

Christina's Story

On Labor Day, 1992, Christina Jean Spizzirri was involved in a fatal car accident. The first people to arrive at the scene were police officers. Despite serious injuries, Christina's life could have been saved had they given prompt basic first aid. Carol J. Spizzirri, Christina's mom, later discovered that it is not a requirement for police, firefighters, 911 dispatchers, school teachers, coaches, and other public servants to be trained in life saving skills.



Carol wanted to prevent this tragedy from happening to someone else. Thus, she was able to have legislation sponsored in Illinois mandating police and firefighters to be trained in CPR and First Aid prior to graduation from their local academy. This legislation was signed and passed into law by Illinois Governor Jim Edgar in January, 1995.

Carol also convinced U.S. Congressman R. Durbin (D-IL) to sponsor a federal appropriations bill, which was also passed that

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month and was signed by President Clinton. This has now appropriated funds for First Aid and CPR training for all police and emergency personnel nationwide.

MISSION:

- **To Promote:** The training and continuing education of Life Supporting First Aid (LSFA) skills.
- **To Promote:** Consistency, uniformity, and safety in the application of LSFA which includes cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), rescue breathing, bleeding control, the Heimlich Maneuver and early heart attack care (EHAC).
- **To Assure:** Current and professional procedures, programs and materials are accessible to all.
- **To Promote:** The knowledge and expansion of "Good Samaritan" laws to protect the rights of individuals who perform LSFA.
- **To Promote:** The moral, ethical, and compassionate duty to act in another's behalf.

FACT:

- Teachers, police officers, coaches and other public servants are not required to know First Aid and CPR and are not required to use it.
- Police officers are often the first people on the scene of an accident and usually arrive within 5 minutes.
- Paramedics need the bystander and first responder to provide basic life support until they arrive. It can take up to 60 minutes for paramedics to arrive at an emergency.
- The National Safety Council states that annually 140,000 Americans die from accidental injuries and 1 out of 4 Americans suffer a non-fatal injury.
- 8,300 children ages 5 to 17 die annually as the result of accidents. Fifty percent of all lives could be saved if first aid and CPR were promptly applied.

Saving Lives By Promoting CPR And First Aid Training

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We are all touched by accidents – be it our children, parents, husband, wife or other loved ones.
DO YOU KNOW WHAT TO EXPECT IF YOU ARE CONFRONTED WITH AN EMERGENCY?

Carol J. Spizzirri, founder of Save A Life Foundation, Inc., asks that you join her crusade to require all public servants to be trained (with periodical retraining) in basic life supporting first aid.

"By acting promptly in an emergency, we can prevent 50 percent of all fatalities," Carol pleads. "Even if a life cannot be saved, supporting the victim's organs with prompt CPR can benefit people needing an organ transplant, thus affording the chance for another life to be saved."

Everyone deserves the right to be helped in an emergency situation.

Did You Know...

...That school nurses have been eliminated in most schools throughout our country, leaving our children medically unsupervised? That teachers, coaches and other school personnel are the first responders in an emergency. They need to be trained in basic life supporting skills and how to access help in a life-threatening situation. Many School Administrators refuse to acknowledge this need. We ask you to help.

“If a disease were killing our children in the proportions that accidents are, people would be outraged and demand that this killer be stopped.”

– Dr. C. Everett Koop

Good Samaritan Laws cover all who administer aid in one's behalf, as long as there is no fee for their service.

By Joining Save A Life Foundation, You Will

- Voice your demand for public servants to be trained to assist in a life-threatening emergency, through legislation at the local, state, and federal levels.
- Keep up-to-date with federal, state and local emergency health care issues, and views from renowned emergency professionals.
- Receive the quarterly SALF Examiner, our informational newsletter.
- Receive a membership card that includes a pocket CPR visual aid.
- Receive information about the most current LSFA/CPR training available and where to receive it.

Ask More About...

- Save A Life for Kids
- Save A Life Week
- BYSTANDER BASICSSM
- Forming a Save A Life Chapter
- Instructor Opportunities

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