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El Centro del Inmigrante,  
God's Love We Deliver,  
Health Education on Wheels,  
Just A Friend Away of Staten Island,  
Latino Commission on AIDS,  
NYC Commission on Human Rights,  
Project Hospitality,  
Saint Vincent's Home Care,  
St. Elizabeth Ann's Health Care &  
Rehabilitation Center,  
Staten Island Branch National  
Association for the Advancement of  
Colored People,  
Staten Island Center  
for Independent Living,  
Staten Island Council of Churches,  
Staten Island University Hospital

#### AFFILIATIONS

ACRIA  
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(BLCA of NYC)  
Cicatelli Associates Inc.  
Campaign To End AIDS (C2EA)  
Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC)  
HIV AIDS Services Administration  
New York AIDS Coalition (NYAC)  
Staten Island Council for  
Alcoholism and Substance Abuse  
(SICASA)

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Dear Faith Leader:

As part of the New York City Faith in Action for HIV/AIDS Prevention, Care and Education Coalition's "Interfaith for HIV/AIDS: A Call to Take Action in 2009," the Staten Island Ryan White HIV CARE Network asks that your faith institution include HIV/AIDS in your worship during the month of July.

We would also like to invite you, on behalf of the New York City Faith in Action for HIV/AIDS Prevention, Care and Education Coalition, to a press conference at City Hall on Wednesday, July 8, 2009. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Below is an example of a prayer that may be shared with members of your faith.

#### ***Prayer for Unity in the Face of AIDS***

*We pray for the unity of all faiths, that we may find a unified and nonjudgmental way to fight this disease of HIV/AIDS.*

*Lead us out of passivity and old-fashioned attitudes.*

*Replace ignorance with education. Teach the young self-worth and strength, the strength of self-discipline. Teach the old new ways of caring and compassion.*

*We pray for the commitment of time and money that will provide crisis intervention, professional guidance, community seminars and outreach programs to provide alternatives to the harmful enticements of the streets.*

*Grant us, together, acknowledgment of what is and what is not, as well as a vision of what can be.*

We thank you in advance for your participation in this effort.

Sincerely,

Paul Blanford & Barbara Sullivan  
Co-Chairs, Policy Advisory / Education Committee

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