

# Vanderbilt cardiology team sets the rhythm of heart walk with youTube video

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(PhysOrg.com) -- Keeping the beat has new meaning for Vanderbilt cardiologist, Mark Glazer, M.D., who, along with colleagues from the Vanderbilt Heart and Vascular Institute, has produced a music video to promote the American Heart Association's Heart Walk, scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 2.

The video, which can be viewed on the Vanderbilt Heart Beats page at youtube.com, was filmed on Music Row and features Glazer and colleagues, Margaret Morrison, Kat Embree, Anne Koetz, Scott Guyton and Christa Lafontaine singing “Walk for Me” to the tune of Ben E. King’s “Stand by Me.”

“I’ve always enjoyed singing, and thought the video would be a fun way to promote Heart Walk to a wide audience,” Glazer said. “The Heart Walk is an extremely important fundraiser for Vanderbilt’s research efforts as we continue to study ways to improve the heart health of Tennesseans, who have one of the highest rates of heart disease in the country.”

The Heart Walk will take place Saturday, Oct. 2, at 8 a.m. on Vanderbilt’s campus. VUMC's goal is \$330,000 toward Nashville's target of \$1.35 million.

“Vanderbilt plays an important role in the success of the Heart Walk,” said Kelley Tune, AHA vice-president of the Heart Walk. “We are looking forward to a strong showing from them again this year.”

Funds raised by the Heart Walk return to Vanderbilt by way of research dollars. Vanderbilt has \$5.6 million in active grants from the AHA, which is known for supporting research of junior investigators. Since 1972, the American Heart Association has awarded more than \$37 million in research grants to Vanderbilt. About 20 percent of the 2009 research grant funding from the Greater Southeast Affiliate is awarded to Vanderbilt.

In the 2009 grant cycle, 15 additional grant applications from Vanderbilt representing \$1,876,850 were deemed meritorious but were not awarded due to a critical gap in funding.

“We need everyone to help the AHA raise money to help fill that gap,” said Doug Sawyer, M.D., Ph.D., chief of the Division of Cardiovascular Medicine. “The AHA is our partner, supporting the most cutting-edge research of our best and brightest trainees and faculty through grants. The AHA recognizes the importance of funding new ideas from new investigators.”

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