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Metro TeenAIDS to host 3rd Annual "Get Tested with GO GO" concert at Turkey Thicket Recreation Center in NE, DC on December 5, 2008

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(Washington, DC) – Metro TeenAIDS is partnering with the District Department of Parks and Recreation and the Toys for Tots Foundation to hold its 3rd Annual "Get Tested with GO GO" World AIDS Day concert. The concert is open to all District youth (ages 13-24) and is intended to raise awareness about the risk of HIV/AIDS and to encourage HIV testing.

Though World AIDS Day is honored on Monday, December 1st, the concert will be held Friday, December 5th from 4:00- 10:00 PM as to not interfere with school schedules. Admission will be free to youth that get an HIV test prior to the event at Metro TeenAIDS (651 Pennsylvania Ave., SE) or at the concert. Metro TeenAIDS has also partnered with the Toys for Tots Foundation and will be accepting **unwrapped** toys at the event in lieu of admission to the concert. In addition to providing free counseling and HIV testing services, the concert will consist of special appearances by local personalities, information on a variety of health matters, giveaways and live music performances by some of DC's hottest GO GO bands.

Metro TeenAIDS Metro TeenAIDS, founded in 1988, is a community health organization dedicated to supporting young people in the fight against HIV/AIDS. Through education, support, and advocacy, MTA provides HIV testing and counseling to prevent the spread of HIV. MTA promotes responsible decision-making through its in-school and after-school school programs, and improves the quality of life for young people who are HIV-positive, at risk of HIV infection, or in families with HIV/AIDS. MTA is the only organization in the Washington, DC area focused solely on the needs of youth as they relate to HIV and AIDS.

Toys for Tots Foundation

The mission of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to needy children in the community in which the campaign is conducted. The Toys for Tots program wishes to play an active role in the development of one of our nation's most valuable natural resources - our children; to unite all members of local communities in a common cause for three months each year during the annual toy collection and distribution campaign; and to contribute to better communities in the future. For more information about Toys for Tots, please visit their website at www.dctoysfortots.org.

Supporting young people

in the age of AIDS.

