

To whom it may concern,

My name is Tim Hoffman, I am the Champion of the Heart Safe-Ramsey program, which many of you know and support. It is our mission to increase survival rates of SCA (sudden cardiac arrest) by educating the public in quality CPR and proper use of an AED. We also want to help ensure proper coverage of public access defibrillators in our City. From the time we first launched this program, it has been a goal to obtain an AED for the newly constructed Community Building at Elmcrest Park. This is a vital location as it is used by our local soccer club (Northern Lights Soccer). We have been working with members of the ARAA and NLS board to get as many players, coaches and their families trained in bystander CPR and AED use. The process has been slow but is beginning to gain traction.

Thanks to donations from The Ramsey Rotary and The Lions Club, we have been able to buy equipment and supplies to support our mission. We have already set aside \$500 towards the Elmcrest AED. However, we still need approximately \$1100 to complete this purchase. We were hoping that the funds raised from the charitable gambling money could be utilized for this purpose.

Our hope is that the City of Ramsey can celebrate its Heart Safe designation by donating the AED during an event at Elmcrest Park featuring the members of the City Council, The Lions, The Rotary, NLS and ARAA. We can arrange for press coverage and would also invite anyone who wants to attend, encouraging Ramsey businesses and organizations to become "Heart Safe" as well. Our goal is to obtain the official Heart Safe designation (by Allina and AHA standards) by July 1, 2015.

Please consider this request and let us know if you need any additional information or assistance.

Thank you for your time!

Tim Hoffman

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