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Dear Ms. Kinyo and Tomball Regional Health Foundation,

Thank you so much for your grant to Tomball Independent School District for \$47,569.94. Your generous support allowed us to purchase equipment that helps identify the health needs of our students and enables us to assist our students and community in emergency situations.

We were able to purchase ten new audiometers to replace audiometers that were over 15-20 years old. The new audiometers allow the nurses to screen for any auditory issues of students. Early identification will lead to early intervention and an improved learning environment. We also purchased three vision screeners. These vision screeners allow us to measure the visual acuity of students that we are unable to screen in a traditional way due to their age, developmental, or cognitive abilities. The audiometers also help identify early visual conditions such as strabismus that traditional screening would not detect. The earlier these conditions are identified- the sooner treatment can be started resulting in improved lifelong outcomes for students. Twenty five percent of those screened with the vision screener were identified for further examination by an optometrist/ophthalmologist. The feedback the nurses received from the parents that received a referral was overwhelmingly positive.

Finally, we purchased ten additional automated external defibrillators (AEDs) and two emergency evacuation chairs. It could not have come at a better time. Last fall at one of our high school football games, we had a spectator get injured in the stands. The evacuation chair assisted EMS in transporting the spectator from the stands to the gurney. But the most significant event occurred early this spring at one of our high school track meets. We had a spectator collapse in the stands. Bystanders initiated CPR and called for help. One of the high school trainers grabbed the AED while the others continued CPR. The AED was attached, and the trainers followed the prompts from the AED. Shortly after, the spectator regained consciousness; EMS arrived and transported him to the hospital. Information downloaded from the AED indicated that the AED had a significant impact on the victim's positive outcome. Research has shown that early defibrillation saves lives and supports improved outcomes, and this particular event has proven this to be true.

The grant you bestowed on us not only benefits the students in Tomball ISD, but also positively impacts our entire community. We are truly grateful for your support and service to our school district and the entire Tomball community.

Sincerely,

Cathy Pool
Director—Health Services

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