

The History of SIMON'S Heart

Time does not heal everything; it does help you change the world.

2005

Simon was a seemingly healthy three month old boy. He did not wake up from his nap.



The pediatricians said "get your hearts checked because babies don't just die."

Phyllis (mom) is diagnosed with Long QT. It has been linked to 15% of SIDS deaths and is one of several conditions that cause student athletes to collapse and die.

2006

Simon's Fund will focus on adolescents and athletes. They face the greatest risk, and when they die, there can be a headline. First, we'll change the standard of care for older kids. Then, it'll be easier to do for the young ones.



Simon's Soiree is held on January 28, one year and four days after Simon's death. It raises over \$100,000.

2007



Our first heart screening is held at Colonial Elementary School. To date, 18,000+ students are screened and 128 find heart conditions.

2009

Simon's Day debuts at the Ambler Theater. It is a family event.



2012

Simon's Fund holds heart screening at the Final Four in Atlanta for high schools students. Division I male basketball players face the greatest risk of cardiac arrest.



We present twelve lawmakers in Harrisburg with the Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Act. It is signed into law on May 29, 2012, and has since been passed in thirteen other states.

2014

HeartBytes is launched. It is a digital registry that streamlines heart screenings and gives data to researchers, free of charge.



Simon's Fund is featured in People Magazine. It is named an Eagles Care Partner. Phyllis Sudman is named 2014 L'Oreal Women of Worth National Honoree.

Simon Says Run debuts to bring families together and raise money to prevent sudden cardiac arrest in kids



Simon Says Golf is held at Sunnybrook Country Club. WIP holds a live broadcast.

2015

Screen Across America launches to highlight organizations that provide youth heart screenings around the country.



The Chain of Survival Relay debuts at Simon Says Run. Its a race that teaches the steps of saving lives.

2016

The Philadelphia Flyers get behind the cause with the Sudden Death Shootout and The Overtime Challenge.



AED Madness launches with five Division I basketball programs. AED devices are donated to local youth facilities.

2017



GoAED launches as our answer to the shortage of AED devices in places where kids learn and play. The crowdfunding site has been used by people in 23 states.

2018

Simon's Fund becomes Simon's Heart. The name conveys more about the mission. It also reflects the reality that thirteen year olds outgrow things that used to fit when they were younger.



2019



The CPR Jukebox debuts at MusikFest. Kids choose their favorite 100 bpm song and practice compressions on a ball.