

Walking With Purpose in California and Texas

Working to increase “Quality of Life” is a big objective for Kaneka and its subsidiary companies. Here in North America we recently demonstrated that commitment when the Kaneka Foundation supported two employee driven activities.

Alzheimer’s Association

On October 10th **AnaSpec** **EGT** employees in California participated in the Alzheimer’s Association’s *Walk to End Alzheimer’s*. Geared up in black team jackets sporting the AnaSpec, EGT, and Kaneka logos, the group walked 3 miles amongst more than 3,300 other participants. Held in San Jose, California, the event raised over \$780,000. The Walk to End Alzheimer’s is the world’s largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer’s care, support and research, and is held annually in more than 600 communities nationwide.



AnaSpec, EGT is committed to advancing Alzheimer’s research by offering over 340 Alzheimer’s related research peptides, assay kits, proteins, dyes, and antibodies used by researchers world-wide in their efforts to elucidate the disease.

American Heart Association

On November 14th **KNA** and **KAH** employees in Texas participated in the American Heart Association Heart Walk. This annual event held at the Kemah boardwalk attracted over 2000 people and raised \$385,000 that will be used for research and support in the fight against cardiovascular diseases. Since KNA produces Kaneka Q10 and Ubiquinol, heart health is always on our minds. About 30 employees and family members came out for the event wearing their bright red “We Have Heart” T Shirts. Although it was a chilly November morning, we warmed up quickly with a brisk 5 KM walk around the boardwalk.

This was a special year for the walk as I was given the honor of serving as a co-chairman for the 2015 event. Kaneka raised \$22,800 from employee donations and walk pledges. We showed up very strong and were recognized for a number of achievements including the #1 Team, #2 Company, and #3 Top Walker. Way to go Kaneka!

I am so proud of our team members who show up and give back to their communities year after year. I hope it inspires others to do the same and share their stories with the rest of the Kaneka global family.

The Kaneka Foundation is interested in supporting and covering these events worldwide. Just contact me when your team is ready.



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