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Skaggs Foundation  
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Skaggs Legacy Endowment Grant Committee,

I am writing this letter to inform you of the current impact that the CPR/AED/First Aid Ready Grant that I received from the Skaggs Legacy Foundation is having on our community. I requested these funds to purchase supplies, equipment, and training to be able to certify staff and students of our school district along with community members in American Heart Association Heartsaver CPR/AED/First Aid. We are a rural community with delayed access from first responders and other emergency medical services making this a crucial need for our citizens.

I would first like to mention that this took a completely different route than I had anticipated. I received the grant award in November of 2017. I immediately began making orders to purchase supplies and equipment and looking at schedules to train in CPR and Basic Life Support Instruction. I was easily able to schedule and complete the CPR class in February. The instructor class, however, was not being offered anywhere in the area. As I worked through all possible avenues trying to find training, I became even more aware of the fact that this lifesaving technique is not only unavailable in our rural area but was not readily available in the whole southwest region of the state. I then realized that much more the importance of becoming an instructor and offering those classes.

I did finally get my instructor training in October and will teach my first class on November 29<sup>th</sup>. That will be an observed class to complete my training and I will then be able to offer classes as needed. I have six people signed up for the first class, my current limit, and others on a waiting list to sign up for future classes.

I am very thankful that I selected this health-related need to address in my community. Little did I know that with the help of the Skaggs Legacy Endowment Grant, the impact can reach the entire southwestern region.

Thank you again for making this grant opportunity available and improving lives in our community.

Sincerely,

Lisa Taylor  
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