

SCCPSS Head Nurse Receives Award for Efforts to Provide AEDs and CPR Training



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SCCPSS ADVISORY:

AED Brands, a major AED Distributor headquartered in Kennesaw, GA, has tapped District Lead Nurse Lisa Wilson for the first “In it for life” award. The award was established in honor of an employee who of the company who suffered a cardiac incident and it recognizes advocates throughout the Country in support of the importance of having an AED and training the community.

“Lisa has shown exceptional spirit and passion in implementing compliant and effective AED response programs. She has been a strong advocate and exhibited ceaseless efforts in promoting, implementing, and managing AED response programs,” said Christine Doran, Territory Manager for AED Brands. She continued, “We nominated Lisa Wilson this year because of her ceaseless efforts in promoting, implementing, and managing AED response programs in making Savannah Chatham County Schools and surrounding communities a safer place. Lisa is a true champion.”

Nurse Wilson’s personal quest to create and implement an AED response program in the school district stems from her son’s untimely death in 2013. Her son, Cory, a student at Georgia Southern University, had collapsed in class and died of an unexplained cardiac arrhythmia. Had an automated external defibrillator (AED) been available, Cory might have survived. From that point on, Nurse Wilson, a nurse and a CPR instructor, committed to continued education and awareness efforts through the Cory Joseph Wilson Memorial, Inc. “I can’t explain to you the importance and need for awareness for everyone to learn cardiopulmonary resuscitation and how to use an automated external defibrillator,” said Nurse Wilson. “It is our hope that the defibrillators will be placed in all schools – including college campuses – and in places where people congregate. One day, it may save the life of a student, parent or staff member.” The foundation has placed AEDs in schools, recreational sites, businesses, and government agencies. As a continued part of the foundation’s mission, over 8,000 people have also received Hands Only CPR/AED training. In 2016, the Georgia General Assembly re-named Senate Bill 245, the CPR in Schools bill, to the “Cory Joseph Wilson Act.”