

Turner, Murphy honored at Brown County Gala

AED's touted by rescuers

Staff report

Proceeds from the Heart of Brown County Gala will go to the Foundation's Annual Giving Campaign for the Scholarship Drive. The Gala was held Saturday at Eagle's Hall in Georgetown.

The Foundation provides scholarships to a graduate from each of the five school systems in Brown County for those pursuing a degree or certification in the health care field.

Last year's Annual Giving Campaign funded AED's, Automated External Defibrillators, that have been placed in every law enforcement patrol car in the county. That included village police departments, the Brown County Sheriff's Department, and the Ohio Highway Patrol.

The reason they were placed in these vehicles is to fill a great need.

In such cases, if the emergency includes a cardiac arrest, police now are equipped to address the need and begin treatment in preparation for the life squad's arrival.

Such a situation has already occurred four times and there have been four persons who have been shocked back to life.

The first incident in Brown County involved police officers. Bill Paul, vice chair of the board of trustees of the Brown County General Hospital Foundation recognized Patrolman Kevin Osborne



Thomas Turner, right, receives the Heart of Brown County Award from John Cropper, center, chair of the BCGH Foundation board of trustees and Carl Beck, left, president of the BCGH Foundation.

and Sgt. Cyrus Baker, of the Georgetown Police Department.

Paul said, working as a team, the patrolmen used their AED on Jan. 25 of 2003, bringing back to life a person whose heart was in defibrillation, enabling the person to be transported to the emergency room of Brown County General Hospital and admitted to the hospital for treatment.

Alta Beasley, Secretary of the Brown County General Hospital Foundation's board of trustees, and Paul introduced Chief Daniel Williams, from the Lake Waynoka

Security Department. Chief Williams used his AED to revive two persons. The first incident was in November and the second was in December.

Darrin Schneider, treasurer of the Brown County General Hospital Foundation's board of trustees introduced Patrolman Todd Waits, Candy Jandes and Estel Gene Newberry.

The three used the AED at the Georgetown Post Office. The AED was in Todd Wait's patrol car. Candy Jandes, a nurse at BCGH, and Estel Gene Newberry, a volun-

teer fireman who has received CPR and AED training, were doing CPR on the victim when Waits arrived with the AED. Candy hooked it up and Estel pushed the button. It was truly a team effort.

The victim who received the life giving shock that day was also named Estel Newberry, the father of Estel Gene Newberry who administered the shock.

Tom Turner received the Heart of Brown County Award. Turner was born in Olive Branch, Tenn., on June 22, 1915. He is from a family of 13 children.

He was drafted into the Army and spent five years at F. Huachuaca, Ariz. While there, he played baseball on the Army's team which won the tournament in California.

After returning to the U. S. he went to Chicago to play for the Chicago American Giants in the Negro League in 1947. Thomas played extensively throughout the south. He left the American Giants because of a reduction in pay and returned to Cincinnati where he worked at Shillito's Department Store and General Electric Aeronautical Plant.

Thomas taught and coached softball, basketball, tennis and many other sports, both in Seattle, Wash., and locally. In 1982 and volunteered at his church, conducting exercise classes for senior citizens.

The Turners moved to Georgetown in 1984 and Thomas conducted exercise classes at the Senior Citizen Center here. He quickly became involved in other volunteer activities at the Villa

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