

A Real Life Story to Remember

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During a recent business trip to Pittsburgh, Brad Peterson and I went to dinner. No sooner had we been seated, I heard a loud thump. I turned, only to find a gentleman laying on the floor in full cardiac arrest. The two gentlemen he was dining with began to administer CPR, with no success. The restaurant called 911.

As the two men continued to try and revive their friend, Brad kindly and calmly asked the men to step aside. He promptly asked if there was a defibrillator in the building, while he tried to find a pulse on the lifeless man. The cook at the restaurant found a defibrillator and gave it to Brad. Brad calmly unbuttoned the man's shirt, applied the shock pads, and asked everyone to move away. He pushed the button to shock the man and began to administer CPR the proper way. The lifeless body suddenly came back to life.

Brad had just saved a complete stranger's life! The paramedics arrived within five minutes, which seemed like hours, accessed the situation and asked who performed this procedure. Brad calmly said it was him, and they quickly responded, "You saved this man's life!" The entire experience was somewhat unbelievable and makes you stop to think about how and why things happen and puts things into perspective.