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## **Brown & Toland Employees Raise Nearly \$30,000 for American Heart Association**

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (October 5, 2006) — On September 15, employees from various departments within Brown & Toland Medical Group celebrated the company's commitment to health, and descended upon Justin Herman Plaza in San Francisco to walk in support of research and education around heart disease.

More than 90 Brown & Toland employees walked in the event, raising nearly \$30,000 total. The organization's total contributions ranked sixth among Bay Area companies.

The American Heart Association's annual Heart Walk raises more than \$1 million nationwide to fund research and educational programs to help reduce risk, disability, and death from the nation's number one and number three killers, heart disease and stroke.

"We were very proud of our efforts, considering the size of our organization and the short fundraising window we had," said John Fisher, Brown & Toland Marketing Manager. "We kicked off our drive on August 15, and were able to raise \$30,000 in a month's time."

"It was a great day for Brown & Toland," added Fisher. "We were proud to be part of the San Francisco community, raising awareness and making an impact."

With its own comprehensive disease management program for congestive heart failure, Brown & Toland strives to help members manage their health and avoid lengthy illness and hospitalization.

### **About Brown & Toland Medical Group**

Brown & Toland Medical Group, based in San Francisco, Calif., has more than 1,500 physicians serving more than 200,000 patients. Brown & Toland is a three-time winner of the prestigious Pacific Business Group on Health (PBGH) Blue Ribbon Award for medical excellence and has earned numerous other awards for quality. For more information, visit our Web site at [www.browndandtoland.com](http://www.browndandtoland.com).