

A REAL LIFESAVER



NOTE AND FLOAT LIFE JACKET FUND

by Stephanie Mills



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Rachel Griffiths grew up in the aquatics industry: swimming, competitive diving and teaching swim lessons — all stemming from the career of her father, Dr. Tom Griffiths.

Now the primary author of the *Complete Swimming Pool Reference, Third Edition*, Griffiths also is active on other fronts. She's communication director at the Aquatic Safety Research Group and president/founder of the Note & Float Life Jacket Fund, which gives facilities life jackets to strap on their non-swimmers.

The ASRG started the Note & Float Campaign in 2008 to prevent

drowning, but the cost of the needed life jackets kept facilities from joining.

"I thought it would be a good idea to bridge that gap," Griffiths says. "We donate life jackets to swimming pools that want to adopt the Note & Float program, but don't have the funds or budgeting to do so."

During 2014, the fund's first year, three facilities — in Phoenix; East Lansing, Mich.; and Amarillo, Texas — were outfitted with life jackets through sponsorships and donations.

Soon, she'll be Dr. Griffiths. She's pursuing her doctorate in public health.