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## **Cascade AIDS Project appoints new coordinator for Men's Wellness Center**

Portland, Ore. (July 20, 2007) – Joseph Sedillo joins the staff of Cascade AIDS Project's Men's Wellness Center as coordinator. A meet and greet for the community will be held on Thursday, August 30, 2007, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Men's Wellness Center, 928 SW Stark Street in downtown Portland.

Cascade AIDS Project (CAP) Executive Director Jean Ann Van Krevelen said "Joseph's background in HIV/AIDS prevention will serve him well as he takes charge at the Men's Wellness Center. His fluency in Spanish will help with our outreach efforts to the Latino community."

Sedillo comes to CAP from southern New Mexico, where he worked extensively in HIV prevention and community collaboration. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from Macalester College in Minnesota.

As Men's Wellness Center coordinator, Sedillo will continue the important work of creating a safe and welcoming place for gay and bisexual men in the community. His extensive experience implementing evidence-based CDC prevention programs, as well as his experience in conducting HIV testing and counseling make him an excellent fit for the position. CAP hopes to begin conducting its own HIV testing in the near future, and Sedillo's experience in this area will prove invaluable.

Says Sedillo, "I am very excited and proud to be joining the CAP team. I have an immense passion for the work I do and look forward not only to strengthening our community, but also belonging to it."

### **About Men's Wellness Center**

Located at 928 SW Stark Street, the center is a gathering spot for gay and bisexual men, offering social events, health and wellness discussions and workshops, and HIV prevention services as well as a gay/bi/trans library, free computer access and wifi, and safer sex supplies. It offers free rapid HIV testing and full screening for sexually

transmitted infections (STI) to men who have sex with men every Tuesday evening from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Regular hours are 4 p.m. to 10 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday.

### **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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