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RICHARDSON PLOWDEN TO RAISE FUNDS FOR AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION

COLUMBIA, S.C., May 18, 2007 – – On Saturday, March 24, Richardson Plowden attorneys and staff joined the thousands of other health-minded community members in the 2007 Start! Midlands Heart Walk to raise money for the American Heart Association's (AHA) research efforts and educational programs. Leading up to the event, the Firm also raised additional funds through an internal bake sale and other activities. Overall, the firm raised \$2,190.65 for the AHA.

Heart disease is the number one killer of South Carolinians. According to the AHA, 34 people die of heart disease or stroke on an average day in South Carolina. "We felt the need to participate because heart disease is a major public health issue in our state and we want to support efforts

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to reduce the prevalence of the disease,” says Chuck Webb, a Richardson Plowden associate and team captain for the Walk. Associates Emily Gifford and Drew Hamilton Butler also serve as team leaders.

The 2006 Heart Walk raised more than \$500,000 for the AHA to help meet its goal to reduce cardiovascular disease, stroke and risk by 25 percent by 2010. The money was used to help fund research grants, which in South Carolina totaled more than \$2.45 million.

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