Established in the year 2000, the Louis Savino, III Foundation raises funds for lifesaving devices known as Automated External Defibrillators (AED's). In keeping with our fundraising mission, our focus is on yet another type of AED...Awareness, Education & Detection.

**Awareness:** providing information about the warning signs of Sudden Cardiac Death (SCD) and providing equipment and funding the purchase of Automated External Defibrillators (AED's), for schools, gymnasiums and athletic fields.

**Education:** sponsoring CPR and AED training programs for teachers, coaches and students to provide essential lifesaving training.

**Detection:** crusading for comprehensive school physical examinations at a time in life when it becomes possible to detect previously unknown symptoms in order to prevent potential SCD's - potential early deaths from heart failure.

The Louis T. Savino, III Foundation is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a 501(c)(3) non-profit foundation.

**OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS THUS FAR:**
Since December, 2000 the Louis T. Savino, III Foundation has:

- Provided funding for nearly 50 Automated External Defibrillators to schools, camps and youth-based athletic organizations in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia, Georgia, Mississippi, Indiana, South Dakota & California.

- Provided funding for CPR & AED training programs having trained more than 200 coaches, school personnel & parents to save a life.

- Consistently monitored daily news searches across the country for the incidence in youth sudden cardiac death cases and AED saves. Maintain a comprehensive database that charts various trends for the purpose of understanding the population at greatest risk for sudden cardiac arrest. Data has been used for several independent studies in the absence of a national registry.

- Lobbied and testified in Harrisburg to support the passing of several bills related to the improvement of school physicals & the mandating of AED's in schools.

- Served in various capacities as advocates for keeping youth safe by making school and youth athletic group presentations, creating awareness around hidden heart defects and promoting heart-safe schools.

- Appeared on a number of news shows, documentary videos and newspaper features to promote the necessity of AED's where youth reside.

**GOOD SAMARITAN LAWS**
...are enacted in all 50 US States & the District of Columbia as a result of the Cardiac Arrest Survival Act. This act covers the use of AED's when assisting cardiac arrest victims.

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**OUR 15TH YEAR**
Louis Savino died of a congenital heart condition known as hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (HCM). HCM consists of a thickening of the heart muscle, which disrupts the main pumping chamber of the heart.

Congenital heart disease is the leading cause of non-traumatic sudden athletic death, with hypertrophic cardiomyopathy being the most common cause. There are hundreds of sudden cardiac deaths in kids ages 5-18 each year in gym class, on fields and on courts.

An Automated External Defibrillator (AED) is a device about the size of a laptop computer that analyzes the heart's rhythm for any abnormalities and, if necessary, directs the rescuer to deliver an electrical shock to the victim. This shock, called defibrillation, may help the heart to reestablish an effective rhythm of its own.

For each minute defibrillation is delayed, the chance of survival is reduced by 10 percent.

Early defibrillation is the link in the Chain of Survival.

Our Newest Board Member

The Savino Foundation is pleased to announce the appointment of a new Board of Director member, Janet Ostoyich, RN. Janet brings a wealth of knowledge that is closely aligned to the goals and mission of our organization.

Recently retired as a School Nurse from Council Rock School District, Janet has an extensive background in nursing and has championed CPR/AED efforts for many years. She's been a great advocate of our Foundation as it relates to keeping schools heart-safe and she previously spearheaded a “Sudden Cardiac Arrest in Youth” symposium and continuing medical education session sponsored by our foundation at St. Mary Medical Center. Our paths also crossed when she participated with us in a Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia Youth Heart Watch Video entitled, “Gone in a Heartbeat”.

We are honored that she accepted our invitation to join the Board. Among her activities, Janet will lead the AED funding review for all applicants. She will also assist in the enhancement of our CPR/AED training scope, identifying and reviewing relevant news stories to keep our website updated and following up with our funding recipients as it relates to their unit maintenance and training plans.

RECENT LEGISLATION RELATED TO AED's IN PENNSYLVANIA

The Savino Foundation supports and applauds the efforts of other Memorial Foundations with a similar mission to Save Lives with AED’s. These Foundations are formed by family members who are trying to avoid similar sudden cardiac death tragedies. We all work to make a difference. Every step gets us closer to our goal.

In June, 2014 we were joined by other Pennsylvania families and invited to a Bill Signing by Governor Tom Corbett for Aidan’s Law (in memory of Aidan Silva) that achieves the following for schools in the State of Pennsylvania:

1. It establishes a database as part of each school’s annual report to the state Department of Education. Each school must identify how many AED’s they have, where they are located, and their age. If schools do not include that information in their report, they do not receive state funding. Once that database is compiled we can see which schools we need to contact and offer partnership.

2. It establishes a program where AED manufacturers enter a bid process every two years and negotiate a discount price to which all schools, public and private, will have access. Schools will then be able to acquire AED’s at the state rate, and save money.

3. It allows for the possibility of state funding to further reduce the cost of AED’s for schools, which would have to be negotiated as part of the annual budget process each year.
1) Train a group of individuals who would be willing and able to help save a life. Make people aware.....educate First Responders as to the protocol for responding to a cardiac emergency. HAVE A DRILL AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR!

2) If people aren’t comfortable learning lifesaving techniques, make them aware of what they can do to help in the event of a cardiac emergency. Something as easy as meeting the EMT’s in a parking lot and guiding them to the scene can save time and possibly a life.

3) Be sure an AED is visible, properly marked and accessible at all times. An AED hidden behind a locked door will never safe a life.

4) Check the batteries and pads on the AED once a month and immediately notify authorities if units are not functioning.

5) DON’T WAIT...In case of a cardiac emergency, call 911 immediately, then begin CPR/AED usage.

**Preparation is Essential....**

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**Our Most Recent AED Donations**

- **Potential, Inc.**
  - The Springtime School
  - (Autism)
  - Newtown, PA

To-date, the Savino Foundation has funded more than $50,000 to schools, camps and athletic organizations for AED’s, lifesaving training & heart-safe awareness programs.

If you know of a school, youth organization, camp or student athletic program in need of an AED or Lifesaving Training, please have their representative contact the Savino Foundation at (215) 369-9696.
We are grateful to all of our awesome supporters. Thanks to our sponsors over the years, we have been able to donate AEDs and fund life-saving training for schools, camps, and youth athletic facilities across the country.

Special Thanks to our Sponsors Over the Years

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The Savino Foundation has also been the Recipient of monetary grants from the following organizations: American Trauma Society & Makefield Women’s Assn.

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