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Haigwood, Goman and Beadell Join CAP Board of Directors, Bringing the Census to 18.

All three additions further mark CAP as a Board of strength and mission integrity

December 14, 2011 – Portland, OR – Over the past 3 months, Cascade AIDS Project’s (CAP) Board of Directors continues to strengthen its reach and expertise by adding three new Board members: Dr. Nancy Haigwood, of OHSU, Robert Goman of Nike, and local entrepreneur Kurt Beadell.

“CAP is on the frontlines in Oregon and SW Washington, working to stem the spread of HIV and supporting those living with the disease,” said Michael Kaplan, Executive Director of Cascade AIDS Project. “We are able to be here because of the stellar leadership of the Board. Dr. Haigwood, Robert Goman, and Kurt Beadell will no doubt be a major part of the agency’s work and legacy.”

Dr. Nancy Haigwood heads up the Oregon National Primate Research Center (one of the eight national centers) and serves as an Adjunct Professor of Molecular Microbiology & Immunology at OHSU. For more than 25 years, Nancy has dedicated considerable efforts to HIV/AIDS research in the areas of vaccines and mother-to-child transmission. She has worked in both academia and with pharmacology enterprises on HIV vaccine design and testing, and she currently leads a highly collaborative research group at OHSU exploring the role of antibodies in controlling HIV. Over the past several years, Nancy and her husband have been major contributors to CAP.

Robert Goman, a 15-year veteran of NIKE, is on the company’s Global Retail Brand Presentation team in product presentation, an area of expertise and passion he has worked in for over 20 years. Robert also serves as the chair of NIKE’s LGBT & Friends Network, where he educates and inspires other NIKE employees on the value of being involved and invested as a NIKE employee by being your “true self.” Robert is involved in the Portland LGBT community and actively volunteers with Cascade AIDS Project, Basic Rights Oregon, and Q Center. Robert sees Portland as a community of opportunity for everyone – just get involved.

Kurt Beadell, is the Creative Director and Co-Owner of Vibrant Table and of Food in Bloom. He is the *tour de force* for theatric events both companies engineer. Equally versed in food, design, and fine arts, Kurt has an uncanny ability to imagine spectacular concepts and translate them into dramatic realities. Before joining VIBRANT TABLE, Kurt played a pivotal role at Papa Haydn. It was there, working side-by-side with the owners and their culinary team that he grew to fully appreciate the artistry of food and the concept of “eating with your eyes.” Today he applies this same philosophy to events and décor. Kurt’s artwork has been featured in several Portland-area galleries, including the Museum of Contemporary Craft, and his personal art collection has been featured on OPB. His deep connection to the issue of HIV/AIDS has been evident: for several years, Kurt has volunteered with CAP by coordinating and consulting on all aspects of the food and beverage services for the patron and artist receptions at CAP’s annual Art Auction.

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CAP's By-laws allow for up to 21 directors on its board. Board members are selected through an application and interview process. The full board hears the nominations committee's recommendation and candidates are voted on by the board.

A complete list of CAP's current Board of Directors is located at: <http://cascadeaids.org/about/board-of-directors>

About Cascade AIDS Project

Incorporated in 1985, Cascade AIDS Project (CAP) is the oldest and largest AIDS Service Organization in Oregon and Southwest Washington. Our mission is ***to prevent HIV infections, support and empower people affected and infected by HIV/AIDS, and eliminate HIV/AIDS-related stigma.***

With a staff of over 50, and a volunteer corps that includes over 700 individuals providing more than 21,000 hours of service each year, CAP manages a diverse array of programs and an annual budget of \$4.6 million. Fifteen percent of CAP's staff are individuals living with HIV, 25% identify from communities of color, and 30% are bilingual. Our programs serve the broad and diverse set of communities impacted by HIV, from community-specific programs focused on teens, Latinos, the gay community, individuals and families living with HIV, to the thousands of individuals throughout the state who seek education through our AIDS/STD hotline each year. A committed 18-member volunteer Board of Directors provides strategic guidance and oversight to ensure CAP accomplishes its mission and continues to operate with integrity and transparency. www.cascadeaids.org.

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