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HRA Employees Participating in Annual HIV/AIDS Events

NEW YORK – Employees of the city Human Resources Administration, which includes the HIV/AIDS Services Administration, are participating this week in World AIDS Day and the annual "Move Against AIDS Dance-a-Thon."

In observance of World AIDS Day, HRA employees and agency clients will be offered copies of "*Get Tested!*" brochures at our sites and offices. The brochures contain contact information and site locations for confidential testing. The rate of new of infections continues to rise alarmingly, primarily among women of color, adolescents and seniors.

Since the beginning of the epidemic, the NYC Human Resources Administration has participated in a variety of activities to raise funds and heighten awareness of HIV and AIDS.

"At HIV/AIDS Services Administration, we are assisting 32,000 clients and 14,000 family members every day. Innovations like our new model intake center and the experience of running one of the oldest and largest HIV/AIDS programs in the world make us successful in helping our clients and their loved ones live with the disease. Events like World AIDS Day and the Dance-a-Thon demonstrate that commitment," said HRA Commissioner/Administrator Verna Eggleston.

HRA's staff of nearly 16, 000 has been invited to join in one of New York 's biggest fundraising dance events, the " Move Against AIDS Dance-A-Thon." Monies raised from this event will support the funding of HIV education/prevention services, AIDS research, and other services for individuals, families and children affected by HIV/AIDS.

"The Move Against AIDS: Return of the Dance-A-Thon" is a five-hour dance event, featuring showcases of local and national DJ's and performers, including DJ's Danny Tenaglia, Beverly Bond, Junior Vasquez, Peter Rauhofer, Tony Touch, and a special appearance by R&B singing sensation, 3LW! The Dance-a-Thon will be held on Saturday, Dec. 11 at the Jacob Javits Center in Manhattan at 7:00 PM. Sign-in will begin at 6:00 PM .

Participants are required to raise a minimum of \$75.00 in contributions. All donations must be submitted at the door upon entry.

Over 100,000 New Yorkers have been diagnosed with advanced Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) or Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS). It is estimated that at least 25% of people living with HIV have never even been tested.

New Yorkers can dial 311 for information on AIDS prevention and services.