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AIDS UNITED LAUNCHES NEW ENDURANCE TRAINING PROGRAM TO SUPPORT THE FIGHT AGAINST HIV/AIDS

TEAM TO END AIDS endurance training program now open for registration

WASHINGTON, D.C. February 1, 2011 – AIDS United has officially launched **TEAM TO END AIDS**, a new endurance training program for **all levels of athletes** that includes marathon and half marathon coaching. **Beginners and experienced** athletes can register today at: www.T2EA.com

In just a few months, **TEAM TO END AIDS (T2)** trains participants to complete a marathon or half marathon, even if they've never trained before! Whether a beginner or a veteran of endurance challenges, **T2** will prepare participants to go the distance and raise money to help fight AIDS. Simply choose your challenge – marathon or half marathon -- and **T2** staff and certified coaches will be with you each step of the way providing professional fundraising, training and nutritional support. **T2** offers a five-month marathon and four-month half marathon training program for four endurance events:

- Marine Corps Marathon *Washington, D.C.*
- Bank of America Chicago Marathon *Chicago, IL*
- Honolulu Marathon *Honolulu, HI*
- Rock 'n' Roll Virginia Beach Half Marathon *Virginia Beach, VA*

Registration fee is \$95 and each participant will be asked to meet a minimum fundraising goal. Training begins May 14, 2011 (training for the Honolulu Marathon begins in June). **All levels of experience are welcome.**

Developed in 2009 by the AIDS Foundation of Chicago, **T2** will support the life-saving work of AIDS United and the Washington AIDS Partnership (an AIDS United community partner) by helping to raise funds to support programs and services that change lives in the District of Columbia and around the country. **T2** marks the first national HIV/AIDS-focused marathon training event in Washington, D.C. since 2006, which was the final year of the National AIDS Marathon Training Program.

"AIDS United is thrilled to announce this exciting new athletic program to raise money for life-saving HIV/AIDS services in the District of Columbia and around the country," said AIDS United President and CEO Mark Ishaug, who helped establish **T2** in Chicago as President and CEO OF AIDS Foundation of Chicago. "We are looking forward to re-igniting the passion of former D.C. participants in the National AIDS Marathon Training Program and encouraging them to take part in **T2**, while we reach out and help first-time participants do something extraordinary for their community and themselves."

"Like most people who have completed this program, I can personally say that it has been life-changing," said Katie Wargula, a **T2** marathoner who participated in the Chicago program. "Each participant is able to do something they never thought possible: help save lives and have fun in the process. It doesn't get any better than that!"

Get fit. Have fun. Make a difference. Register today at T2EA.com or call **202-408-4848 ext. 3**. Find us on **Facebook** at: facebook.com/TEAMTOEND AIDS, on **Twitter** at twitter.com/t2ea. Connect with us via **mobile phone** by texting **T2DC to 90210**.

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About AIDS United

The mission of AIDS United is to end the AIDS epidemic in the United States. We will achieve this goal through national, regional and local policy/advocacy, strategic grantmaking, and organizational capacity building. With partners throughout the country, we will work to ensure that people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS have access to the prevention and care services they need and deserve.

The creation of AIDS United combines private-sector fundraising, philanthropy, coalition building, public policy expertise, and advocacy — as well as a network of passionate local and state partners — to most effectively and efficiently respond to the disease in the communities most impacted by it.