

Sparkling Angel Charities - The Kelly Weaver Memorial Fund

The Kelly Weaver Memorial Fund was founded in September 2001 as a memorial to Kelly Weaver who died suddenly at the age of 21 from an undiagnosed heart condition called Long QT Syndrome. Kelly held a strong compassion to help children with special challenges in their lives. Our goal is to perpetuate Kelly's philanthropy through partnering with existing community-based organizations and creating new identification programs to provide valuable research based services to target populations.



Kelly and Katie Weaver

To those who had the chance to know her, Kelly had a sparkling personality that drew people to her because of her boundless warmth and joy for life. Sparkling Angel Charities is more than a tribute to Kelly, it is an opportunity to continue her spirit of service to others.

Our Mission...Our Work

Sparkling Angel Charities endeavors to promote healthy hearts through community outreach education and identification programs for Long QT Syndrome, targeting the high school population.



Henry and Katie Weaver, father and sister of Kelly, living with Long QT Syndrome

The purpose of screening activities among these young people is to produce data to be used in studies to further research into this little known malady.

Our Board of Directors, in cooperation with our

Physician Advisory Board and the local medical community, has begun an education program about the dangers that heart irregularities pose to children. Sparkling Angel Charities provides an ongoing program of EKG screenings for young people.

Hopefully, the collection of research data from these screenings will lead to early detection of heart irregularities such as Long QT Syndrome, which alone is responsible for thousands of deaths per year among otherwise healthy young people.

The education program and ECC/EKG screening tests are provided at no cost to our target population. The test can quickly identify kids at risk for a host of potentially deadly heart problems.

Some LQTS Facts:

- 2,000-3,000 people die each year from LQTS
- As many as 60,000 are undiagnosed
- LQTS is often overlooked or misdiagnosed
- A EKG is an effective tool leading to the diagnosis of LQTS
- Treatment for LQTS is highly effective

Who should be screened for LQTS?

- Anyone who experiences loss of consciousness during or immediately following exercise, emotional distress or when startled, particularly when events reoccur
- Anyone under the age of 40 with a family history of unexplained sudden death in otherwise healthy individuals
- Anyone with a family member diagnosed with LQTS

Community Outreach

In addition to promoting Long QT awareness, Sparkling Angel Charities donates a portion of its annual fundraising income to charities dedicated to improving the lives of young people through vocational, medical and social enrichment programs.



Kelly and a friend of the Providence Speech & Hearing Center, a beneficiary of Sparkling Angel Charities

Visit the Sparkling Angel Website

Get an in-depth view of our purpose and program at www.SparklingAngel.org. Read about our past achievements, our future plans and how you can support our work to provide early detection services to young people with hidden heart problems.

How to Help

I want to help carry on Kelly's energy through awareness programs focusing on the identification of and research into Long QT Syndrome in high school age populations.

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