

## **Live CPR Training, Survivor Stories Among Highlights of CPR Saves Lives Rally**

*Join the celebration in Riverfront Park at the Town and Country Resort as part of Citizen CPR Foundation's Cardiac Arrest Survival Summit*

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The Citizen CPR Foundation's Cardiac Arrest Survival Summit is gathering the largest array of lifesaving professionals and sudden cardiac arrest survivors together in one place to celebrate the CPR Saves Lives Rally, sponsored by Falck, with Rady Children's and Tri-City Medical Center, happening on Thursday, December 9, in San Diego.

During the rally, to be held from 4:45 to 6:30 p.m. in Riverfront Park at the Town and Country Resort, celebrate the lives of frontline medical professionals and sudden cardiac arrest survivors. Hear from Michael Simonsen, Chief of Staff for San Diego City Councilmember Raul Campillo; Co-Medical Directors Joelle Donofrio, MD; and Chris Kahn, MD; Citizen CPR Foundation leaders; and survivors of sudden cardiac arrest.

Rally attendees will learn hands-only CPR training led by students from Our Lady of Peace Academy, while also connecting with local advocacy groups like American Heart Association, American Red Cross, Save A Life, Parent Heart Watch, Project Heartbeat and the San Diego Lifeguards. Local band, Fairfield Fats Band, will also be performing live—at 110 beats per minute, of course.

For the first time in over 30 years, this year's Cardiac Arrest Survival Summit features a survivor-focused plenary session: [The Unspoken Realities of Sudden Cardiac Arrest Survival: A Roundtable Discussion](#). This session will be included in a learning track created specifically for sudden cardiac arrest survivors: Community Strategies & Survivorship: Engagement, Awareness & Support.

Celebrate the frontline medical professionals and survivors of sudden cardiac arrest at the Cardiac Arrest Survival Summit. The CPR Saves Lives Rally is a free event and open to the public from 4:45 to 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 9, in Riverfront Park at Town and Country Resort in San Diego.

*\*\*In case of inclement weather, rally will be held indoors at Town and Country Hotel & Resort Foyer.\*\**

### **About the Citizen CPR Foundation**

Founded in 1987, the mission of the [Citizen CPR Foundation](#) is to save lives from sudden cardiac arrest by stimulating effective community, professional and citizen action. The non-profit

foundation is supported by donations, including the generous funding of the Citizen CPR Foundation's Partner Council, each member of which helps to advance the foundation's life-saving mission through strategic collaborations, initiatives and outreach. The Partner Council includes AED Superstore, the American Heart Association, the American Red Cross, Brayden by Innosonian Inc., Defibtech, Laerdal Medical, MD Solutions International, NASCO Healthcare, Philips, PRESTAN Products, WorldPoint and ZOLL. Every two years, the Citizen CPR Foundation holds its international Cardiac Arrest Survival Summit, formerly the Emergency Cardiovascular Care Update (ECCU), which features the latest information and trends in cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

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