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## **Oak Grove Center Receives Life Saving Equipment**

*One Non-Profit Helping Another to Save Lives*

**Murrieta, Calif.** – The staff at [Oak Grove Center for Education, Treatment & The Arts](#) will rest a little easier thanks to a donated Automated External Defibrillator (AED). The residential and educational facility is home to over 76 at-risk youth and offers day programs for approximately 125 additional special needs and at-risk kids.

Automated External Defibrillators are portable electronic devices that automatically diagnose the potentially life threatening cardiac arrhythmias and ventricular tachycardia and are able to treat them through electrical therapy, allowing the heart to reestablish an effective rhythm. [The American Heart Association](#) estimates that over 20,000 lives are saved annually thanks to the AED devices. The cost for AED devices ranges from \$1,000 to \$3,000.

Chief Executive Director Tammy Wilson states, "We are appreciative of every donation that is offered to Oak Grove, but this particular donation is a gift that could potentially save lives. We feel honored and blessed." She continues that each staff member at Oak Grove Center has been trained in CPR and to use the AED equipment.

The donation came thanks to [The Travis R. Roy Sudden Cardiac Arrest Fund](#), another local non-profit whose mission is to raise awareness so that others survive. Founder Bob Roy started the organization after his son Travis suffered cardiac arrest at his middle school in Temecula on May 20, 2005. Without an AED and with over 23 minutes before paramedics arrived, Travis suffered severe brain damage and passed away a little over one month later. "It is our mission that every single school in California have at least one AED device. We have donated over 112 units in the Temecula, Murrieta and San Jacinto school districts as well as some in the San Diego Unified School District and at Point Loma Nazarene University," Mr. Roy says.

More information regarding the Travis R. Roy Sudden Cardiac Arrest Fund can be found at [www.TheTravisFund.org](http://www.TheTravisFund.org).

For more information about Oak Grove Center, please visit [www.OakGroveCenter.org](http://www.OakGroveCenter.org) or call (951)677-5599.