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Annual Fundraising GALA Reception Benefiting AHC's HIV/AIDS Programs

Theme: "Silence is not an Option"

August 31st 2009

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

On October 26, 2009 African Hope Committee, Inc will host the Annual health summit and Fundraising Gala Reception benefiting its HIV/AIDS programs and the organization's capacity building. The theme of the summit this year, "*Silence is not an option*" aimed at reaching out to the African immigrant community and healthcare providers at large and educating them on HIV/AIDS as well as other related health issues affecting the community. AHC's annual health summit and fundraising Gala reception will be held on **October 26, 2009 at the Alhambra ballroom in New York City from 5pm to 9pm.**

This year, you are invited to join us on that evening to celebrate the accomplishments of AHC while honoring men and women who have contributed to fight of HIV/AIDS, and enjoying great music, food, dance, and arts exhibitions. You would also have a chance to acquire original and magnificent items during a silent auction. Not only you will have a taste of Africa, but you also support our HIV/AIDS programs aiming to reach hundred of people in needs of services.

African Hope Committee believes that education and access to information play crucial roles in the knowledge of health and economic. The vast majority of the world, however, is cut off from this vital information that could empower them for a healthy living. African Hope Committee works to leverage the strengths of the New York African immigrants by connecting them to vital information and essential services that will improve their lives.

Sub-Saharan Africa remains the most affected region in the global AIDS epidemic. More than two thirds (68%) of all people HIV positive live in this region where more than 3/4 (76%) of all death in 2008 occurred. It is estimated that 1.7 million were newly infected with HIV in 2008 bringing the number to 22.5 million the total number of people living with the virus. Unlike other regions, the majority of people living with the virus are women (61%). As the African community is rapidly growing in the United States, it is the African Hope Committee's responsibility to continue to help bring the new comers to early awareness and testing for prevention and early treatment of HIV/AIDS.

This health summit and Fundraising Gala Reception continues to be a community call to action around the tragedy and devastation caused by HIV/AIDS in the African immigrant population, particularly in the New York Metropolitan area.

AHC has hosted the annual health summit for five consecutive years. Over 1,500 people at the local, national and international level have attended the conference and we have brought awareness to over 160,000 people via media campaign of various websites and outreach.

The goals of this year summit will focus on raising awareness and funds in order for AHC to continue to expand and sustain its progress. The summit's objectives are:

- *Increasing fundraising for the sustainability of AHC AIDS programs.*
- *Increasing health awareness and knowledge of HIV/AIDS in the African immigrant population.*
- *Increasing community awareness through Women empowerment and support services, establishing group discussion to get feedback from the community on how to address HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment.*
- *Address cultural and linguistic manner in order to understand client needs.*
- *Encouraging women, young girls, youth and their families to participate in HIV/AIDS prevention activities, include counseling and testing.*
- *Engaging governments, politicians and other organizations with the view to adding value and developing new policies that are gear toward the African community.*
- *Strengthening partnerships with other health care providers that provide HIV/AIDS services*
- *Increasing the visibility of African women living with HIV/AIDS to decrease stigmas associated with HIV/AIDS.*
- *Increasing the use of condoms among women and young girls.*

We hope you will be able to accept our invitation to join us in this effort to promote national and international awareness around HIV/AIDS that will benefit our community.

Thank you in advance for your time. For more information on the summit, please contact

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Sincerely,
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Sponsorships Levels to the Gala Reception

We are inviting you to purchase: (Please circle amount)

Table for 10 guests

\$ 10,000 - Visionary: Recognition at the Gala reception and in all AHC newsletters and press releases. Acknowledgement on the video screens at the Gala reception. Special gifts for you and your guests. On- site sampling and Handout displayed at AHC; your logo and the link to your website will be displayed for **2 years** on AHC website www.AfriqueHope.org,

\$ 7,500 - Change Makers: Recognition at the Gala reception and in all AHC newsletters and press releases. Acknowledgement on the video screens at the Gala reception. Special gifts for you and your guests. On- site sampling and Handout displayed at AHC; your logo and the link to your website will be displayed for **1 year** on AHC website www.AfriqueHope.org.

\$ 5,000 - Supporters: Recognition at the Gala reception and in all AHC newsletters and press releases. Acknowledgement on the video screens at the Gala reception. On- site sampling and Handout displayed at AHC; your logo and the link to your website will be displayed for **6 months** on AHC website www.AfriqueHope.org.

\$ 2,500 - Organizers: Recognition at the Gala reception and in all AHC newsletters and press releases. Acknowledgement on the video screens at the Gala reception..

\$ 1,000-Partners: Recognition at the Gala reception and in all AHC newsletters and press releases

Individual Tickets

\$500(*Recognition at the gala*)

\$250

\$150

\$100

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