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Point Loma University receives 5 defibrillators

POINT LOMA: Five defibrillators have been donated to Point Loma Nazarene University on behalf of a Temecula family.

Robert and Diana Roy donated the defibrillators in the name of their younger son, Travis, who collapsed two years ago at his middle school and died from an undiagnosed heart condition. They believe Travis would still be alive if his school had been stocked with a defibrillator. Their other son, Justin, is a freshman studying history at Point Loma Nazarene.

The Roy's gave the defibrillators to the university after receiving them in a grant from Zoll Corp., a defibrillator manufacturer.

Their donation is the Roys' latest effort to spread awareness of sudden cardiac arrest. They have successfully lobbied school districts in Temecula and Murrieta to stock defibrillators. They have set up a foundation in Travis' name, and hope to one day see a defibrillator in every public school in the state.

"We want to prevent any other family from going through what we are going through," Robert Roy said.