

Ledgeview family teaches life-saving skills after scare with young daughter

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DE PERE, Wis. (WBAY) – After a close call with their young daughter, a Ledgeview family is doing everything it can to make sure people in our community know how to do CPR and how to operate an automatic external defibrillator, or AED.

It all began about four years ago, when then 3-year-old Morgan Frain and her family went to Lambeau Field to play in the atrium. As they were about to leave, Morgan collapsed.

“We weren’t quite sure what had happened,” said Susan Frain, Morgan’s mother, “if she was just mad that we were leaving and throwing a 3-year-old tantrum or if it was something worse.”

Morgan’s parents started CPR as big sister Hannah ran for help. The Green Bay Packers brought the family an AED, which shocked Morgan.

“Within moments, she was screaming,” Susan Frain said. “She turned pink again, and all was good from there.”

Later in the hospital, doctors discovered Morgan had a rare genetic heart disorder. She underwent surgery to receive a pace maker. Now 7 years old, Morgan credits the AED for saving her life.

“If it weren’t for the AED, I’d be up there,” Morgan Frain said as she pointed up. “I wouldn’t be talking to you if it weren’t for the AED.”

The year after Morgan’s survival, her family started a foundation to help raise funds for AED’s, as well as CPR and AED training in local schools. They call the fundraisers “The Frozen Winter Carnival.”

Teachers and staff at Notre Dame elementary and middle schools learned the training on Thursday. This way, they will be prepared if a child, parent or teacher suddenly falls over from cardiac arrest.

“Our role is to really build awareness about the importance of CPR and AED’s in schools but really put that training into action,” said Alli Thompson, Project Adam administrator. “We really just want people to have the skills: to know how to use the AED and how to start CPR.”

“The Frozen Winter Carnivals” are held annually. The next one is in February.
