



*5<sup>th</sup> Annual Aneurysm and AVM Awareness Walk*  
Saturday, May 8, 2010 – Fort Mason's Great Meadow, San Francisco  
**Individual Fundraiser Form**

*Your fundraising not only helps better the medical care and support networks of those affected by brain aneurysm and AVM, it helps raise public awareness. Thank you for your help!*

**Bring this form with your collected donations to the walk, or mail to us at The Aneurysm and AVM Foundation, 3636 Castro Valley Blvd, Suite 3, Castro Valley, CA 94546.**

Fundraiser Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Donations Collected: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make donations **payable to The Aneurysm Foundation**. Tell your donors to include your name (or team name) on the memo line of their check.

*The Aneurysm and AVM Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization under the regulations of the Internal Revenue Service. All contributions to the Foundation are tax-deductible to the extent provided by law.*

**Thank you!**

Are you fundraising in memory or in honor of someone special? If so, please complete the following:

In Memory of /  In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Please send an acknowledgement card to:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_





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\*\*\*\*Sample Letter Text\*\*\*\*

Dear \_\_\_\_\_:

I am walking to raise awareness about brain aneurysm and arteriovenous malformation (AVM). It is estimated that 3-5 million people in the United States alone have a brain aneurysm, and 200-500 have a brain AVM.

I am writing to ask for your help in meeting my personal fundraising goal of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

Your contribution will go to supporting the work of The Aneurysm and AVM Foundation (TAAF). TAAF is an all-volunteer 501c3 non-profit organization dedicated to bettering the lives, support networks, and medical care of those affected by brain aneurysm and AVM.

An aneurysm is a weak area in a blood vessel that enlarges like a balloon. As it grows, the blood vessel becomes weaker and is at risk for leaking or rupturing, which can cause death, brain damage or lifelong disability.

An AVM is a tangle of blood vessels in the brain that bypasses normal brain tissue capillaries and directly diverts blood from the arteries to the veins resulting in devastating hemorrhages, headaches, and seizures.

Very often brain aneurysms and AVMs are "silent" and go undetected until it is too late.

Today I am asking you for your support in raising public awareness, and supporting research grants to better the detection, treatment, and eventually a cure for brain aneurysms and AVMs.

A response by May 1, 2010 is greatly appreciated. Please include my name in the check memo line. Thank you for your support of my walk and fundraising efforts!

To learn more about brain aneurysms, AVMs, or TAAF, please visit [www.TAAFonline.org](http://www.TAAFonline.org).

Sincerely,

Your Name