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Quincy Medical Center Cancer Walk Raises Nearly \$140,000
Community Again Comes Together To Bring
Lifesaving Cancer Screenings to Uninsured and Under-insured Women and Men

Quincy, MA, September 18, 2006 - - An estimated 1,200 people laced up their sneakers to participate in the Quincy Medical Center Cancer Walk on Sunday, September 17 at Pageant Field in Quincy, raising more than \$130,000 to support the advanced, high quality cancer care services at Quincy Medical Center.

The annual Quincy Medical Center Cancer Walk builds on the legacy of the seven-year Marie Curry Walk and continues its support of the Marie A. Curry Fund, a permanent, endowed Fund at Quincy Medical Center that underwrites free, high quality cancer screening programs and services for uninsured and under-insured South Shore residents.

In addition to the estimated 1,200 walkers who participated on Sunday, more than 100 businesses served as sponsors of the Walk, including:

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Curry ACE Hardware
Quarry Hills Associates

Supporting Sponsor (\$5,000+)

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Contributing Sponsors (\$2,500+)

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Quincy Rehabilitation and Nursing Center

“From the elementary school students who walk alongside their Cub Scouts Pack to the community teams who participate in honor of a friend or loved one who has faced cancer to the business owners who generously lend their support, each year, the community support for the Quincy Medical Center Cancer Walk is outstanding,” said Dr. Gary Gibbons, Quincy Medical Center President and CEO. “The tremendous community support for the Quincy Medical Center Cancer Walk and the Marie A. Curry Fund furthers our efforts to ensure that all South Shore residents have access to advanced, high quality cancer screenings and services.”

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In addition to the four-mile seaside Walk, largely along Quincy Shore Drive, walkers enjoyed a full day of family festivities, including pre-walk aerobics, post-walk massage therapy courtesy of Bay State Physical Therapy, breakfast donated by area Dunkin' Donuts, lunch donated by Outback Steakhouse, and musical entertainment by DJ Suzie Cue. Building on the Walk's family-friendly mission, the Freemasons of Massachusetts offered their Child Identification Program (CHIP) for parents of young children.

Quincy Medical Center (www.quincymc.org) is a 232-bed acute care community-teaching hospital providing South Shore residents with comprehensive medical and surgical services. The medical center's Alliance for Quality with Boston Medical Center (BMC), formed in 1999, brings academic medicine to the community. At Quincy Medical Center, physicians from Boston Medical Center direct the departments of medicine, surgery, anesthesia, emergency medicine, and psychiatry. Additionally, physicians from BMC who are board-certified in a range of medical and surgical specialties work with community physicians to ensure the continuity of patient care.

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