



# HEART TO HEART



The Steven M. Gootter Foundation is dedicated to saving lives by defeating Sudden Cardiac Death through increased awareness, education, scientific research and the distribution of AEDs.

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.



## GALA AND “BATTLE OF THE BROTHERS” HIGHLIGHT 10TH ANNIVERSARY

The 10th Anniversary Gootter Grand Slam Gala dinner was celebrated on March 7, 2015 at the Westin La Paloma. The Gootter Foundation, in memory of Steve Gootter, recognized 10 years of dedication, accomplishment and support in its mission to defeat sudden cardiac death.

UA Football Coach Rich Rodriguez was honored with the Philanthropic Award for his commitment and participation in the on-going efforts and initiatives of the Foundation. Coach Rodriguez joined the Foundation’s past philanthropic award “Hall of Fame” Penny & Robert Sarver, Bazy Tankersley, Gordon A. Ewy, Bobby Present, Alfie & Allan Norville, Neelam & Gulshan Sethi, Ginny Clements and Czarina & Humberto Lopez in being lauded and recognized on this 10th Anniversary.

Among the evening’s highlights was a moving and powerful address to the audience from Max Gootter, Steve’s 13 year-old son. In his first-time role of Foundation representative, Max touched everyone in the room with his genuine words, “We all know why we’re here. We can’t avoid the fact

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*Top left:* Sophie and Max Gootter at the Gootter Grand Slam Gala Dinner.

*Top right:* Dr. Kwan Lee and the Jensen and Bryan brothers demonstrate CPR at the Battle of the Brothers.

*Lower right:* Rich Rodriguez receives the Philanthropic Award at the Gala Dinner.

**SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GOOTTER GRAND SLAM GALA DINNER: MARCH 4, 2016 AT THE WESTIN LA PALOMA**

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## SHERIFF AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS RECEIVE LIFESAVING DEVICES

The Steven M. Gootter Foundation recently presented Pima County Sheriff's Department, Marana and Oro Valley Police Departments with 53 Automated External Defibrillators, also known as AEDs. They are life-saving devices when administered to sudden cardiac victims within the first ten minutes of a cardiac event.

"We are very pleased about this generous donation and wanted to make sure it will be used to the maximum benefit of our community," said Sheriff Chris Nanos.

Police officers are often first on the scene when a cardiac arrest is reported. Although one can never predict when and where a sudden cardiac event can take place, by placing AEDs in patrol cars with officers who have been trained in how to use these devices, there is a greater chance a sudden cardiac victim can be saved.



Marana Police Department officers with AEDs provided by the Gootter Foundation

"If one of these devices is able to save just one person's life, then your donations will have more than paid for themselves," said Terry Rozema, chief of Marana police.

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that this happened. We're here because my father, Steve Gootter, died of Sudden Cardiac Arrest. No person or family deserves this. Not a single penny is being wasted, it's truly amazing the amount that people have donated. I'm just here to say how thankful I am for every single one of you here because without you guys this wouldn't be a possibility." It was a moment that would have made Steve very proud, and that was felt by all in attendance.

On October 1, 2015 the Gootter Grand Slam Tennis event was held at the Westin La Paloma Country Club. The sold-out event, billed as the Battle of the Brothers, featured the world premiere of the Bryan Brothers against the Jensen Brothers. The Bryan brothers are identical twins, who are the most successful doubles team of all time, winning Olympic Gold and 16 Grand Slam titles. They have held the World No. 1 doubles ranking jointly longer than any team in doubles history.

## FOUNDATION TO HONOR LORRAINE MACKSTALLER AT 2016 GALA

The Steven M. Gootter Foundation is proud to announce that Dr. Lorraine Mackstaller will receive the 2016 Philanthropic Award. Dr. Mackstaller recently retired as a Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine at the University of Arizona Sarver Heart Center. She is a longtime supporter of the Gootter Foundation.



Lorraine Mackstaller, M.D.

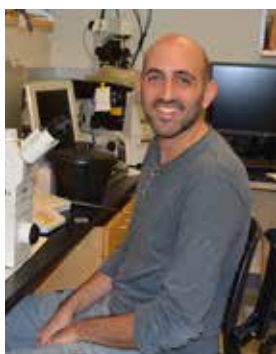
## GOOTTER FOUNDATION FUNDS A CPR INITIATIVE WITH THE TUCSON FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Steven M. Gootter Foundation is funding the implementation of the PulsePoint app in Tucson. This free mobile app will be used to alert CPR trained bystanders and off-duty first responders within a mile from the location of a Sudden Cardiac Arrest when it is called into 911. The software will also let the bystander know the location of the closest AED. As every minute counts, this can help strengthen the chain of survival for Sudden Cardiac Arrest victims and make Tucson a safer community.



