

Grifols joins the Cause for Hemophilia Awareness

Connecting Employees to Patients.

This year Grifols was one of the national sponsors of the National Hemophilia Foundation's 2008 national walk initiative.

The Walks organized by the National Hemophilia Foundation (NHF), made their debut at five inaugural sites: Cleveland/Akron (OH) area; Houston (TX); New York City (NY); Phoenix (AZ); and the Raleigh/Durham (NC) area. The five walks, with around 2600 participants, raised over \$1 million from national sponsors, local supporters and individual donors.

As part of its sponsorship, Grifols had a noticeable presence at each of the Walks. Not only was the Grifols Bioscience Sales Division present at each of the Walks, but caps and visors were distributed with the Grifols logo to all of the walkers. Many of the walkers wore the visors through all of the Walk's activities. Grifols was also featured on official Walk t-shirts, promotional

materials, and an information table at each of the walks.

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Grifols employees went the extra mile by forming teams at all five of the walk sites and raising additional funds. Grifols Biomat donor center employees and their families that participated at the September 6, 2008, Houston Hemophilia Walk particularly stand out as Grifols most successful team. The Grifols Biomat team was both the largest Grifols team and the largest team overall that participated in the Houston Walk with over 50 walkers and raised the single largest team donation.

One of Grifols employees, Teresa York, shared with us her story of her little girl's determination to raise money to help those who face a daily struggle of living with hemophilia:

When the call went out for me and my fellow employees to rally together to help raise funds for the Houston Hemophilia Walk 2008, I felt that this would be a great opportunity to involve my family. As I sat with my children and told them about the Walk and hemophilia, they immediately showed great interest in participating. The next morning my nine year old daughter, Karli, came downstairs with a bag full of her toys and informed me of her plans to help raise money for the walk. Karli explained to me that she knows that she has been blessed in life and wants to help children that are living with hemophilia. She was going to help by holding a garage sale and sell her out-grown clothes, toys and stuffed animals. Her two brothers helped out too and together, they collected their own items and items donated by neighbors for their garage sale. After a lot of hard work the children raised approximately \$300.00!

On September 6th my family and I joined my Grifols Biomat family and we walked to make a difference. The ones that made a difference to me most that day were my children; they showed me that we can all make a difference in someone's life, one step at a time.

