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Metro TeenAIDS Chosen for 2008-09 Catalogue for Philanthropy: Greater Washington

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(Washington, DC) -- The Catalogue for Philanthropy: Greater Washington is proud to announce that Metro TeenAIDS has been selected to be featured in the 2008-09 Catalogue. A panel of 60 expert reviewers from area foundations, corporate giving programs, larger non-profit organizations, and the DC government evaluated nearly 200 applications; **Metro TeenAIDS is one of 68 outstanding nonprofits to be featured this year.**

Metro TeenAIDS works to prevent the spread of HIV, promote responsible decision-making, and improve the quality of life for young people and families affected by HIV/AIDS. Testing and counseling are offered at various sites, and expanded testing throughout the city is in the works. MTA partners with City Year to provide HIV prevention education to young people in DC schools using the Making Proud Choices! curriculum. MTA's youth leadership teams are rigorously trained in talking with their peers (and city leaders!) about HIV, sexually transmitted diseases, pregnancy and more; they get the prevention message out in a way that adults just can't. Of course, connecting HIV-positive young people to life-saving care, and offering them continued support as they learn to live with the disease, is central. So is the new Family Center, which helps teens cope with their loved ones' HIV/AIDS and works with families as they struggle to manage the disease. DC currently has one of the highest AIDS rates in the country. Your help means knowledge - and knowledge saves lives.

Now in its sixth year, the Catalogue has become a trusted intermediary whose mission is to connect smaller, community-based organizations with individuals who want to contribute to, and make a difference in their communities. According to Barbara Harman, President of the Catalogue for Philanthropy: Greater Washington, "Non-profits face a tough challenge this year in a struggling economy and volatile stock market environment. Making wise end-of-year contributions that will have significant impact is more important than ever-- to donors and charities alike." The Catalogue enables smaller non-profits to tell their stories to individuals who would otherwise never hear them, and to encourage those individuals to "give where you live." It also provides charities with a stamp of approval that tells donors they can invest with confidence.

30,000 individuals and hundreds of family foundations will receive copies of the Catalogue this year. Since its inception in 2003, the Catalogue has helped raise over \$6.3 million dollars for deserving, local, non-profit organizations.

"Charities were selected for excellence, cost-effectiveness, and impact" Harman said. "These are certainly among the best small charities in the Washington region."

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