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**Two Illinois Nonprofits to Benefit from Opening Night of
Broadway Smash Hit Musical *Hamilton* in Chicago**

Chicago, IL – Approximately two-thirds of the audience attending tomorrow’s opening night performance of the Broadway musical “Hamilton” in Chicago on Sept. 27, 2016 in the Private Bank Theater will also be supporting two Illinois nonprofit organizations, **Legal Council for Health Justice** and **Equality Illinois**. These generous theatergoers purchased tickets and made more than \$150,000 in tax-deductible contributions between both organizations.

“We are delighted to offer our supporters a ‘twofer,’” notes Tom Yates, executive director of Legal Council for Health Justice, “the chance to be thrilled, inspired, and educated by Manuel Lin Miranda’s extraordinary work of art -- as well as the opportunity to power worthy causes which champion equal rights, social justice, and health equity in Illinois.” Legal Council for Health Justice pushes civil legal aid into hospitals and health systems, where it can reach the most underserved and make the most impact.

Brian C. Johnson, CEO of Equality Illinois adds, “This exciting event has given our supporters a special opportunity to positively change lifetimes for thousands of people in Illinois who are discriminated against due to their gender identity, sexual orientation, health status, and more. Our nonprofits are grateful to partner with Broadway in Chicago, and be a recipient of this incredible gift from them and the entire cast and crew of *Hamilton*.” Equality Illinois advances equal treatment and social justice through education, advocacy and protection of the rights of the LGBT community.

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Legal Council for Health Justice uses the power of the law to secure dignity, opportunity, and well-being for people facing barriers due to illness and disability. All programs partner with health and hospital systems to train and support the care provider network, provide direct representation to referred patients, and conduct systemic advocacy to promote health equity among populations facing chronic, disabling, and stigmatizing health and social conditions.
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Equality Illinois builds a better Illinois by advancing equal treatment and social justice through education, advocacy and protection of the rights of the LGBT community. We envision a fair and unified Illinois where everyone is treated equally with dignity and respect and where all people live freely regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity or expression. www.equalityillinois.org