

South Carolina HIV/AIDS Council
“Celebrating 15 years of Service to the Community”

Like no other time in history, our world, nation and state is faced with a phenomenal increase in the transmission of HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. South Carolina now ranks 8th and Columbia is ranked 9th in the nation in the rate of AIDS. On Friday, November 13th, 2009 the South Carolina HIV/AIDS Council, in conjunction with the celebration of our 15th year anniversary, will host our 8th Annual World AIDS Day Concert. It is our goal to utilize this event to bring to light the AIDS crisis in our state and to use the gift of song to assist our organization in raising financial support to continue our mission of HIV prevention, intervention, and support throughout the Midlands area, state, and nation.

World renowned recording artists MAZE featuring Frankie Beverly will appear in concert to assist our organization with bringing awareness to the crisis. With their distinctive sound -- passionate, creative, original, soulful, honest and powerful -- MAZE featuring Frankie Beverly has created a unique sound and is one of the most influential groups in modern history. In between preparing material for the release of their third Warner Bros. album and a Christmas album the group continues to be one of the most requested at music festivals throughout the world drawing major crowds. As a headlining act, Frankie Beverly and Maze have been instrumental in giving exposure to several new recording artists, before they became household names, including Toni Braxton, Regina Belle and Anita Baker, to name a few.

With special guests After 7 and a comedian, we are certain that the evening will be a phenomenal success. We anticipate approximately 2,200 attendees from South Carolina and other areas. Additionally, there will be an exclusive VIP sponsorship reception scheduled for Thursday, November 12, 2009 from 8 p.m. until 10 p.m. We anticipate special guest appearances and will take this opportunity to honor our sponsors.

It is our sincere desire to make this an evening full of entertainment that will not only be informative, but inspirational. All proceeds from this concert will benefit the South Carolina HIV/AIDS Council as we continue to fight against HIV/AIDS within the community. We are asking you to consider supporting this HIV service event. Please feel free to contact Michelle Burnett-Green at (803) 254-6644 for clarification on any details. Please consider joining us, because the South Carolina HIV/AIDS Council greatly appreciates your support.

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