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Hot Springs Heart Ball Postponed

Volunteers and staff of the American Heart Association in Central Arkansas are deeply saddened by the unexpected deaths of Edward Cooper, Mary Catherine “Catie” Cooper, Elizabeth Cooper, and Martin Draper. Catie was a 2010 Hot Springs Heart Ball Sweetheart and a devoted and much-loved volunteer of AHA. Due to the devastating loss and the impact to the community, the American Heart Association has decided to postpone the 2010 “Heart of Rock & Roll” Hot Springs Heart Ball that was originally scheduled for February 13. The event will take place on March 19, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in Horner Hall. The staff and volunteers of the American Heart Association would like to express our deepest condolences to their families.

“The impact that Catie made on the American Heart Association’s Hot Springs Sweetheart program was profound. Her servant spirit and leadership was invaluable. Doctors Cooper and Draper were invaluable members of the community and we will feel the impact of their absence,” said Blair Hannon, Corporate Market Director, American Heart Association. “Edward and Martin were so highly regarded by everyone they came into contact with. The American Heart Association as well as the entire Hot Springs community will miss them tremendously,” said Kathryn Russell, Hot Springs Heart Ball Sweetheart Chair.

For more information on the 2010 Heart Ball, contact Blair Hannon at 501-321-6199 or visit www.americanheart.org/hotspringsarheartball.

About the American Heart Association

Founded in 1924, we’re the nation’s oldest and largest voluntary health organization dedicated to building healthier lives, free of heart disease and stroke. To help prevent, treat and defeat these diseases — America’s No. 1 and No. 3 killers — we fund cutting-edge research, conduct lifesaving public and professional educational programs, and advocate to protect public health. To learn more or join us in helping all Americans, call 1-800-AHA-USA1 or visit americanheart.org.

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