AHC RAISES $3000.00 FOR AIDS WALK

AHC Congratulates Men, Women, Young Girls and Children From all Walks of Life for Joining our Team and Completed the AIDS WALK 10k.

Despite the rain and cloudy weather, 24 Brave Men, Women, Young girls/boys and children joined AHC Team for AIDS WALK and completed their march to the end line including our children in the group. More than 45,000 people participated in the 2009 annual AIDS walk on May 17th. This clearly shows that despite the current economic crisis, walkers of this year do not give up the dream and hope that many of us have to stop the disease. Instead, they went forward to beat the estimates and rose over $5.6 million for AIDS prevention, education and research. During the 6.2-mile – 10 km walk, participants walked staright up Central Park, to 110th street and down Riverside Drive and finished up back in the park where each one received a certificate of completion. This was AHC first AIDS WALK in the fight against HIV/AIDS. 54 people including men, women, young girls and boys as well as children had registered to join AHC team this year for AIDS WALK and others simply chose to raise money for the cause. Early this year, AHC board of directors and AHC staff had set a clear goal of raising $3000.00 for AIDS WALK for its first year, and this goal was met. We would like to thank everyone that helps us raise the funds. The idea for AHC to join AIDS WALK this year came late last year when we met with Desiree Hendrickson, AHC volunteer/Assistant and Nora Hanna, CEO of Until There is a Cure Foundation and we all agreed that this was the right time to join the WALK. AHC staff, board members and volunteers were committed and confident for raising funds for the cause despite the economic crunch. A special thanks to Tiffany Holder, AHC volunteer and our team leader to help coordinate and ensuring the flow of this event as well as providing us with important guidelines on AIDS WALK Fundraising. Thank you to all that join our committee on AIDS WALK including; Akwa, our Board Chair, Matthew, our treasury, Ms. Terrylynn, our vice chair Mutsa, Malick, our board secretary, Ms. Fall, our Executive Director, and our wonderful staff and volunteers; Tiffany, Yverose, Tcheugomtse, Meffo and Ngou. Thank you to Matthew who helped us raises $500.00 reaching his goal before moving to Botswana for Peace Corps. Matthew will continue to work with AHC to explore opportunities and issues that have enormous impact on African women, young girls and children oversee. Thank you to our
Board Vice Chair, Terrylynn Smith with her inspiration and continuing support to ensuring that our goal of $3,000.00 were met. Ms. Terrylynn organized a girl’s night out fundraising event at Sheer Bliss Beauty Salon 28th Street on 3rd Avenue. An evening of fun, relaxation and networking. (you can view pictures of this event at www.afriquehope.org) We want to thank Isseu Diouf from Afrikan Spot to join the walk and cover AHC AIDS WALK. Thank you to all our supporters and donors that help us achieve our goals.

Please join us again next year to help us double this amount and double the number of people that will be registered to walk. In addition we are inviting a lead sponsor for the 2010 AIDS WALK to join our team as we continue to fight to stop the disease and find the cure.

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