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## **\$7.5 million for fight against breast cancer**

The sixth annual Avon Walk for Breast Cancer season continued with the Avon Walk San Francisco last weekend, which raised \$7.5 million to advance access to care and finding a cure for breast cancer — the most ever raised by the San Francisco event. The walk was a success, with 3,200 participants from 39 states, including 290 breast cancer survivors, who enjoyed perfect weather throughout the weekend-long event as they came together to raise lifesaving funds and awareness for breast cancer.

Among the local breast cancer nonprofit organizations awarded a grant by the Avon Foundation at the closing ceremony was Zero Breast Cancer (San Rafael), which received a grant of \$150,000 to engage the community in breast cancer research and participate in novel research studies including Breast Cancer and the Environment Research Center, Prospective Study of Breast Cancer Survivorship in the Bay Area and a project to develop an innovative geographic information system model to study breast cancer and residential mobility. Janice Barlow, executive director, accepted the award.

Zero Breast Cancer is a Marin County nonprofit organization dedicated to finding the causes of breast cancer through community participation in the research process.