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## 2001 Heart Walk exceeds last year's totals

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Oakland University faculty, staff, students and alumni this year raised \$30,263 to support the **American Heart Association's** September Heart Walk at Oakland, exceeding last year's OU total by \$7,763. The funds will support the association's work in heart disease and stroke research, education and community services.

In addition to pledges that OU community members collected, several fund-raising events before the Sept. 22 walk contributed to the \$30,263 total, including Dress Down Days, Pennies from the Heart, the Hole-in-One Challenge and the Hustle for the Heart Walk.

Dress-Down Days, when OU faculty and staff dressed casually for \$3 on Thursdays, raised \$492. A spare change drive raised \$375.

In exchange for donations, participants learned several versions of the Hustle dance on Sept. 6, raising \$207.

Pennies from the Heart raised \$216 by challenging residence hall students and OU student organizations to collect coins Sept. 9 through Sept. 15.

The Hole-in-One Challenge on Sept. 19 and 20 offered university community members a \$1 golf putt; a hole in one put them in a prize drawing. The prize for undergraduate students was four free credit hours donated by OU President Gary D. Russi. One student won that prize. Other winners received two packages for 18 holes of golf at Katke-Cousins Golf Course. The event raised \$250.

Russi extends his special thanks to all President's Cabinet members for fostering participation across campus. The cabinet members are Sharon Abraham, director of Diversity and Compliance; Rochelle Black, director of Government Relations; Susan Davies Goepp, vice president of University Relations; Karen Kukuk, assistant to the president; Jack Mehl, director of Athletics; Virinder Moudgil, interim vice president for Academic Affairs and provost; Lynne Schaefer, vice president of Finance and Administration; Mary Beth Snyder, vice president of Student Affairs; Geoff Upward, associate vice president of University Communications and Marketing; and Vic Zambardi, general counsel and secretary to the Board of Trustees.

Russi also praises the Heart Walk steering committee members for their efforts: Vanessa Bard, office assistant III for the Advising Resource Center; Adrienne Bass, acting director of Alumni Relations; Joann Burrington, administrative project assistant for the School of Nursing; F. James Clatworthy, associate dean of the School of Education and Human Services; Richard Fekel, director of the Oakland Center; Dick Leonard, former chief of the OU Police Department; Joan Love, processing coordinator for Admissions; Glenn McIntosh, assistant vice president for Student Affairs and dean of students; Jean Ann Miller, director of the Center for Student Activities; Gail Ryckman, manager of employment for University Human Resources; Cheryl Sullivan, advising coordinator for the College of Arts and Sciences; and Kukuk.

McIntosh served as OU's company leader for the Heart Walk. "It was a pleasure to work with the committee and the community on this important event," he said.

Russi thanked the entire OU community for all its support in helping to make the event the nation's largest Heart Walk.

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