



Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) is the leading cause of death in the US with a death occurring every two minutes or over 650 SCA-related deaths each day. SCA occurs abruptly and without warning and two-thirds of SCA deaths occur in people without any prior indications of heart disease. To have a chance of surviving, victims of SCA must receive a life-saving defibrillation within the first 4- 5 minutes when brain damage and death starts to occur. Automated Electronic Defibrillator's (AEDs) can increase the survival rate for SCA up to 90% by delivering a shock within the first few minutes of an attack. Ask any family member or parent whose loved one or child has died from SCA and they will say three letters might have saved their loved one's life...AED.

The Reviving Hearts Program, sponsored by the Cardiovascular Research and Education Foundation of Indiana, Inc (CREFI), is a five year initiative to place AEDs in Indiana High Schools. AEDs can potentially save the lives of high school athletes, high school staff and visitors to high schools.

Reviving Hearts will not place an unfunded mandate on high schools or school corporations nor will it raise tax dollars. The program obtains its funding through charitable donations and by raising private dollars.

I am pleased to announce that my wife, Beth and I are supporting The Reviving Hearts Program as their Honorary Chairs for the William K. Nasser, MD 19th Annual Fundraiser on Feb. 25, 2010. To date The Reviving Hearts Program has placed 35 AEDs with training and follow up procedures in local high schools. **One eighth grade student's life was saved this spring because of the availability of an AED which was presented to his high school through our fundraising efforts.**

Please log on to the CREFI website, cardiofoundation.org, for more information about this year's annual Dining A La Heart Fundraiser or contact Rita DeKlyen, 317-459-7593 or ritadeklyen@cardiofoundation.org or Margie Fougeron at Mfougero@cardiofoundation.org or 317-338-6080.

Please join me to support The Reviving Hearts Program in their efforts to save lives of Hoosiers by becoming a sponsor for this year's fundraiser.

Sincerely,

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