the Bleed Day was created to promote awareness of the importance of training for all people to assist a person that is bleeding, immediately on the spot and with the knowledge and tools available to control bleeding. The average person is the first to witness a bleeding trauma and their actions can help save a life in the first few critical minutes until the professional first responders can arrive.

In April 2013, just a few months after the active shooter disaster on December 14, 2012, at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, CT, the Joint Committee to Create a National Policy to Enhance Survivability from Intentional Mass Casualty and Active Shooter Events was convened by the American College of Surgeons (ACS) in collaboration with the medical community and representatives from the federal government, the National Security Council, the U.S. military, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and governmental and nongovernmental emergency medical response organizations, among others. The committee was formed to create a protocol for national policy to enhance survivability from active shooter and intentional mass casualty events. The Stop the Bleed Program arose from this initiative. This program also creates jobs for people with disabilities within Herkimer County.

Herkimer Industries is proud to be the primary kitting house for this National Program. Bleeding Control Training Kits, Portable Kits, Wall Mounted Kits and Personal kits are assembled, packaged and order fulfillment is completed in Herkimer New York by employees with significant disabilities. "Our employees take great pride in producing these life saving kits" said Mike Lamb, VP of Industrial Operations at Herkimer Industries.

For additional information on the program and available kits, please contact Suzanne Bakiewicz at Herkimer Industries, 315-574-7633 or visit [bleedingcontrolkits.org](http://bleedingcontrolkits.org).

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