David Brooks tragically died at the age of twelve due to an undetected heart defect. When his parents learned their son could have been saved with access to an Automated External Defibrillator (AED), they set up a fund at The Denver Foundation to donate AEDs to local schools. After meeting with initial resistance from schools to accept the donations, the family successfully worked to change legislation. In 2005, Colorado Governor Bill Owens passed "David's Law," requiring all local schools to accept donated AEDs.

With the help of contributions from the Foundation and other supporters, these life-saving devices have been placed in more than five schools throughout Colorado. It is just a step toward the goal of reaching all 1,500 schools in Colorado—but if it saves the life of just one child, the effort will be more than worthwhile.