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PRESS RELEASE

GET CONDOMS AT PRIDE FROM GMFA

London, 24 June 2009 – GMFA, the gay men's health charity, will be distributing condoms and lube to the thousands of revellers at this year's Pride London on 4 July. For many, Pride is a chance to socialise, meet new people and have fun, and there's the possibility of bed springs being tested to the full on Pride night. For those looking for that bit extra from their festivities, GMFA will be on hand to give the items out along the parade route, or they can be collected at the GMFA stand in Trafalgar Square.

Matthew Hodson, Head of Programmes at GMFA says: "Condoms are the best way to prevent the transmission of HIV and many other STIs, which is why we are proud to be on the Pride march, and in Trafalgar Square, with a large supply to hand out. Look out for us on the parade - we'll be there with our three metre-high flags, demonstrating our determination to continue our vital work to improve gay men's health. Give us a shout if you think you're going to need condoms and we'll try to get them to you."

GMFA is a volunteer-led organisation and always welcomes new volunteers to help out with its many campaigns targeting gay men. GMFA volunteers develop HIV information booklets, contribute to GMFA's websites and FS magazine, deliver workshops and create health projects specifically for black gay men or gay men with HIV. For gay men and their friends who want to improve gay men's health, Pride is the ideal

opportunity to find out more about volunteering opportunities at GMFA by visiting its stand in Trafalgar Square. To volunteer or to donate to GMFA, you can also visit www.gmfa.org.uk.

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Photos of GMFA on the Pride March will be available on request from Monday 6 July.

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 in London's gay bars and clubs; 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;
- About GMFA, www.gmfa.org.uk/aboutgmfa - for more information on GMFA.

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