



The Greater D.C. Coalition to Address Intimate Partner Violence in the LGBTQ Community

March 31, 2009

Dear Executive Director,

Last year, we asked for your support and participation in a Town Hall Meeting on Intimate Partner Violence. This year, the Rainbow Response Coalition's second annual Town Hall Meeting is collaborating with the 2009 DC Black Pride Town Hall on Intimate Partner Violence. "Tick Tick BOOM – When Relationships EXPLODE!" will occur on Tuesday, May 19, 2009 from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM at the University of the District of Columbia, 4200 Connecticut Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20008. A panel of professionals will speak from their work in the field of LGBTQ intimate partner violence. And we need your support to make this community outreach a success.

In 2007, a group of concerned individuals and organizations in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area formed the Rainbow Response Coalition to address the issue of intimate partner violence in the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning (LGBTQ) communities in the Washington metropolitan area. The Rainbow Response Coalition envisions a collective response to intimate partner violence among local LGBTQ people where resources, support and education are accessible to all.

In 2008, the Rainbow Response Coalition gathered data on the prevalence of intimate partner violence along LGBTQ people in the DC Metropolitan area. We learned that 28% of the respondents were survivors of intimate partner violence in a LGBT relationship. Emotional abuse was the most commonly experienced type of abuse, followed by physical abuse. The Rainbow Response Coalition is committed to breaking the silence around the prevalence of partner violence in the LGBTQ communities and to advocating for resources for LGBTQ survivors and batterers.

We are asking for your organization to sign on as an official Community Sponsor for this event. There is no cost to become a Community Sponsor, however your organization will be acknowledged in our communications surrounding this event. In addition, you will be able to share brochure and other organization information at the Town Hall event. We do need confirmation of your Sponsorship in writing by **April 15, 2009**. Financial support is in no way a requirement to be a Community Sponsor, though we will gratefully acknowledge contributing organizations during the program. *Please make sure to note that the donation is for the Rainbow Response Coalition.*

Please either email or fax your confirmation, sent or signed by the agency Executive Director, to: Thomas Buckley at Community Crisis Services, Inc.: tbuckley@communitycrisis.org, fax: 240-898-1668. If you would like to send a donation, please make it payable to our fiscal sponsor: DC Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Please mail your donation to Rainbow Response Coalition, P.O. Box 65618, Washington, DC 20035. *Please make sure to note that the donation is for the Rainbow Response Coalition on any donation checks.*

Please sign on today as a Community Sponsor. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Thomas Buckley at Community Crisis Services, Inc., by phone at (301) 864-7095 x420 or by email at tbuckley@rainbowresponse.org.

Rainbow Response Coalition is not an agent, employee, or subsidiary, nor does it have any authority to act on behalf of DC Coalition Against Domestic Violence except to receive donations.

Partner Organizations: DC Mayors Office on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgendered Affairs; Metropolitan Police Department Gay & Lesbian Liaison Unit; DC Coalition Against Domestic Violence; Break the Cycle; Community Crisis Services, Inc.;



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Black Pride Town Hall

Letter of Support

Please accept this letter of support for Black Pride Town Hall on Intimate Partner Violence. Please list my organization as a sponsoring agency for this event.

Agency Name: _____

Executive Director: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Executive Director's Signature

You can...

fax this to 240-898-1668

mail it to: Rainbow Response Coalition, P.O. Box 65618, Washington, DC 20035

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Thank you for your support!