



Suffolk County American Heart Association Start ! Heart Walk
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From the Desk of Lee Anne Xippolitos

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who participated in this year's Heart Walk! It was a great honor to serve as walk chair this year. It was wonderful to see so many faculty, staff, students and family members walking to raisemoney to fight heart disease.

Thanks to your generous efforts, we exceeded our goal of \$110,000, raising over \$114,000! Overall, there were a total of 156 teams, 1,374 walkers and 25 dogs!

I would like to thank my walk co-chairs, Todd Rosengart, MD, Chair, Department of Surgery, Chief of the Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery and Co-Director, Stony Brook University Heart Center, and Luis Gruberg, MD, Director, Cardiovascular Catheterization Laboratories and Co-Director, Stony Brook University Heart Center.

Thank you, also, to the members of the 2010 AHA Start! Heart Walk Executive Leadership Team made up of members from Stony Brook University, Stony Brook University Medical Center and members of the AHA.

The Stony Brook University students did a wonderful job raising money and setting up teams. There were a total of 411 walkers on 21 teams.

Wolfie and the Stony Brook Cheerleaders were out in full force to entertain the crowd and usher in the Stony Brook Marching Band.

I am grateful for the experience of serving as this year's walk chair. In doing so, I was given thechance to meet with so many people who shared their stories of how heart disease affected their lives and the lives of their families. I was also given the opportunity to connect with those who volunteered their time and energy to raise money toward the cure. Thank you for your support.

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