Call for Participation:
Workshops, Panels, Conversational Sessions, and Performances

Dates: October 23rd through the 27th
Where: River’s Edge Convention and Civic Center in St. Cloud, Minnesota.

Conference and Festival Description:
The Survive and Thrive Conference and Festival is a combination of:

- Medical Humanities and restorative therapies such as Narrative Medicine
- Emergency Medical Services
- Medical and wellness conference with research and best practices updates

The program includes academic presentations for Medical, Art, Music, Writing, Theater, Film, and workshops in Medical Humanities, CPR, and EMS. All topics and presentations start with the heart. Associated topics are also welcome, including Post Trauma and recovery from illness and injury that are similar to those of heart trauma. The focus on the heart is physical, emotional, spiritual, and social. Accordingly, any presentation, performance, discussion, or paper related to those aspects and their relationships is welcomed. At this time, we have featured speakers that include the Directors of the Medical Humanities Programs at Iowa, Cornell, and Stanford as well as leaders in the field of medical technology and Emergency Medical Services.

Submissions:
Please submit either individual talks or panels. Abstracts (up to 250 words) describing your presentation and purpose can be submitted on our Web Site: https://www.survivethrive.net/.

Example Topic Areas for presentations, workshops, and performances:
- Medical Humanities
- Narrative Medicine
- Art Therapy
- Music Therapy
- Performance Therapy
- Survivor Stories
Context:
The primary focus of the event is on the survivors, caregivers, families, and those who were lost to Sudden Cardiac Arrest and their families. Between 300 and 350 thousand people die of SCA every year in the United States. Yet, awareness of SCA and the actions we can take to increase the odds of survival and enable the survivors to thrive are not common topics. Thus, the conference is dedicated to understanding and responding to SCA, including post incident recovery for those who survive.

The idea of a conference blended with a festival:
Survive and Thrive is an event rather than simply a conference. The academic, scientific, and artistic are all needed to understand the heart and healing in general. Thus, the conference is dedicated to blending and integrating the scientific and aesthetic experiences. The conference and festival will feature many events that demonstrate this integration. A play, concerts, poetry readings, and art displays will be featured along with scientific demonstrations, CPR instruction, and best practices of EMS.

We have worked to keep registration affordable – especially for students. The Conference fee will be $125 for faculty and the public and $25 for students. Details of the conference are posted regularly on our Facebook page.