

AED Fast Facts

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An E-mail Promoting Awareness of Automated External Defibrillators

Information presented to complement an established AED Program

Another Life Saved! On April 22, 2009, an off duty Allegan County Sheriff's Deputy along with Hamilton High School's Principal, Athletic Trainer, and a Student teamed up to save the life of a Grandfather who collapsed while watching his Grandson's baseball game. The responders' quick action included CPR and the use of the school's AED.

All participants were presented with certificates of appreciation from the Hamilton Fire and Rescue Department at a recent School Board Meeting. For additional information concerning this story please visit <http://www.hollandsentinel.com/news/x702332803/Cop-principal-coach-save-fans-life>

The AED used in the rescue was donated by The Kimberly Anne Gillary Foundation. This Foundation was established by the family when Kimberly, age 15, died while participating at a High School water polo meet in April 2000. Kimberly had an undetected heart condition and the family feels that she may have been saved if an AED was on site. The Foundation's goal is to have an AED in every Michigan high school and advocates required cardiac screening for high school athletes, with the hope that lives can be saved. Currently, the Foundation has placed 460 AEDs in Michigan High Schools.

The AED placement was funded via a fundraiser held by the Wolverine Rangers Cowboy Action Shooting Club of Michigan.

To learn more about the Kimberly Anne Gillary Foundation, please visit its most appropriately named website www.kimberlysgift.org.

First Response Kit Accompanying AED:

Accompanying most AEDs are supplies to assist in a rescue. Most come in kits that include many of the following items:

CPR Mask or Barrier Device
Shears
Razor
Exam Gloves
Towel
Wipe



American Heart Association Chain of Survival:

1. Early 911
2. Early CPR
3. Early Defibrillation
4. Early Advance Life Support



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