



HEART TO HEART



The mission of the Steven M. Gootter Foundation is to save lives by defeating sudden cardiac death through increased awareness, education and scientific research.

The Steven M. Gootter Foundation works to increase awareness of sudden cardiac death among those who may be at risk, fosters education among the public and health care professionals, and funds scientific research into the causes of and treatments for sudden cardiac death.

FOUNDATION RAISES \$1 MILLION TO DATE; HALFWAY TO GOAL OF ENDOWED CHAIR



L-R: Jimmy Arias, UA President Robert Shelton, Adrian Shelton and Mats Wilander

More than 400 people attended the Gootter Grand Slam Gala dinner on March 28, 2009 at Skyline Country Club. Highlights of the fourth annual event included the presentation of the 2009 Philanthropic Award to Dr. Gordon A. Ewy, M.D., director of the University of Arizona's Sarver Heart Center. The Foundation funds promising research at the UA Sarver Heart Center, and has now raised \$1 million of its \$2-million endowment goal for the Steven M. Gootter Chair for the Prevention and Treatment of Sudden Cardiac Death. The chair will enable the UA to recruit a faculty member with the scientific and clinical expertise to work toward finding new and improved ways of preventing sudden cardiac death.



UA Football Coach Mike Stoops comes to the net in the celebrity doubles exhibition



Tennis champion Jimmy Arias helps 7-year-old Max, son of the late Steven M. Gootter, prepare for a forehand return

SURVIVING SCD: ONE MAN'S STORY

"The work being done by the Gootter Foundation and the Sarver Heart Center is instrumental to understanding this phenomenon and saving more lives in the future. As a victim of the disease and a recipient of the outstanding care at Sarver, I can truly say the work has paid off. I likely suffered the same event as Steven, but I was in the right place. There's no question that the Sarver Heart Center and the work of The Gootter Foundation saved my life. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart!" ~ Brian Duffield

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GOOTTER FOUNDATION PROVIDES AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILATORS (AEDS) TO LOCAL SCHOOLS

In an unparalleled move to prevent avoidable deaths from sudden cardiac arrest, the Steven M. Gootter Foundation is providing automated external defibrillators (AEDs) to all Southern Arizona public and private high schools that lack these life-saving devices.

The Foundation also donated AEDs to all six of the Tucson Boys and Girls Clubs and the Jim Reffkin Tennis Center, formerly Randolph Tennis Center. All the schools and institutions have received training on the AEDs through The University of Arizona Sarver Heart Center. The sudden collapse of Cienega High School student Emilio Martinez during weightlifting class in April triggered the initiative, said Gootter Foundation board member Claudine Messing. The student survived only because his school had an AED readily accessible onsite.

Even though AEDs are becoming increasingly accessible in public places like airports, convention centers and shopping malls, schools often lack the funding to acquire a defibrillator or the resources necessary for training and overseeing their use and maintenance.

“We realized that our foundation could make a real difference in alleviating this issue,” Messing said. “The response and interest from the schools have been overwhelming.”

“Sudden cardiac arrest is often associated with young athletes under intense physical stress. However, it is the leading cause of natural death in the United States and can strike anyone at any age,” said Lani Clark, director of the SHARE program, which oversees AED programs across the state. SHARE stands for Save Hearts in Arizona Registry and Education (www.azshare.gov).



“High schools are concerned not only about their student population, but also about the safety of their staff, as well as parents and other members of the public that come together during the various events they hold during the year,” she added.

The Steven M. Gootter Foundation Board of Directors and supporters are committed to sparing families the tragedy of losing a loved one to this silent killer that takes 1,000 lives a day, more than cancer and AIDS combined, said Messing.

FOUNDATION TO HONOR BOBBY PRESENT

The Steven M. Gootter Foundation will honor Bobby Present with its Philanthropic Award at the 2010 Gootter Grand Slam. Present is the President and a founding member of The Steven M. Gootter Foundation. During his tenure as President, the organization has raised \$1 million toward defeating sudden cardiac death. A native Tucsonan, and senior vice president at RBC Wealth Management, Bobby has been a dedicated volunteer for his entire adult life. Bobby was recognized by the Steele Memorial Children’s Research Center as one of the 2007 “Fathers of the Year” and received the Man of the Year award from the Jewish Federation of Southern Arizona in 2000.



THE STEVEN M. GOOTTER INVESTIGATOR AWARDS

The Steven M. Gootter Investigator Awards at the University of Arizona Sarver Heart Center are designed to foster greater understanding of the causes and prevention of sudden cardiac death. The following are this year's awards that have been funded by the Steven M. Gootter Foundation:

STEVEN M. GOOTTER INVESTIGATOR AWARD #1

Mission: Investigate how the signaling molecule TGF-Beta is involved in aortic aneurysms.

Investigator: MOHAMAD AZHAR, PhD, research assistant professor in the Department of Cell Biology and Anatomy at the UA College of Science and BIO5 Institute

Goal: Help develop better therapeutic approaches to aneurysm prevention and repair.



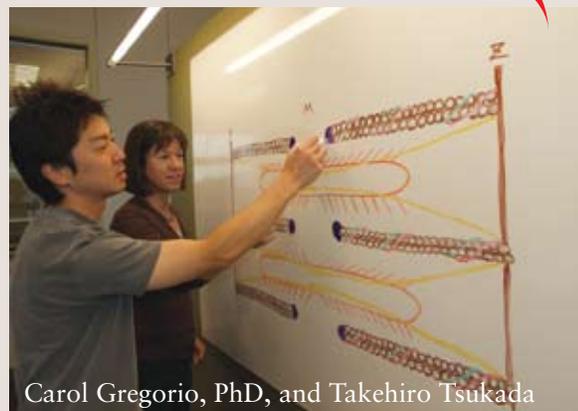
Mohamad Azhar, PhD

STEVEN M. GOOTTER INVESTIGATOR AWARD #2

Mission: Understand the mechanisms governing heart muscle formation and how mutations affect this process.

