

Some Martin schools receive life-saving equipment, training

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MARTIN COUNTY — The Education Foundation of Martin County will get three automated external defibrillators and all related equipment from the Michael Abt, Jr. Have a Heart Foundation.

Warfield Elementary School, Port Salerno Elementary School and J.D. Parker School of Science, Math & Technology will each receive one unit for use in case of cardiac emergency.

Michael Christopher Abt Jr. died from sudden cardiac arrest on March 10, 2006. Michael was a healthy, happy, active 12-year-old boy who collapsed at school while participating in non-contact physical education activities. Michael and Taffi Abt, parents of Michael Abt, Jr., established a foundation in Michael's name to provide AEDs to public schools in hopes of preventing additional loss of life.

CPR/AED training for school staff was donated to these schools by Dave and Patty Magruder. The Magruders' own Jupiter-based Life Safety Solutions Inc. specializing in cost effective health and safety training, sales, consulting, and program management.

The foundation is seeking funding to secure defibrillators and training for other schools, as well as funding to offset expenses associated with continued maintenance and training. For more information, contact Lisa Rhodes at (772) 219-1200 ext. 30417. For additional information on the Education Foundation of Martin County, visit educationfoundationmc.org.

