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**“With Me Comes a Cure” Coming to West Side Neighborhood**  
*Innovative Public Awareness Campaign Aims to Trigger Action Against HIV/AIDS*

**WHAT:** In recognition of HIV Vaccine Awareness Day (May 18), organizers of a citywide public awareness campaign entitled “With Me Comes A Cure,” will host an “edutainment” event in the West Side neighborhood of Austin featuring spoken word artists, a t-shirt design contest and an iPod raffle. Driven by a website, **WithMeComesACure.org**, the Cure campaign encourages people to use their talents, passions and resources to stop the spread of HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. Campaign materials feature a blank box sandwiched between the word “With” and the phrase “comes a cure” in which individuals are asked to insert an idea or action which that they believe will help reduce the spread of HIV in their community (i.e., “With PREVENTION comes a cure.”)

**WHO:** This free event is open to all and will feature slam poetry, live music and giveaways. The Cure campaign aims to inspire community action against HIV/AIDS. The main selling point for the campaign is that every person has the power to heal their community and end the spread of AIDS. Recently featured on the Chicago edition of The Huffington Post and “The Santita Jackson Show” on WVON 1690AM, the campaign also includes t-shirts, church fans, compact mirrors and condom cases.

**WHERE:** The Sankofa Cultural Arts and Business Center  
5820 West Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60651.

**WHEN:** Saturday, May 23, 2009. 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Live music will begin at noon.

**NOTE:** WITH ME COMES A CURE is an initiative of the AIDS Foundation of Chicago. Please write to [communications@aidschicago.org](mailto:communications@aidschicago.org) if you’d like to play a role in the May 23 event, or if you wish to partner with the Cure campaign.

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

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