United Way of MPM Invests in Lifesaving Technology

Muskingum County Library System has been awarded $4,389 towards the purchase and installation of Automatic External Defibrillators in three local branches.

Zanesville, Ohio November 9, 2021 – United Way of Muskingum, Perry, and Morgan Counties (MPM) strives to provide quality access to medical and mental health services and education. With the investment of $4,389 to purchase and install Automatic External Defibrillators (AED) United Way of MPM will be providing lifesaving access to medical equipment across Muskingum County. The investment will provide AEDs and their installation in three Muskingum County Library branches, Dresden, South Zanesville, and New Concord. Once the AEDs are installed all Muskingum County Library, employees at those locations will be trained to utilize an AED, in case of a cardiac emergency.

Jeffrey Cornett, Grant Writer (MCLS) said, “The Muskingum County Library System (MCLS) appreciates the support of the United Way of Muskingum, Perry, and Morgan Counties (UWMPM). The Community Impact grant award will allow the MCLS to purchase additional Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) to offer life-saving devices to more branch library locations across Muskingum County.”

The American Heart Association stated that 475,000 Americans die from cardiac arrest per year and 350,000 of those are out of the hospital cardiac arrests. Considering MCLS served almost 320,000 people in 2019, there is a significant probability of a cardiac emergency at a library location. With the investment made by United Way of MPM the Muskingum County Library System can be prepared in the event of a cardiac emergency, educate employees, and provide the community with cardiac health awareness information.

Cathy Sorensen RN BSN, Clinical Coordinator for Cardiovascular Administration at Genesis Healthcare System stated that, “There are six links in the chain of survival when a person suffers a cardiac arrest. Effective CPR followed by the rapid use of an AED are vital in the links of the chain of survival. It is extremely important that the public has access to an AED when needed. I am excited to see the MCLS obtain the AEDs for the citizens of Muskingum County.”

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