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EBENEZER ARBORS GIVES BURNSVILLE POLICE A JUMP START ON AED REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

Residents band together to raise funds for Automated External Defibrillators

To save a person who is having a heart attack, a fast response can make the difference between life and death. Most often, a Burnsville Police Officer is first on the scene to provide help prior to the ambulance and officers use an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) to shock the heart and get it beating again. An “Octoberfest” fundraising effort coordinated by Ebenezer Arbors at Ridges, 13920 Community Drive, will provide \$1100 of much need funding to provide these tools for the benefit of the Burnsville community.

Burnsville Police have twelve Automated External Defibrillators in service currently with the goal of equipping all 23 front-line emergency marked squads with this resource. The current AED’s were purchased in 2002 and have an average life expectancy of 8 years. New AED’s will be purchased as funding allows at a cost of approximately \$2200 each. Additional funds will be sought to continue with the effort.

During 2010, Ebenezer Arbors coordinated three separate fundraisers in support of public safety in Burnsville. In May, a “Cinco de Mayo” themed event provided proceeds to improve firefighter safety through purchase of Fire Survivor Escape Systems, rope/rappelling type systems that attach to fire fighters allowing them to be quickly removed from dangerous situations in a burning building or other emergency. Their initial effort was in support of the Police K-9 program.

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Note: Photos attached



Police Chief Bob Hawkins accept a donation check from Ebenezer Arbors at Ridges residents from a recent fundraiser for Police AED units. Showing their support from left to right standing: John Christiansen, Wally Kaluznick, Joyce Rawlings, Evelyn McClung, Lillian Biggs, Harry Lutters, Stella Kaluznick, Kathryn Hinsverk, Joe O'Donnell, John Sloan, Helen Peterson, and Royce Nieting. From row seated: Bill Ondick, Chief Hawkins, and Buck Buckman.



Resident John Sloan presented the check.

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