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AIDS Foundation of Chicago Awards \$46,000 in Grants to Fight AIDS Globally

Funds support global work of local HIV/AIDS service groups

CHICAGO - The AIDS Foundation of Chicago (AFC) has awarded \$46,000 in micro-grants to bolster the international work of ten local HIV/AIDS organizations, including a South Side church's AIDS orphanage project in Africa and a local health center's outreach efforts in Nicaragua.

The awards are part of AFC's Global Grants Initiative that began in 2005 to make a difference in the international fight against HIV/AIDS. The program benefits Chicago-based organizations that partner with HIV/AIDS service organizations abroad to conduct prevention, advocacy, or treatment programs.

This year's recipients will be recognized on **Tuesday October 14, 2008 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.**, at a reception taking place in one of the recipient's homes. Please contact Maude Carroll at AFC for details: 312-334-0913.

Of this year's 10 grant recipients, five are first-time grantees:

- Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center – \$4,000 for educational materials, testing supplies, trainings for their health clinic in Uganda;
- Bickford-Land Clinic for Mothers and Children – \$5,000 for general operations of their medical clinic in Vietnam;
- Chicago Recovery Alliance – \$4,000 to cover local transportation, materials and stipends for community outreach work in Bulgaria;
- Erie Family Health Center – \$4,000 for educational and medical supplies, training, and internet costs for community outreach in Nicaragua;
- Heartland Alliance – \$5,000 for recruitment and training of staff, printing, strategic planning and incentives for their research on men who have sex with men in the East African country of Burundi.

“What makes the Global Grants Initiative so effective is that 100 percent of the funds given through this program help to provide relief to families and communities struggling with HIV/AIDS

and other basic needs,” said AFC’s President/CEO Mark Ishaug. “With these targeted micro-grants, these groups make a huge difference in the lives of people affected by HIV/AIDS abroad.”

Of the five organizations that have previously received global grants from AFC, two have received a grant every year since the program’s inception in 2005: Martin Temple AME Zion Church on Chicago’s South Side for an AIDS orphanage located in Lunzu, Malawi in Central Africa; and Women’s Equity for Access to Care and Treatment for HIV (WE-ACTx) for their work with women in Rwanda.

Other grant recipients include: The Rafiki Collaboration, the Children’s Place Association, and World Bicycle Relief.

For more information about AFC’s Global Grants Initiative please visit:

aidschicago.org/grantmaking

Founded by community activists and physicians in 1985, the AIDS Foundation of Chicago is a catalyst for local, national, and international action on HIV/AIDS.

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