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### **Black Life is Worth Saving** **- LOCAL EVENTS FOR NATIONAL BLACK HIV/AIDS AWARENESS DAY -**

**Saturday, February 7, 2009 is National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (NBHAAD).** On this day, local youth and young adults will star in a showcase to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS entitled **"You Better Act Like You Know!"** The event will take place from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Syracuse University, Huntington Beard Crouse Hall (in Kittredge Auditorium). The event will feature dramatic pieces, spoken word, expressive dance and song performed by Syracuse University's Black Celestial Chorale Ensemble, Victory Temple Fellowship Church's D.O.V.E.S., and other groups. Educators from F.A.C.E.S (a HIV/AIDS awareness program of the Syracuse Model Neighborhood Facility, Inc.) will also be available to answer questions about HIV/AIDS and HIV/AIDS testing. This event is free and open to the public. Event Partners: Syracuse University Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Kappa Lambda Chapter; Victory Temple Fellowship Church; F.A.C.E.S; and the Syracuse Area HIV/AIDS Technical Assistance Program, a program of Central New York Health Systems Agency.

On Friday, February 6, 2009, no/low-cost HIV testing and free information will be available at the Syracuse Community Health Center located at 819 South Salina Street, Syracuse, NY from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. For more information, please call (315) 476-7921.

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HIV/AIDS is a leading killer of African-American men and women. While African Americans represent approximately 13 percent of the U.S. population, the CDC reports that the group accounts for almost half (49%) of the nation's AIDS cases. African-American young adults are disproportionately affected by HIV infection, accounting for 60% of HIV/AIDS diagnoses in 13- to 24-year-olds in 2006. Unfortunately, many of those who are infected with the disease are unaware of their HIV status and may unknowingly transmit the virus to others.

National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (NBHAAD) is a national mobilization effort designed to encourage African-Americans across the United States and Territorial Areas to *get educated, get tested, get treated, and get involved* with HIV/AIDS, as it continues to devastate Black communities.

For more information on **National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day**, visit [www.blackaidsday.org](http://www.blackaidsday.org).

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