



Travis Roy



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**Sudden Cardiac Arrest Fund**

*Raising Awareness So Others May Survive*

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## 2012 — Year in Review

This newsletter and The Travis R. Roy Sudden Cardiac Arrest Fund (The Travis Fund) have been created in honor of our son Travis who died at the age of 14 from a Sudden Cardiac Arrest. Our mission is to:

- Raise public awareness about Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA),
- Encourage at risk people to have heart screenings,
- Encourage people to learn CPR and make it a graduation requirement,
- Raise funds to place Automated External Defibrillators (AED's) in California public schools and facilities.

To-date The Travis Fund has been responsible for the placement of 119 AED's in Riverside and San Diego County schools.

### AED's in Bakersfield Schools

#### Mom's mission: get defibrillators, save students' lives

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### About Travis



Travis Roy  
1990—2005

On May 20, 2005 Travis was three weeks away from graduation from the 8th grade when he collapsed at his middle school in Murrieta, California. He had suffered a Sudden Cardiac Arrest caused by a previously undiagnosed heart condition called Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy. He was eventually transported to Children's Hospital in San Diego by helicopter.

Travis spent a total of four weeks in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at Children's Hospital. An MRI was taken to ascertain the extent of the damage to his brain. The MRI revealed massive brain cell death and damage. Travis had gone 23 minutes without circulation after he collapsed. He was blind, he was completely paralyzed, he could not speak and he could not chew or swallow. Travis died a week later on June 25, 2005. He was 14 years old.

The Travis R. Roy Sudden Cardiac Arrest Fund (The Travis Fund) was created in memory of Travis. Our motto reflects our mission

*"Raising awareness so others may survive"*

In December, Bob went to Bakersfield to assist Corrine Ruiz in trying to convince the Kern High School District Board to implement an AED program.

Corrine lost her daughter Olivia to Sudden Cardiac Arrest at the age of 14. Corrine had been lobbying the District to implement an AED program for two years. She warned them that the unthinkable was only a matter of time. Then in November, Caleb Hannink suffered a Sudden Cardiac Arrest while on campus. Bob, Corrine and 12 year Savannah Eckert addressed the Board during a [televised](#) meeting.

"In addition to me reminding them that they lost a child on their watch, I think what swayed the Board the most was the speaker after me—12 year old Savannah Eckert. She has an implantable cardiac defibrillator and told her story. Boy did it get their attention because that girl will be attending their schools soon".

During his address to the School Board, Bob held up his favorite props - an AED and a fire extinguisher stating "Over 300,000 people die per year from Sudden Cardiac Arrest and about 3,000 people die per year from fire related deaths. That means you're one hundred times more likely to need an AED before you need a fire extinguisher." Then he said, "You have hundreds of these (fire extinguishers) and you have zero of these (AED's). If you had an AED on campus when Caleb collapsed, he could very well be alive today".

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## Highlights for 2012



*AED Donation to Oak Grove School, Murrieta, CA*

In April, The Travis Fund donated a second AED to Oak Grove School.

The first AED donated to them by The Travis Fund was in 2009. That unit went to their main campus in Murrieta, CA.

Early in 2012 Oak Grove contacted The Travis Fund seeking a second unit for another campus. The second AED was placed on their newest campus in Menifee, CA.

[Oak Grove School](#) is a private school specializing in the education of at-risk and special needs students.



*AED Donation to Calvary Chapel Conference Center, Murrieta, CA*

In December, The Travis Fund donated an AED to [Calvary Chapel](#) Conference center in Murrieta, CA. They have a 43 acre campus and really wanted an AED to help protect their students and visitors. They offer CPR instruction to anyone in the community.

## How You Can Help

- Learn CPR!
- Ask your local school board and your elected officials to support placement of AED's in schools.
- Donate to support our mission to place AED's in schools and public facilities.

The Travis R. Roy Sudden Cardiac Arrest Fund (The Travis Fund) is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit California corporation.

### DONATE

If you wish to make a donation to support our efforts, donations can be made via secure Pay Pal link through our web site at [www.thetravisfund.org](http://www.thetravisfund.org), or if you wish to write a check, please make your check payable to: "The Travis Fund". Please mail your donation to: 42245 Via de los Fideos, Temecula, CA 92590.

## AED School Deployment Format

The Travis Fund advocates for a 3-2-1 AED deployment format for school districts. This requires a minimum of 3 AED's at each high school, 2 at each middle school and one at each elementary school.

In school districts with existing AED programs, they are seeking to acquire additional AED's for athletic teams to take with them on "Away" events.

The 3-2-1 format places AED's strategically on campuses so they are available for deployment within three minutes. To-date, The Travis Fund has been responsible for the placement of 119 AED's in:

- Murrieta Unified School District
- Oak Grove School
- Calvary Chapel Conference Center
- Poway Unified School District
- San Diego Unified School District
- San Jacinto Unified School District
- Temecula Unified School District
- Point Loma Nazarene University

We believe AED's should be placed in every school and public facility in California. We also believe CPR should be a graduation requirement.

## Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness Day

On August 30, 2006 the California Legislature unanimously approved ACR-159. This resolution created a state-wide memorial day each September 12th (Travis' birthday) in honor of those like Travis who have fallen from, as well as those who have survived, a Sudden Cardiac Arrest event.