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## **Life Saving Device Donated to Local School in Memory of Student**

OCOEE, FLORIDA – Tuesday, October 10, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. representatives from Cardiac Science and Saving Young Hearts will present Citrus Elementary School with their first Automated External Defibrillator (AED) in memory of Sean Anderson. Sean was a fourth grader at Citrus when he collapsed and died unexpectedly, from an undiagnosed heart condition, in February 2004.

The AED being donated is the Powerheart G3-Automatic, by Cardiac Science, and includes the wall cabinet, sign, ready kit, adult and pediatric pads. The Ocoee Fire Department will provide Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and AED training to a team of teachers.

Over 450,000 people die each year from sudden cardiac arrest (SCA); over 14,000 are children. Many victims have no prior history of heart disease and are stricken without warning. When SCA strikes, every minute counts; every minute that a victim goes without defibrillation the chances of survival decrease by 10%.

The presence of AEDs in public places is saving countless lives around the country. Public Access Defibrillation (PAD) programs are based on the premise that the first person on the scene of a cardiac arrest is in the best position of saving a life, if the rescuer is equipped with an AED.

“This is a first great step in our mission to raise awareness about sudden cardiac arrest in children and teens. Our ultimate goal is to place AEDs in all Orange County Public Schools and provide heart screenings to school age children for early detection”, said Andy Anderson, father of Sean and Director of Saving Young Hearts.

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