



## Pamela Foster, RN

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**President and CEO of AED Institute of America**  
**Founder of Kids4CPR**

**Pamela Foster** is a registered nurse who worked most of her career caring for patients in the emergency department. After 20 years of working in the hospital, Pam took this knowledge and expertise to the community level with a desire to make a difference. Her hope to educate the community and promote early bystander CPR and the use of automated external defibrillators (AED) in the public setting was the foundation of her company, AED Institute of America. Since 2004, AED Institute has implemented thousands of Public Access Defibrillation Programs and saved 100s of lives through teaching emergency response in the community. AED Institute is one of our nation's largest distributors of AEDs and lifesaving equipment.

In September 2006, Pam resigned from the emergency department and agreed to implement one of our country's most complex AED Programs, the State of Hawaii-Department of Transportation Airports Division AED Program. The AED Program expands to thirteen airports on six islands and offers free training to any airport user. *Operation Stay'N Alive* has one of the highest cardiac arrest survival rates in the country and has won both state and national awards for the success of the program.

In 2010, Pam turned her attention to teaching CPR to a new group of students: 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Hawaii Heart Foundation (HHF) is a 501©3 non-profit organization with a mission to improve the survival rate of Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) victims in Hawaii. HHF's leading program, *Kids4CPR*, has the goal to offer free CPR training to all students, teachers, parents, staff, and anyone wanting to know the lifesaving skill. To date, the foundation has trained for over 200,000 elementary school students at no cost to the schools. Pam knows "The children are our future, and they will turn the survival rates upside down."