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Best in State for the 2009 Star of Life award**

Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2009 6pm: Reception, 7 pm: Dinner, 7:30pm: Awards presentation
Location: Sheraton Nashville Downtown Hotel, 623 Union Street, Nashville, TN 37219

Nashville, TN---In 2008, ambulance services in Tennessee responded to over one million 911 calls. The first annual EMS Star of Life Awards Dinner & Ceremony honored the dedication of those who provide day-to-day lifesaving services on the medical “front line” in Tennessee. The ceremony presented actual patient scenarios and reunited the EMS caregivers with the individuals they treated from the eight EMS regions across the state.

Region 5 Award Winners - Goodlettsville Fire Department & Nashville Fire Department
Phillip Gibson, Fire Chief EMT
Rusty Tinnin, FF/EMT
Johnny Roberson, FF/EMT
Chris Hood, FF/EMT
Morgan Vero, RN/EMT-IV
Randy Tomlinson, FF/EMT
Scott Clinard, EMT-P
Bud Crawford, EMT
Charlie Bamman, EMT-P
Michelle Ingram, RN, CEN, CFRN, EMT-IV Vanderbilt Life Flight
Chris Rediker, BSN, RN, CEN, EMT Vanderbilt Life Flight
Randy Hughes, EMT-P
Brian Crabtree, EMD
Rhonda Shedd, EMD
Jackie Vincent, EMD
Mary Munroe, Director Mother’s Day Out Daycare Center
Stephen Ramsey, Pastor

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It seemed like a normal spring day in May of 2008 at the Mother's Day Out Daycare Center at Hillview Baptist Church located in Goodlettsville, when all of a sudden one of the children was discovered to be missing. Twenty-two-month-old Erik Jackson was found minutes later by the church's pastor at the bottom of an abandoned septic tank nearly 50 yards from the swing where Erik had been playing. Rev. Stephen Ramsey immediately pulled little Erik out by grabbing his feet and lifting him from the six foot deep hole that had about three feet of water in the bottom. Erik was completely unresponsive, so CPR was begun immediately by the child care program director, Mary Monroe, while another childcare worker called 911.

Nashville Fire Department's Paramedic Unit 41, Goodlettsville's Fire Department Chief and Pumper crew were dispatched and on the scene in only four minutes. The fire department first responders included Fire Chief Phillip Gibson, EMT; Rusty Tinnon, FF/EMT; Johnny Robertson, FF/EMT; Chris Hood, FF/EMT; Morgan Vero, FF/EMT; and Randy Tomlinson, FF/EMT. The ambulance crew was comprised of Paramedics Scott Clinard and Charlie Bamman plus EMT Bud Crawford. These providers arrived to find CPR being given to a pulseless, breathless toddler. They immediately initiated cardiac arrest ALS protocols and made the life-saving decision to transport immediately to Skyline Medical Center. The Emergency Department staff continued CPR and ALS protocols for nearly 90 minutes before finally detecting a pulse. They then prepared Erik for further transport with the LifeFlight aeromedical team of Michelle Ingram and Chris Rediker to Monroe Carrell, Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt.

It is obvious, due to the recovery of little Erik, that the coordinated effort of everyone on the team was involved. It was this total team effort, civilians, Firefighters, EMTs and the never give up attitude of the hospital ED staff, aero medical team and highly skilled intensive care, that made this run to not only stand out from the others, but more importantly to end with a miraculous recovery of a precious two year old child. Because these reasons, Region 5 has been selected as overall state winner of the Star of Life award for 2009.

The EMS Star of Life is sponsored by HCA/TriStar, Methodist Healthcare/Methodist University Hospital, Air Evac Lifeteam, Erlanger Health System/T. C. Thompson Children's Hospital, AAA Clubs of Tennessee, Le Bonheur Children's Medical Center, Tennessee EMS Education Association, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Adams and Reese LLP, East Tennessee Children's Hospital, TeamHealth Midsouth, and Tennessee College of Emergency Physicians.

The mission of Tennessee Emergency Medical Services for Children Foundation, the host of the EMS Star of Life, is to reduce child and youth disability and death due to severe illness and injury.

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