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## Summary of Achievements & Programs

On November 2, 2013, a vibrant 19-year-old girl passed away without warning in her college apartment, the victim of Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA). It was an inconceivable shock which left a sadness that still envelops her family and friends.

***But the facts are that every 3 days a student athlete dies from SCA, and SCA is the #1 killer of student athletes in our country.*** And that's what motivated the creation of The Peyton Walker Foundation - - to help ensure that other parents won't wake up one morning to hear they have suddenly lost a precious child. The Foundation works hard to raise awareness about SCA through education, training, and most importantly, heart screenings.

Listed below is a summary of what The Peyton Walker Foundation has accomplished to date.

### **Heart Screenings**

The Foundation has held 4 **FREE Heart Screening Clinics** with medical staffing provided by Pinnacle Health CardioVascular Institute for students ages 12-19 in the Central PA area. Nearly 800 students have been screened, and we have had significant findings at each one of the clinics. Some of the major findings include cardiomyopathies, cardiac tumors, Wolff-Parkinson White diagnoses (one that resulted in an ablation at Hershey Medical Center), and a potentially fatal heart condition known as left ventricle hypertrophy with non-compaction. Additionally, many more students have been referred for follow-up testing and/or future monitoring.

Data from our heart screenings are transferred to a national data registry for future studies relating to heart issues, including sudden cardiac arrest. This data will be made available to researchers.

### **Scholarships**

To date, the Peyton Walker Foundation has awarded **over \$35,000** in scholarship funds for students enrolled in the Physician Assistant program at King's College (where Peyton had been enrolled as a P.A. student). Aligning with our mission, these scholarships are earmarked for students who have future careers in the healthcare field. The scholarship fund is privately funded.

## **Classroom Training**

The Peyton Walker Foundation donated funds (**Nearly \$15,000**) to cover the purchase price for a **Cardionics Sam II Manikin** for the Physician Assistant program at King's College. Our donation was fully-matched by a grant program, enabling the school to purchase an additional manikin with the matching funds. SAM II, the Student Auscultation Manikin is a new innovation in teaching and learning heart, breath & bowel sounds, and will be a tremendous teaching tool for the faculty and students.

## **AED & CPR Training**

The Foundation has provided **FREE** fully-certified CPR/AED training classes to community members from the Central Pennsylvania area.

Additional **FREE** certified CPR/AED training classes are planned for 2017.

The Peyton Walker Foundation offered Automated External Defibrillator (AED) & Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) training to everyone who attended our heart screenings. Students had the chance to perform hands-on CPR, and also gained a better understanding of what an AED is and how to use it. We consider this a tremendous success!

## **Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Equipment and Supplies**

**Statistics show that immediate CPR and early defibrillation with an AED can more than double a victim's chance of survival (American Heart Association).**

The Foundation has donated **over 20 AEDs** and AED supplies to local non-profit organizations including area police departments, schools, athletic organizations and public venues.

## **Summary**

The Foundation has worked tirelessly to honor its mission - **Increasing awareness and survival rates for sudden cardiac arrest incidents through education, screenings and training.**

In order to continue offering all of these programs that align with our mission, it is imperative that we focus on growing and expanding our fundraising outreach and activities. We will be looking to the business community to assist us with our mission and to form long-standing partnerships so that we can continue saving lives down the road.

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