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## **SIMON'S FUND TO HOLD FREE HEART SCREENINGS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 10-19 ON MARCH 15 AT CENTRAL BUCKS WEST HIGH SCHOOL**

Philadelphia, PA - [Simon's Fund](http://www.simonsfund.org), a non-profit dedicated to raising awareness about the conditions that lead to sudden cardiac arrest and death in children and student athletes is holding a free heart screening at Central Bucks West High School located at 375 W Court Street in Doylestown on Saturday, March 15. This is the second heart screening offered in the Central Bucks school district. In October 2013, three hundred students attended the screening at Central Bucks South held on the same day as the Sweet Caroline 5K, in memory of fellow student Caroline Gallagher who passed away from sudden cardiac arrest.

Children and young adults between the ages of 10-19 may register for the screening on our website, [www.simonsfund.org](http://www.simonsfund.org). At the screenings, participants will receive a physical exam, a thorough medical history and an ECG exam. Heart screenings are reserved for students that have not been diagnosed with a heart condition or treated by a cardiologist.

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, 2,000 die every year from sudden cardiac arrest. It is the No. 1 cause of death of student athletes. "There is a lot of discussion about sudden cardiac arrest and adults," says Darren Sudman, Co-Founder and Executive Director of Simon's Fund. "However, it isn't just an adult thing. It is taking the lives of our children and the conditions that lead to sudden cardiac arrest are detectable and treatable with this simple and free screening."

### **About Simon's Fund**

Simon's Fund was instrumental in the passage of the first legislation in the country to protect student athletes from sudden cardiac arrest, Pennsylvania's Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Act. Illinois just became the second state to pass the law, and six other states have introduced similar legislation. Since 2005, Simon's Fund has screened more than 6,000 children's hearts for conditions, which cause sudden cardiac arrest, detecting conditions in one percent of those children screened. For more information, visit [www.simonsfund.org](http://www.simonsfund.org).

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