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Dear Colleague:

I write to invite you to participate in what promises to be a uniquely important and exciting event, the Gay Men's Health Summit 2012, scheduled for July 20-21, 2012, at the George Washington University in Washington, D.C. As the Summit will immediately precede the XIX International AIDS Conference (the first to be held in the United States since the HIV Travel Ban was lifted) and related activities, we anticipate that interest in the Summit will be high and are planning for 300 to 400 participants.

Since 1999, Gay Men's Health Summits have brought forth powerful new ideas that have helped to create a new generation of leaders and organizations committed to the broad health of gay, bisexual and transgender men. Participants will be a diverse group of activists, providers, educators, researchers, policy experts, and others. A program committee is now forming to put together a diverse array of workshops, plenaries, panels and more. Topics will run the gamut of gay men's health and wellness and are expected to include topics such as hepatitis C, crystal methamphetamine, holistic and complementary health approaches, access to care, health care reform, online dating, same-sex marriage, sexual abuse and domestic violence, spirituality, and age-related health issues. The Summit's mission statement, core principles and core issues are provided in the enclosed information sheet.

Partnership is offered on a sliding scale, from \$500 to \$5000 for not-for-profit organizations, depending on annual budget, and several specific sponsorship opportunities are also available. In addition to supporting the largest and longest-running periodic conference to approach gay men's health and wellness holistically and with a community-building focus, benefits of Partnership include Summit registrations and opportunities to share your organization's work with Summit participants through various venues and media. A schedule of the Benefits of Partnership and Expected Contributions of Partners, along with additional specific sponsorship opportunities, is enclosed.

I hope we can count on your organization to join us in this exciting undertaking.

Sincerely,

Gay Men's Health Summit 2012
Local Planning Committee



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BENEFITS TO AND REQUESTED CONTRIBUTIONS FROM SUMMIT PARTNERS

Benefits of Partnership Include:

- Supporting the largest and longest-running periodic conference to approach Gay men's health and wellness holistically with a community-building focus
- 2-8 Summit registrations (depending on budget size; see below)
- Prominent placement in all conference publications and promotions
- Links from GMHS web site to Partners' web sites
- Prominent table space (of at least 25" x 40") for literature displays
- Inclusion of organizational literature in Summit registration packets or gift bags
- Acknowledgement at Opening Plenary

Expected Contributions of Partners:

- \$500 for organizations with annual budgets less than \$250,000 (includes 2 Summit registrations)
- \$1,000 for organizations with annual budgets between \$250,000 and \$1,000,000 (includes 4 Summit registrations)
- \$2,500 for organizations with annual budgets between \$1,000,000 and \$2,500,000 (includes 6 Summit registrations)
- \$5,000 for organizations with annual budgets over \$2,500,000 (includes 8 Summit registrations)

There are many other specific opportunities to sponsor events at the Gay Men's Health Summit 2012, such as the Welcoming Reception, Breakfast, Lunch, and Closing Reception, as well as sponsorship of the Gift Bags. These opportunities are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact gmhs@thedccenter.org with any questions that you may have about these opportunities.



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PARTNERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM

(Available at <http://www.gmhs2012.org>)

Organization Name (exactly as it should appear on lists of partners):

Principal Contact:

Address:

Phone:

E-mail:

Website:

Please provide the organization's name and logo (.jpg, .eps, .gif, .pdf)

Please provide the names of registrants as soon as known, and no later than June 15 , 2012.

Please return this form by e-mail to david@thedccenter.org