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**Brown & Toland raises \$45,000 for American Heart Association**

**SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. (Sept. 19, 2008)** Brown & Toland Physicians raised nearly \$45,000 for the American Heart Association's Start! Heart Walk on Sept. 19. The company donated the sixth greatest amount out of 64 companies participating in this year's event.

"The American Heart Association is a fantastic organization with an unparalleled dedication to cardiac research and education that helps save thousands of lives a year," said Brown & Toland CEO Gloria Austin. "We are proud to support the cause."

Brown & Toland has been involved with the association's Heart Walk since 2004. In 2006, employees began raising money for the Heart Walk and last year topped the \$50,000 mark, the fifth highest amount among participating corporations in San Francisco. Through all efforts combined over the last four years, Brown & Toland has donated nearly \$150,000 to the association to help combat cardiac disease.

This year's walk covered three miles, from Justin Herman Plaza in downtown San Francisco to PIER 39 and back again. The event emphasizes the importance of walking as a heart healthy exercise while raising funds to help fight heart disease and stroke.

Overall, the event raised more than \$1 million.

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Brown & Toland Physicians has 1,500 doctors caring for close to 160,000 HMO and approximately 130,000 PPO patients. Brown & Toland receives numerous awards for its medical excellence and preventative health care services. For more about Brown & Toland, visit

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