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DC Center Expands HIV/AIDS Efforts

The DC Center Marks World AIDS Day with the Re-launch of the 'Fight HIV in DC' Website and Community Forum on HIV/AIDS and Younger Gay Men.

Washington, DC: December 1st: The DC Center, Washington D.C.'s gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender (GLBT) community center, marked World AIDS Day, December 1st, by launching a new HIV/AIDS Education, Outreach, and Advocacy Initiative.

Named 'Fight HIV in DC', the effort will include the popular website of the same name, which has been relaunched today as a project of The DC Center. The website (www.fighthivindc.org), which has begun two years ago, has become a central online source of information about the HIV/AIDS epidemic in DC. The effort will also include HIV/AIDS outreach & advocacy, including the launch of a new HIV/AIDS working group to be spearheaded by community advocate Daniel O'Neill.

Daniel O'Neill will be one of several young gay men participating in the December 4th community forum: Listen: Gay Men in Their Twenties Talk About Their Lives, Their Futures, and The HIV/AIDS Epidemic in DC organized by The DC Center in partnership with the DC Crystal Meth Working Group and SMYAL. This event will provide a space for gay, bisexual, and transgender men in their twenties, HIV positive and HIV negative alike, to have a frank discussion about HIV/AIDS and the increase in infections among younger gay men.

Fight HIV in DC 2009 Sponsors	Gold:	Alpha Drugs & Medical Supplies
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Event Details: *Listen: Gay Men in Their Twenties Talk About Their Lives, Their Futures, and The HIV/AIDS Epidemic in DC*
Thursday, December 4th, 7:00 PM
HRC Equality Center, 1640 Rhode Island Ave NW

The DC Center's mission is to celebrate, strengthen, and support community among the GLBT residents and organizations of Metropolitan Washington, DC. Programs of The DC Center include: The Elder Think Tank, The DC Crystal Meth Working Group, DC for Marriage, Fight HIV in DC, the Outwrite Author Series, CenterArts, and the Tobacco Working Group. GLOV (Gays and Lesbians Opposing Violence) also operates as a task force of The DC Center. Find out more at www.thedccenter.org.

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