



NEWS RELEASE

FRIENDS OF HEART,
A FUND OF THE WEST TENNESSEE HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION,
DONATES MORE AEDS TO THE COMMUNITY

(August 2, 2017....Jackson, Tennessee) Friends of Heart representatives presented three automated external defibrillators (AED) to the communities of West TN at the EMS Night at General's Ballpark on Friday July 28. These AEDs will be placed at the Tennessee Children's Home in Pinson, Malesus Ballpark, and Northside Assembly of God.

"We wanted to show how important it is to work with EMS to provide more AEDs out in our communities. An AED is essential to converting a deadly heart rhythm back to normal when someone goes into Cardiac Arrest."The AED is simple and easy to use and doesn't require medical personnel to be present." said Emily Garner, RN Clinical Manager with West TN Heart and Vascular Center.

Mark Walker with Medical Center EMS says," Placing AEDs throughout the communities can mean the difference between life and death and is crucial for EMS to better treat the patient once they arrive. Immediate cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and early defibrillation, with an AED can more than double a victim's chance for survival. It is very beneficial to have AEDs in public places, and it will save lives."

The Friends of Heart, a fund of the Foundation, has four key initiatives:

- Clinical Research
- Community Education and Resource Development
- Staff Education and Development
- Construction of a Heart Hospital

“We want to encourage others to support Friends of Heart and to help make a difference,” said Bob Arrington, Founding Co-Chair of Friends of Heart. “Our goal is to have other community members join us in this effort and support future endeavors of the group.”

Friends of Heart, a fund of the West Tennessee Healthcare Foundation, is working with the West Tennessee Heart and Vascular Center at JMCGH to bring cutting edge technology and resources to the people of West Tennessee.

For more information about Friends of Heart and the work it does through the Foundation to benefit West Tennesseans, visit www.friendsofheart.org

About the Foundation

The Foundation has provided services to the community for more than 33 years at little cost to the community. Funds can be established to provide support for specific community needs. Contributions to these efforts are tax-deductible and allow the donor to receive the greatest taxable benefit.

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