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## **THE GOOTTER FOUNDATION TO DELIVER AED'S TO TPD**

### **Press Conference Announcement on Monday, June 30th, 2014**

Tucson, Ariz--- The Gootter Foundation is pleased to announce that \$500, 000 was raised at the 2014 Gootter Grand Slam charity event in March. The proceeds will be used to continue to fund sudden cardiac death research, including \$150,000 to the Cardiac Resuscitation Laboratory at the Sarver Heart Center at UAMC, and to provide donations of life-saving AEDs (automated external defibrillators) throughout the year to public institutions in Southern AZ.

When administered within the first ten minutes of a sudden cardiac event, AEDs save lives. Earlier this year, the news of the donation from the Gootter Foundation of 50 AEDs for use in Tucson Police Department patrol cars was met with great excitement. When equipped patrol cars are first on the scene where someone has suffered a cardiac arrest, immediate action will certainly save more lives.

Gootter Foundation President, Andrew Messing will officially presented the AEDs to Police Chief Roberto Villasenor at the Tucson City Council meeting on Monday, June 30th at 6pm. Additionally, Dr. Karl Kern from the Sarver Heart Center will be available for a brief demonstration of the new chest- compression- only CPR and the use of AEDs. Mayor Jonathan Rothschild, Steve Kozachik and other members of the Tucson City Council will also be in attendance for this special occasion.

*Since July 2009 The Gootter Foundation has distributed over 60 AEDs to schools, places of worship, recreational centers and public places throughout Southern Arizona. Training on the use of the AED and continuous chest compression is provided for each recipient. For more information on the Gootter Foundation, please visit [www.gootter.org](http://www.gootter.org)*

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