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PRESS RELEASE

COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR GMFA ON WORLD AIDS DAY

London, 17 December 2008 -- GMFA, the gay men's health charity, were overwhelmed by the level of support that they received from their supporters on World AIDS Day. More gay venues, organisations and businesses than ever before supported the charity this year through a variety of different fundraising events and activities, which look set to have raised almost £20,000 for the charity.

"Gay men are still the group most affected by HIV in the UK. The campaigns and resources that GMFA produce to support gay men living with HIV, such as the website for positive gay men, get no Government funding and so we depend on the support of the community to continue with this work. This World AIDS Day's amazing total could not have been achieved without the support

and generosity of the many individuals, gay venues and businesses that raised money for GMFA. We're thrilled and hugely grateful and want to thank everyone who has supported us in 2008, by donating money or volunteering for us," said Matthew Hodson of GMFA.

GMFA would like to send their heartfelt thanks to everyone involved in fundraising events at the Royal Vauxhall Tavern, Barcode Soho, Barcode Vauxhall, the 2Brewers, the Black Cap, KW4, Rupert Street, Halfway to Heaven, Comptons, the Edge, Kazbar, Kudos, the Green, the King's Arms, the Rose & Crown, The Quebec, the Queen's Head, 79 CXR, the Yard, the Duke of Wellington, the Admiral Duncan, the Village, Prowler Soho, DV8 Soho, the Gay Sex & Fetish Awards, the Gay Gordons, NHS Islington and Recon. Their efforts will help GMFA continue its vital work for gay men's health.

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If more information about this or any other of GMFA's campaigns and actions is required,

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About GMFA:

GMFA was established in 1992 and is the UK's leading charity dedicated to gay men's health. GMFA's mission is to improve gay men's health by increasing the control they have over their own lives. We believe that the best health promotion for gay men comes from gay men themselves, and

so we use the knowledge and ideas of our 170 volunteers (most of them gay men) to design and plan our thought provoking sexual health interventions. We have received international acclaim for our Sex and Sexual Health website (www.gmfa.org.uk/sex) which was visited by a third of London's gay men in 2006. Our other websites include a detailed listing of sexual health services available for gay men in London (www.gmfa.org.uk/londonservices), an information resource for HIV positive gay men (www.gmfa.org.uk/positive) and a guide to gay sports and social groups in London (www.gmfa.org.uk/theguide). All of our sites can be accessed at www.gmfa.org.uk. GMFA produce a range of advertising campaigns, leaflets, postcards and booklets. Independent surveys have concluded that our campaigns reach up to 60% of the London gay population and we are the most reliable agency at reaching gay men. In addition to this we distribute our own health magazine, FS, free to London's gay bars and clubs to further educate gay men about relationships, their bodies, general health and STIs. Over the last fourteen years we have provided courses for over 10,000 gay men, providing safer sex education, life skills and stop smoking courses. We currently provide a range of groupwork interventions across England and Wales. GMFA's has Big Lottery funding which has been used to create award winning sexual health interventions for Black gay men in London.