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CATF APPOINTS NEW PRESIDENT AND CEO, COMMEMORATES 25 YEARS OF SERVICE

President Promises Community New Levels of Relevance and Impact

Columbus, OH – The Columbus AIDS Task Force (CATF), a central Ohio non-profit organization, announced today the appointment of Peggy Anderson, LISW-S as President and Chief Executive Officer effective July 23, 2009. Ms. Anderson, a licensed independent social worker, has served as Interim President and CEO since November 2008.

“The Board of the Columbus AIDS Task Force is extremely pleased that Peggy Anderson has accepted the position of President and CEO,” said Board Chair Randi Love, PhD. “Peggy agreed to serve as Interim President during a very tumultuous time for the agency and oversaw a dramatic restructuring effort. As a result of her leadership, the agency is on strong financial ground and continues to provide critical services to the community,” Dr. Love added. “Along with her knowledge and skills, Peggy has a record of remarkable professional achievement and a proven commitment to public service. We have the utmost confidence that CATF will thrive with Peggy at the helm, and are grateful for her courage and vision.”

Commemorating 25 years in the fight against HIV/AIDS, CATF is a community-based, non-profit AIDS service organization providing comprehensive care services, educational programs, and HIV testing. Its mission is to lead the fight against HIV/AIDS through awareness, advocacy, and care.

- CATF serves more than 1,000 individuals through Medical Case Management each year.
- In 2008, CATF tested over 1,500 individuals for HIV.
- Individuals who test positive for HIV at CATF can be linked to Case Management services immediately if they are in need of such support

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- CATF has several outreach programs, geared to serve the most at-risk populations with quality prevention and education services.
- CATF is home to the Ohio HIV/AIDS/STD hotline, which answered almost 2,000 calls in 2008.

“The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) states that every 9½ minutes (on average), someone in the United States is infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS,” said Peggy Anderson, President and CEO.

“Nevertheless, we remain committed to providing services to those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS. Even with the medical advancement of treatment, the community needs prevention and education programming to continue a high quality of life for both individuals and society,” continues Anderson. “The reality is that until there is a cure, many individuals living with HIV still need our services, and until there is a vaccine, the community needs our prevention and testing efforts.”

CATF’s leadership priorities include exploring collaborations with local and state AIDS service organizations and other community groups to effectively and efficiently reach target populations and continue to serve those in need. “I am excited about the opportunity to continue to lead the organization and support the agency in surviving the harsh economy,” said Anderson. “CATF has a dedicated Board, staff and volunteer base who all have significantly contributed to the agency’s successes during the past 8 months. Now, more than ever, we find it vital as well as an opportunity to increase our collaborations within the community.”



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CATF is a full-service, community-based, non-profit AIDS Service Organization providing comprehensive care services, educational programs, and HIV testing. CATF primarily serves the seven counties making up the Central Ohio region; however, some of its programs serve central eastern Ohio. CATF is a United Way member agency and is CARF accredited. For additional information please visit www.caff.net or contact us at (614) 340-6691.

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