Investigator: CAROL GREGORIO, PhD, director of the Sarver Heart Center's Molecular Cardiovascular Research Program

Goal: Thanks to results obtained through the Gootter funding, the group was awarded a \$150,000 grant from the American Heart Association to identify the effects by which known mutations put people at risk for sudden cardiac death.



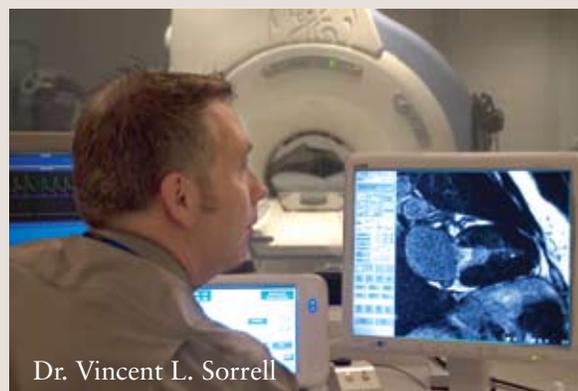
Carol Gregorio, PhD, and Takehiro Tsukada

STEVEN M. GOOTTER INVESTIGATOR AWARD #3

Mission: Elucidate how the brain might play a role in the risk of sudden cardiac death.

Investigator: RICHARD D. LANE, MD, PhD, professor of psychiatry, psychology and neuroscience

Goal: Obtain images of the brain and the heart to study the interaction between the two organs in cardiac arrhythmias.



Dr. Vincent L. Sorrell

DR. GORDON A. EWY REFLECTS ON 2009 PHILANTHROPIC AWARD

Dr. Gordon A. Ewy, Director of the Sarver Heart Center, was the 2009 Steven M. Gootter Foundation Philanthropic Award recipient. The following is an excerpt from his remarks:

We are changing the way the world responds to sudden cardiac arrest, a condition that if not treated appropriately, leads to sudden cardiac death. The Steven M. Gootter Foundation could not have picked a better partner than the Sarver Heart Center, to address its goals. The Sarver Heart Center has several research groups addressing approaches to preventing sudden death: From our world class research into ARVD (the most common cause of sudden death in some parts of the world), to cardiocerebral resuscitation, to electrophysiological research, to unique imaging techniques, to identify patients at risk, to basic research groups working on physiology of the cardiovascular system at every level, from the genetic, to the microscopic, to the physiological, and to the anatomical; truly translational research.

And the Sarver Heart Center could not have a better partner than the Steven M. Gootter Foundation. In all my years, I have never met a more dedicated, passionate, hard working group of volunteers. And to be able to raise funds to support such an important cause, while celebrating the life of Steven M. Gootter, with such a fun event as you are having this evening and the exhilarating tennis tournament tomorrow, is truly remarkable.

LEGACY GIFTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Legacy is an important mechanism for the growth and development of any foundation. The Steven M. Gootter Foundation has spent the last four years developing sponsorships to promote an endowment chair at the UA Sarver Heart Center in honor of Steve. The completion of the funds for this program will help to recruit/retain a top-notch faculty member and implement a program focused on sudden cardiac death. We are challenged now to have our loyal donors consider a legacy gift in his/her estate. The gift can be in the form of a bequest, a trust or a life insurance policy. Once the Legacy gift has been received the donor will become a part of a unique and extraordinary group. The gift will be recognized in many ways and will keep the research, education and training alive in perpetuity. For more information about completing a legacy gift, please call 520.615.6430.

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WORKING TO CONQUER SUDDEN CARDIAC DEATH

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THE FIFTH ANNUAL
GOOTTER GRAND SLAM
STEVEN M. GOOTTER FOUNDATION

MARCH 27, 2010
SKYLINE COUNTRY CLUB

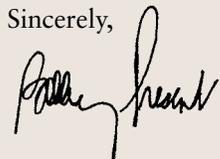
MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT MESSAGE FROM JOE & PAULETTE GOOTTER

Dear Friends,

We are very pleased to present the second edition of our newsletter, *Heart to Heart*. We look forward to bringing you additional updates in the future on the important research the Steven M. Gootter Foundation is supporting.

Our Board of Directors and Advisory Board thank you for your outstanding support; you have given us the opportunity to fund research in our quest to defeat sudden cardiac death.

Sincerely,



Bobby Present
President
Steven M. Gootter Foundation

Dear Friends,

On February 10, 2010 it will be five years since our son Steve lived, loved and lost his life.

The primary goal of the Steven M. Gootter Foundation is to eradicate Sudden Cardiac Death (SCD) via research, while at the same time implement an immediate plan to save lives now. This year, the Foundation is providing defibrillators to high schools in Southern Arizona, as well as to all of the Tucson Boys & Girls clubs.

You have made this possible through your continued support and commitments. There is a saying that we have all heard, but perhaps not listened to: "Remember yesterday, dream about tomorrow, but live for today."

With heartfelt thanks and deep appreciation,



L-R: Andrew Messing, Joe Gootter, Jimmy Arias, Shari Gootter, Paulette Gootter, Mats Wilander, Claudine Messing



L-R: John Schaller, Joli Marks, Tandy and Gary Kippur