



LifeSafety Solutions, Inc. donates Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for Hobe Sound Elementary School

August 2008 – Hobe Sound – The Education Foundation of Martin County has secured an automated external defibrillator (AED) and certificate for training from Dave and Patty Magruder. The Magruder's own Jupiter-based LifeSafety Solutions, Inc. which specializes in cost effective health and safety training, sales, consulting, and program management. The generous donation will be given to Hobe Sound Elementary for use in case of cardiac emergencies. "It is our pleasure to donate this life-saving device and the needed CPR/AED training and it is our hope that no one ever has to use either," explained Dave Magruder.

An automated external defibrillator (AED) is a portable device used to restore normal heart rhythm to victims of cardiac arrest. An AED is applied outside the body to automatically analyze a victim's heart rhythm. It advises the rescuer whether or not a shock is needed to restore a normal heart beat. If the heart resumes beating normally, it has been *defibrillated*. Each minute a victim goes without defibrillation, their chance of survival decreases by 10 percent.

"It's crucial that a victim of cardiac arrest be treated immediately and the Education Foundation of Martin County is committed to ensuring that each of our schools is equipped to react to a cardiac emergency should one arise. Our current goal is to make certain each school has at least one AED and properly trained staff to effectively handle such an emergency. The Magruders and LifeSafety Solutions are getting us one step closer to our goal and for this we are truly grateful," stated Lisa Rhodes, the group's executive director.

The Foundation is currently seeking funding to secure defibrillators and training for each of the following school sites:

Warfield Elementary

Port Salerno Elementary

J.D. Parker Elementary

Pinewood Elementary

Crystal Lake Elementary

Environmental Studies Center

The cost of this equipment and training is approximately \$2,000 per school. If you are interested in donating towards this life-saving effort, please contact Lisa Rhodes at 772-219-1200 ext. 30417.



Attached photo: The Magruder family presents Joan Gibbons, principal of Hobe Sound Elementary, with an automated external defibrillator. L to R: Ryan Magruder, Patty Magruder, Joan Gibbons, Kaylee Magruder, Lisa Rhodes, Connor Magruder, and Dave Magruder.