Dear Community Partner,

Did you know that cardiac arrest is the #1 killer on school campuses and the leading cause of death for student athletes? In fact, **1 in 300 students are at risk**. That's why the Petaluma Health Care District, Santa Rosa Junior College, VIA Heart Foundation, and the County of Sonoma are partnering up to bring a free youth and young adult cardiac screening event to Sonoma County this February!
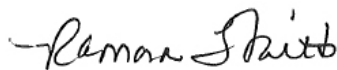
Participants ages 12-25 are invited to get a free, non-invasive EKG screening that can detect cardiac anomalies that do not show up on routine physical exams. Although this is the first event of its kind in our area, these screenings have been held across the USA and have saved hundreds – if not thousands – of young lives. While we are filled with pride to bring this important county-wide event to our community, we need your help!

We are asking our community to come together in support of this lifesaving event by donating what they can. Your donation will be instrumental in helping us prevent the loss of another child to cardiac arrest.

"Any parent who has lost a child to a preventable health issue knows the pain of wondering what could have been done before it was too late. If we can prevent even one family from going through that pain, then what we have done is worth it." – Liz Lazar-Johnson, Executive Director of Via Heart Project.

Donations are being accepted by check written to the Petaluma Health Care District with "Youth & Young Adult Screening Donation" in the memo line. Checks can be mailed or delivered to 1425 North McDowell Blvd. Suite 1058 Petaluma, CA 94954.

If you have any questions, please email Tami Bender at tamibender@phcd.org. Thank you in advance for your consideration and support.

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