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## **HERITAGE HIGH SCHOOL SELECTED AS WINNER OF THE KIMBERLY ANNE GILLARY FOUNDATION'S AED VIDEO CONTEST**

**TROY, MI – April 16, 2014 --** The Kimberly Anne Gillary Foundation is proud to announce that Heritage High School in Saginaw has been selected as the winner of the Kimberly Anne Gillary Foundation's High School AED Video Contest. Heritage High School will receive a check in the amount of \$5,000 payable to the school and to be used as the students and school deem appropriate. The contest was open from November 20, 2013 – March 3, 2014 with the winner being selected on April 1, 2014.

“The students at Heritage High School did an outstanding job and we are honored to share their video,” said Emily Kucinich, Program Administrator for the Kimberly Anne Gillary Foundation and Kimberly's sister.

Heritage High School AED Awareness Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jq7owQZA25A&feature=youtu.be>

“My students are really excited about winning the contest and actually have already come up with a plan to use some of the funds from the winning to create a series of training videos about AEDs for all of the staff in our district to watch”, said Michael Bauer, Heritage High School Teacher.

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The purpose of this video contest was to emphasize the importance of Michigan high schools being adequately prepared to respond to a sudden cardiac arrest or related event on school property. Students were asked to create a 3 minute video on this topic. The video was to be written and produced by students without professional or parental help. The judges were Kimberly's sisters, Emily Kucinich, Jennifer Gregory and Katie Gillary and the prize money is being donated by the Gillary Family. The video is being shown on the Kimberly Anne Gillary Foundation's website ([www.kimberlysgift.org](http://www.kimberlysgift.org)) and also on their Facebook page.

The Kimberly Anne Gillary Foundation was founded by Randy and Sue Gillary after they lost their fifteen year old daughter Kimberly to sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) in 2000. The mission of the Foundation is to ensure that every Michigan high school has at least one automated external defibrillator (AED) and staff members trained in CPR and the use of an AED. They also advocate for cardiac screening and testing of all high school student athletes and routine practice drills for schools. As of April 1, 2014, the Foundation has raised more than \$1.2 million and has donated 650 AEDs to Michigan schools.

“We have always said that if we could save one life then the Foundation will have served its purpose,” said Randy Gillary, President of the Kimberly Anne Gillary Foundation and Kim's Dad. So far at least 3 lives have been saved with AEDs donated by the Kimberly Anne Gillary Foundation. Please see [www.kimberlysgift.org](http://www.kimberlysgift.org).

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