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Harlem United Welcomes Kimberleigh J. Smith (MPA) as the new Senior Director for State and Local Policy

New York, NY (January 5, 2010) – Harlem United Community AIDS Center (Harlem United) is proud to announce that Kimberleigh Smith joined the agency as the Senior Director for State and Local Policy. “We are thrilled to have Kimberleigh on board. Her extensive experience in women-specific HIV prevention, policy and community-based research as well as her solid background in city and state advocacy is a perfect complement to Harlem United’s work,” said Patrick J. McGovern, President and CEO.

Since opening its doors in 1988, Harlem United has served over 25,000 people in the diverse communities of Upper Manhattan, South Bronx and Brooklyn; providing a full range of medical, housing, prevention and supportive services predominantly to African-American and Latino individuals living with HIV/AIDS, whose diagnoses are often complicated by addiction, mental illness, and homelessness. As the number of women impacted by HIV has grown so has Harlem United’s women-specific programming. Currently 50% of the agency’s 545 units of supportive housing are occupied by women. Women headed households are further served by a weekend Family Services Program which addresses issues such as Family Relationships, Parenting Roles and Skill Building. In addition Harlem United’s Testing Services conducts outreach, alternative venue testing, and social networks recruitment targeting women specifically, and last year reached a total of 2,117 women. The agency also offers harm reduction programs also targeting women and served a total of 1,036 women with harm reduction education and counseling, clean syringes, overdose prevention and access to drug treatment and medical care. Harlem United’s Adult Healthcare and Primary Care programs are similarly adapted to the needs of women.

“I am excited and honored to be a part of an agency with such a comprehensive and extensive model of HIV care and that is making a concerted effort to address the needs of the female HIV population. I look forward to bringing my experience in social justice issues advocacy, policy analysis and prevention programming to an agency that celebrates integrated and forward thinking programming,” said Ms. Smith.

Prior to joining Harlem United, Kimberleigh served as the Director of the Women’s Institute at Gay Men’s Health Crisis (GMHC), where she developed HIV prevention, research and policy strategies to support women of color in New York City. Ms. Smith served as the Assistant Director of Policy, Advocacy & Research at The Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies where she directed the agency’s research, development and presentation of state and local policy and budget issues on AIDS and HIV with a focus on women, families and communities of color.

Kimberleigh brings a background as a journalist, non-profit grants writer and fundraiser, international AIDS program volunteer, HIV preventionist, policy analyst, advocate and a graduate of New York University’s Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service.

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