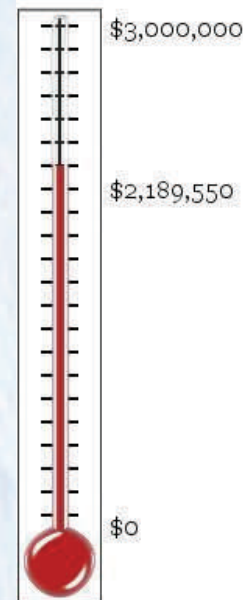


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What is *Open the Pathway*?

Open the Pathway is a historic fundraising initiative in which vascular surgeons and vascular corporate partners are uniting to generate vital resources for quality education and pioneering research. *Open the Pathway* has established a challenge goal of \$3,000,000 to assist in the expansion of AVA's research, education, and advocacy initiatives.



AVA is nearly 73% of the way toward the campaign's \$3 million challenge goal!!!

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SVS Members: A Call to Action!

Open the Pathway is seeking motivated and visionary SVS members to assist with the member track of the campaign. Volunteering is simple, and all volunteers will be recognized at the VAM for their efforts. If you have an interest in volunteering to help AVA achieve this unprecedented challenge goal, please contact the campaign director at 312-334-2313 or at campaigndirector@vascularsociety.org.

New Member Gifts:

A special thank you to the following members for documenting your gifts to *Open the Pathway*:

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| • Jeffrey Ballard, MD | • Robert McLafferty, MD |
| • Frank Criado, MD | • Gib Upchurch, Jr., MD |
| • John Edwards, MD | • Thomas Wakefield, MD |
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For more information on *Open the Pathway*, please view our website at www.vascularweb.org/professionals/AVA_Foundation/Pathway.html