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PRESS RELEASE

GAY BARS SHARE THE LOVE FOR VALENTINE'S

Four bars host fundraisers for GMFA

London, 5 February 2010 - This Valentine's Day doesn't have to be all cards and candle-lit dinners with the four fabulous fundraising events benefitting GMFA, the gay men's health charity, over Valentine's weekend.

On Saturday, 13th February, whether sexy and single or cute and coupled, people can show their support by partying at one of three Red Party theme nights at the Yard Bar in Soho, Kazbar in Clapham, and The Green in Islington. For those who don't have a special someone, on Sunday 14th, Village bar in Soho will be playing cupid with their "Valentine's Free" event. GMFA's volunteers will be in attendance at all the events and will be rattling their buckets asking you to show some heart in support of gay men's health.

Matthew Hodson, GMFA's Head of Programmes, says: "We're extremely grateful to the Yard Bar, Kazbar, The Green and Village for their support. These events and the individuals who support them make a valuable contribution to ensuring GMFA continues its vital work for gay men's health."

The Yard, Kazbar and The Green events will feature special Valentine's décor, divine drag hosts and DJs from 8pm until late into the night. There will also

be drinks promotions on bubbly and cocktails to help you celebrate Valentine's in style.

The matchmaking at Village's "Valentine's Free" event starts around 7pm and goes on until midnight with a happy hour until 8pm to get the party moving. There will be various acts on during the evening and once again GMFA's volunteers will be out in force.

Matthew adds: "If you're looking for something or someone special this Valentine's, then head down to one of these events. Not only will you have a fantastically fun night, but also any money you're able to donate will go towards work for gay men that receives no statutory funding."

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About GMFA

Founded in 1992, GMFA is the UK's leading charity dedicated to gay men's health. Its mission is to improve gay men's health by increasing the control they have over their own lives. The organisation is based on the belief that the best health promotion for gay men comes from gay men themselves. For this reason, it uses the knowledge and ideas of its 170 volunteers, most of them gay men, to design and plan its thought-provoking sexual health interventions. These include a range of advertising campaigns, leaflets, postcards and booklets; FS, its health magazine, distributed nationally in gay venues and GU clinics; and national and London-based courses covering sex education, life skills and smoking cessation. In addition, GMFA creates targeted sexual health interventions for black gay men and HIV positive gay men. Independent surveys have concluded that GMFA's campaigns reach up to 60% of the London gay population and that the organisation is the most reliable agency at reaching gay men. The charity runs a range of information websites:

- Sex & Sexual Health, www.gmfa.org.uk/sex - visited by a third of London's gay men in 2006;
- London Services, www.gmfa.org.uk/londonservices - detailed listing of sexual health services for gay men in London;
- Positive Gay Guide, www.gmfa.org.uk/positive - information for HIV positive gay men;
- The Guide, www.gmfa.org.uk/theguide - a guide to gay sports and social groups in London;
- Quit smoking, www.gmfa.org.uk/quitsmoking - information and advice on quitting smoking for gay men;
- About GMFA, www.gmfa.org.uk/aboutgmfa - for more information on GMFA.

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