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Fairfield Rotary Purchases Defibrillators for Town of Fairfield

(Fairfield, CT) — The Fairfield Rotary Club recently donated Automated External Defibrillators (AED) to the Town of Fairfield. The Club purchased three defibrillators, one each for the following locations; the Main Library, the Fairfield Woods Branch Library, and the town Recreation Center. In addition to the AED units, the Club provided for the cost of training staff on use of the equipment.

The defibrillators do not require any on-going maintenance and each unit does its own diagnostics every day. The Fairfield Rotary Club raised money last summer at a Bridgeport Bluefish game during Fairfield Family Night where half of the ticket price was applied to the AED purchases. The AED units were purchased through the American Red Cross.



Over 350,000 people in the United States suffer sudden cardiac arrest every year. They are people from all walks of life, any age, most with no heart risk factors or prior symptoms. Currently only about 7% of victims survive. That is due to the fact that once the heart stops pumping the chance of survival goes down by 10% every minute. If an AED is readily available and used within 4 minutes 70% of victims could be saved.

The Fairfield Rotary Club provides over \$20,000 of grants annually to support local organizations in addition to providing \$21,000 in local scholarships to high school students and supporting various international and local charitable efforts. To get involved or for further information please go to www.fairfieldrotary.org/.