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## JAMES MONROE SMITH OUTREACH PROJECT AT THE CORE CENTER

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## AIDS Legal Council of Chicago and Equality Illinois Join Forces for Theater Night Fundraiser for Chicago premiere of *Priscilla, Queen of the Desert*

AIDS Legal Council of Chicago ("ALCC") and Equality Illinois ("EQIL") have teamed up to host a theater night fundraiser for the Chicago premiere of *Priscilla, Queen of the Desert* on Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. Tickets purchased through ALCC and Equality Illinois include access to a private, post-show VIP reception with special surprises at Downtown Bar. All proceeds equally benefit both organizations. ALCC and EQIL have hosted recent successful theater night fundraisers through Broadway in Chicago, including a pre-Broadway performance of *Kinky Boots* and reception with Cyndi Lauper for ALCC, and the first night of *Book of Mormon* and reception for EQIL.

Ann Fisher, ALCC Executive Director, is pleased to grow the relationship between the two organizations. "We have a wonderful longstanding relationship with Equality Illinois, and this event serves to strengthen that bond. It's a way for us to have fun together while raising much-needed funds to succeed in our missions." EQIL CEO Bernard Cherkasov echoed a similar tone saying, "Equality Illinois and ALCC are great partners, pleased to offer our supporters an opportunity to not only see the Chicago opening of *Priscilla* but to give something back to two organizations that advocate for all of us."

Because of the popularity of the show, the initial block of tickets reserved for ALCC and Equality Illinois have sold out. A limited number of additional seats were added, but very few remain. They are available at <u>www.priscillachicago.brownpapertickets.com</u>.

Founded in 1987, AIDS Legal Council of Chicago works to preserve, promote, and protect the legal rights of men, women, children, and families in the metropolitan Chicago area impacted by HIV and AIDS. Equality Illinois was founded in 1991 to secure, protect and defend full equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender individuals. It is the state's oldest and largest LGBT advocacy organization.