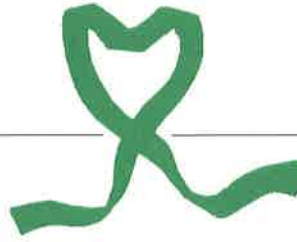


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March 22, 2019

Mr. Stephen Zielinski, Principal
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Re: The Kimberly Anne Gillary Foundation AED Donation

Dear Principal Zielinski:

Arno Elementary School has been on the Kimberly Anne Gillary Foundation waiting list to receive an automated external defibrillator (AED) and training. We are now in a position to fulfill your request and donate one AED to your school along with certified CPR/AED training for 5 staff members if needed.

AEDs have been proven to be very effective in saving lives in the event of sudden cardiac arrest. Our 15 year old daughter, Kimberly, died as a result of a cardiac arrest suffered during a water polo game at Birmingham Groves High School on April 1, 2000. An AED was not available at the time of the event. Kimberly was a member of the Troy Athens Water Polo and Swimming Teams. She was an excellent athlete and a member of a swim team since she was 4 years old.

In response to our tragedy, my wife Susan and I established the Kimberly Anne Gillary Foundation. The purpose of our Foundation is to ensure that every Michigan high school has an AED and staff members trained in CPR and the use of an AED. We also advocate cardiac screening and testing of all high school student athletes. Our goal is to do whatever we can to prevent other families from going through what we did with the loss of our beloved Kimberly.

Every year almost 220,000 people suffer cardiac arrest and only about 5 percent of them survive. Cardiac arrest is a condition in which abnormal heart rhythms called arrhythmias cause the heart's electrical impulses to suddenly become chaotic. When this happens, the heart stops abruptly and the victim collapses and quickly loses consciousness. Death usually follows unless a normal heart rhythm is restored within a few minutes. Defibrillation, which means delivering an electric shock to the heart, is the only know treatment to restore the normal rhythm. For every minute defibrillation is delayed, the victim's chances of survival go down 7-10 percent.

Source: The American Heart Association