



AIDS Run & Walk Chicago on Sept. 16

Event to Benefit AIDS Foundation of Chicago

Chicago, IL - AIDS Run & Walk Chicago, one of the city's most high-profile annual events that raises money to combat HIV/AIDS, will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 16, at Columbus and Balbo in Grant Park.

This year's event is significant as 2006 (June 5, to be exact) is the 25th anniversary of discovery of HIV, the virus that can progress into the disease known as AIDS.

In addition to a 5K run and a 5K walk, the event will also feature a "Health Expo," sponsored by the Illinois Department of Public Health, where local HIV/AIDS service agencies will have booths. There will also be pre-event, course route and post-event musical entertainment.

Proceeds from the run & walk benefit the grant-making program of the AIDS Foundation of Chicago. Since 1988, AFC—the largest source of HIV/AIDS philanthropic support in the Midwest—has provided more than \$16 million to area HIV/AIDS prevention, care and advocacy groups. Since 2001, AIDS Run & Walk Chicago has netted nearly \$1 million to battle HIV/AIDS locally.

According to recent government statistics, there are approximately 1.1 million Americans living with HIV/AIDS. In Illinois this number is estimated at 42,000.

Registration cost is \$20 in advance; \$25 on-site. Registration materials and more information can be obtained by visiting www.aidsr www.aidsrunwalk.org or calling 312.922.2322.

