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AIDS Walk Portland breaks records in its 21st Year

PORTLAND, Ore. (Oct. 15, 2007) – Walkers raised more funds than ever before Sunday, Oct. 14 at **AIDS Walk Portland**, a 5K walk in support of Cascade AIDS Project, bringing in \$350,000 for CAP’s HIV/AIDS services, public education, prevention, support, and outreach efforts to youth and adults most at risk for contracting HIV.

“We were delighted with the outcome,” said Executive Director Jean Ann Van Krevelen. “Not only did we break a record with our fundraising, more than 50 people registered to vote in the first hour, and we doubled the number of high school and college students attending. To see people from all walks of life take a stand regarding HIV/AIDS and the issues that surround it was truly heartwarming.”

In addition, a record number of teams walked this year, 275 teams as opposed to 215 last year. The total number of walkers is estimated at more than 10,000. The number of volunteers working the event also broke records at 275; last year it was 210.

Speakers cheering walkers on included Senator Ron Wyden, Kerry Tymchuk, state director for Gordon Smith and Mayor Tom Potter.

Other beneficiaries of the funds raised by AIDS Walk Portland include Our House of Portland/Tod’s Corner/Esther’s Pantry, Brother to Brother, Quest Center, Partnership Project and the HIV Day Center.

Since its inception in 1986, CAP’s AIDS Walk has raised more than \$2.8 million. CAP is grateful to Nike, AIDS Walk Portland’s presenting sponsor, as well as supporting sponsors Wells Fargo, Starbucks, PGE, The Standard, Knowledge Learning Corporation, Hotel Vintage Plaza, Red Star, Pazzo, Hotel Monaco, MOVIN 107.5 and many others. CAP also received a community health grant from Providence Health Plan.

About Cascade AIDS Project

Cascade AIDS Project has provided community-based HIV services including housing and education to those living in Oregon and SW Washington since 1985. More

than 6,000 families in CAP's service area have a loved one living with HIV. Last year, CAP supported 2,624 people with HIV/AIDS and their affected family members including 407 children. CAP educated nearly 29,000 individuals about HIV prevention, 44 percent of whom were children and youth. Part of making this possible is the devotion of CAP volunteers; 660 youth and adult volunteers gave 20,936 hours of service. For more on CAP, visit cascadeaids.org.

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