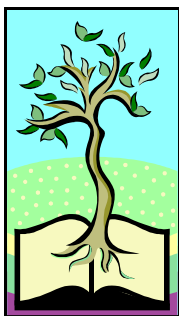


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**Ocean City Home Charitable Foundation Donation to Fund Two
Defibrillators for Egg Harbor Township School District**

EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP – Ocean City Home Charitable Foundation donated more than \$6,300 to the *Community Partnership for Egg Harbor Township Schools, Inc.* September 26 to fund the addition of two portable Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) for the Egg Harbor Township School District.

The Ocean City Home Charitable Foundation allows the entire community to share in the growth of Ocean City Home Bank and enhance the strong partnership the Bank has already created in the community. Founded in 1887, Ocean City Home Bank offers support for a variety of civic and charitable organizations. Dedicated to their surrounding communities, Ocean City Home Bank representatives believe the cornerstone of the bank's success depends on its commitment to the community.

The contribution will enable the *Community Partnership for Egg Harbor Township Schools, Inc.* to purchase two portable AED's, carrying cases, storage cases, and secondary equipment for the High School and Middle School, and to provide the necessary training to ensure that all personnel are trained in the proper use of these life-saving devices. Both schools offer competitive sports activities that require student participation after school, after hours on the vast and extensive athletic fields.

Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA), commonly known as massive heart attack, kills more than 450,000 Americans each year, making it the #1 health care problem and leading cause of death in the United States. According to the American Heart Association, more than 1,200 people die from Sudden Cardiac Arrest everyday. SCA can be reversed with early defibrillation – the use of a defibrillator to shock the heart back into normal rhythm by means of an electric current. As many as 50 percent of SCA victims have no prior indication of heart disease – their first symptom is cardiac arrest. Death from SCA is sudden and unexpected, occurring instantly or shortly after the onset of symptoms.

Egg Harbor Township has approximately 40,000 residents and has the largest school district in Atlantic County. School enrollment has increased on average of over 500 new students per year for the past five years, with no growth relief in sight. Approximately 8,000 students are enrolled in the district, which is made up of six elementary schools, one high school and one alternative high school.

The Mission of the *Community Partnership for Egg Harbor Township Schools, Inc.* is to assist the Board of Education of the Egg Harbor Township School District in carrying out the educational goals of the district through the development and growth of district facilities and resources, so that broader educational opportunities and services may be provided for those seeking public education in Egg Harbor Township.

For more information or to donate to the Egg Harbor Township School District through the *Community Partnership for Egg Harbor Township Schools, Inc.*, please call Ellen Gregory at 646-8441, ext. 1017.