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## ***Speakers Take a Stand at AIDS Walk Portland***

PORTLAND, Ore. (Oct. 5, 2007) – **AIDS Walk Portland**, a 5Kwalk in support of Cascade AIDS Project, gets underway at 8:30 a.m. Sunday morning, October 14, 2007, starting and ending at Pioneer Courthouse Square in downtown Portland.

Speakers at the morning event will include Senator **Ron Wyden**, Mayor **Tom Potter**, **Kerry Tymchuk**, state director for Senator Gordon Smith, and **Brad Victor**, from HIV/STD Prevention at Oregon Department of Education. Key issues to be addressed by the speakers include the Early Treatment of HIV Act, sponsored by Senators Smith and Clinton and the newly-adopted Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) regarding human sexuality education.

More than 10,000 walkers are expected to participate in the 21<sup>st</sup> annual event to raise funds for CAP's HIV/AIDS services, public education, and prevention and outreach efforts to youth and adults most at risk for contracting HIV.

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.

**Where:** **Pioneer Courthouse Square**  
Downtown  
Portland, Ore.

**When:** **8:30 a.m. to noon, Sunday, October 14, 2007**

**What:** A 5K fundraising walkathon for Cascade AIDS Project to support its efforts to supply HIV/AIDS services, public education, prevention, advocacy, and outreach to those most at risk.

**Why:** It has been 26 years since the Centers for Disease Control identified the first case of AIDS in the United States. It is estimated that nearly half the people carrying HIV don't know they are. While right now there is no cure, only treatment, for the AIDS virus, it can be prevented through education, awareness, and precautionary methods. In Oregon, 5,977 cases have been reported through December 4, 2006.

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### **About Cascade AIDS Project**

Cascade AIDS Project has provided community-based HIV services, including housing and education, to Oregon and SW Washington residents 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 last year. For more on CAP, visit [www.cascadeaids.org](http://www.cascadeaids.org).

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