

Davison Student Saved With One of Our AEDS

On October 24, 2007, an AED donated by the Kimberly Anne Gillary Foundation to Davison High School was used to save the life of 17 year old student Ashley Palmer.

Ashley had been diagnosed 18 months earlier with hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (HCM), the same condition that caused Kimberly's cardiac arrest. Luckily for Ashley, the school had a defibrillator donated by the Kimberly Anne Gillary Foundation. Staff members reached her within just minutes after her collapse and found her not breathing and without a pulse. Acting on the training they received earlier this year, the four staff members quickly hooked Ashley up to the AED and used the defibrillator and CPR to restart her heart and breathing.

Lori Ayers, Ashley's mother, said a Hurley Medical Center doctor credited the quick work and defibrillator for saving her daughter's life October 24th outside the school.

"If the defibrillator had not been there, she would have been gone," Ayers told the school board. "I want to thank you all so much. I hope all the schools have it. Thank you so much for saving my daughter." (*Excerpts taken from the Flint Journal, November 6, 2007, James L. Smith*)

The AED for Davison High School was purchased with funds raised from the Foundation's 2nd Annual Benefit Golf Outing at Grand Blanc Country Club on August 24, 2002. Dana and Judy Ludington, Kimberly's aunt & uncle, organized and ran a total of 3 golf outings in Grand Blanc with all proceeds being used to purchase AEDs and training for high schools in Genesee County. From these golf outings we raised over \$24,000 and donated 13 AEDs to Genesee County high schools.