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**AED donation to help Brookhaven save lives**

**Brookhaven, GA, Oct. 22, 2013** – The city will be able to save more lives and money thanks to a newly incorporated nonprofit organization.

The Friends of Brookhaven Foundation has pledged to help raise funds to purchase portable automated external defibrillators (AEDs) for all Brookhaven Police patrol cars, as well as city hall, municipal court and city recreation facilities.

The city has agreed to match each dollar raised by the Friends of Brookhaven Foundation, reducing the expense for the city. AEDs can typically cost between \$900 and \$1,200 per device.

“AED devices are life-saving and absolutely necessary in an emergency. If having these in our public facilities and patrol cars saves at least one life, it will have been worth the cost,” Mayor J. Max Davis said. “We are grateful that the city will save on the cost of purchasing AEDs thanks to the generosity of the Friends of Brookhaven Foundation and those who donate to this cause.”

The funds will be presented to the city on its birthday: Dec. 17.

Every year, more than 300,000-400,000 Americans suffer from cardiac arrest, according to a federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration report. Survival rates for cardiac arrest out of hospital care are 1 to 5 percent. However treatment with immediate defibrillators can result in a survival rate greater than 90 percent, according to OSHA.

Friends of Brookhaven Foundation was recently started by a group of Brookhaven residents and aims to foster a sense of community and enhance the quality of life in the city.

To make a donation, please send a check to Brookhaven Bank payable to the Friends of Brookhaven Foundation at 2221 Johnson Ferry Road NE, Brookhaven, GA 30319 or donate through their web site at [www.friendsofbrookhaven.com](http://www.friendsofbrookhaven.com).

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