## RESEARCH AND INVESTIGATOR AWARD UPDATES

The Steven M. Gootter Foundation has, for a third consecutive year, funded the UA Sarver Heart Center Resuscitation Laboratory, led by Dr. Karl Kern. This support allows the lab to pursue the newest techniques to improve survival from Sudden Cardiac Arrest. The lab is exploring new methods for aggressive post resuscitation treatments including hypothermia and emergent opening of coronary blockages.



Christopher Pappas, PhD    Kitchener Wilson, MD, PhD

### INVESTIGATOR AWARDS

Christopher Pappas, PhD, a Gootter Foundation Investigator Award recipient, studied the role of the protein Lmod2 in cardiac development and dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM). The Investigator Award enabled Pappas to jump-start his path to career independence by obtaining the data necessary to compete successfully for an NIH grant as a co-investigator. He has since been awarded \$1.77 million from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) for a study called “Deciphering the Role of Lmod2 in Thin Filament Length Regulation and Dilated Cardiomyopathy.”

A new genetic test being developed by pathologist Kitchener Wilson, MD, PhD, cardiology and radiology professor Joseph Wu, MD, PhD, and the Stanford Genome Technology Center (SGTC), may be able to accurately pinpoint the likely genetic causes of a heart patient’s elusive condition in just a couple of days. Taking a more focused approach, Wilson and Wu’s team designed a streamlined assay, or test, that looks at just the 88 genes known to carry mutations that cause heart problems. Materials for the new assay cost about \$100, and results are back within three days.

## FOUNDATION EXPANDS AED DISTRIBUTION

The Steven M. Gootter Foundation has provided over 180 Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) throughout Southern Arizona since 2009. AED recipients include:

Amphitheater High School  
 Amphitheater Middle School  
 ATC (Arizona Theater Company)  
 BASIS Tucson North High School  
 BASIS Oro Valley  
 Beat Cancer Boot Camp  
 Benson High School  
 Biosphere 2  
 Bisbee High School  
 Boy Scouts of America - Catalina Council  
 Canyon Del Oro High School  
 Casa de los Ninos  
 City of Tucson - Tucson Police Department (50)  
 Congregation Anshei Israel  
 Cornerstone Christian Academy  
 Desert Christian High School  
 Desert Son Community Church  
 Desert View High School  
 Emerge! Center Against Domestic Abuse  
 Empire High School  
 Faith Tabernacle  
 Fenster School of America  
 Flowing Wells High School  
 Fox Tucson Theatre  
 Green Fields Country Day School  
 Ironwood Ridge High School  
 Jewish Community Center  
 Jim Reffkin Tennis Center  
 Keeling Elementary School  
 Manzanita Elementary School  
 Marana Police Department (15)  
 MOCA (Museum of Contemporary Art)  
 Oro Valley Police Department (12)  
 Our Lady of Fatima  
 Pima County Sheriffs Dept. (26)  
 Pius X Church  
 Primavera Foundation  
 Pusch Ridge Christian Academy  
 Rialto Theatre  
 Salpointe Catholic High School  
 San Miguel Catholic High School  
 Santa Cruz High School  
 Sarver Molecular Cardiovascular Research Program  
 Sonoita Hills Community Church  
 Sporting Chance Center  
 St. Augustine Catholic High School  
 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish  
 St. Francis Cabrini Church  
 St. Thomas the Apostle Parish  
 Sunnyside High School  
 Sunrise Drive Elementary School  
 Tanque Verde High School  
 Temple Emanu-El  
 THA (Tucson Hebrew Academy)  
 The Loft Cinema  
 TMA (Tucson Museum of Art)  
 Tucson Aztecs Soccer Club  
 Tucson Children’s Museum  
 Tucson Magnet High School  
 Tucson Senior Softball League  
 Tucson Soccer Academy  
 Tucson Urban League  
 University Community Church  
 Vail Academy & High School  
 Valley Union High School  
 Willcox High School  
 YMCA Ott Branch  
 Yuma High School



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U.S. Rep. Martha McSally, Rich Rodriguez,  
Paulette Gootter, Rita Rodriguez



The Jensen and Bryan Brothers at  
Battle of the Brothers



Tom Rogers and Ginny Clements



The Bryan Brothers in action at  
Battle of the Brothers



Laura McIver, Jill Harlow,  
Melanie Sutton, Paula Taylor



The Charles Family generously purchased  
an AED at the live auction