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TYRA Grand Re-opening Set for December 15

Illinois Gender Advocates and the Howard Brown Health Center have recently entered into a cooperative linkage agreement to provide services to the transgender and gender variant youth of the greater Chicago area. As a result of that agreement, TYRA (IGA's youth program) has moved its drop-in center location to HBHC's Broadway Youth Center, 3170 N. Broadway in Chicago.

The IGA board of directors is very excited about the potential of TYRA's new location to provide enhanced social and other services to transgender youth, who have historically received very little in the way of help or support in dealing with the many daunting issues associated with growing up transgender. We hope that trans youth who visit the drop-in center will recognize that they can obtain assistance from the various Howard Brown programs that are made available from the same location. Likewise, young people coming to the Broadway Youth Center may encounter TYRA for the first time, and realize how important the drop-in project can be to them.

In order to promote the new location and potential for growth, IGA and Howard Brown Health Center are jointly sponsoring a Grand Re-opening Celebration for TYRA. The festivities will take place at the Broadway Youth Center between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 7, 2004. Live music and refreshments will be provided. TYRA's Grand Re-opening Celebration is free of charge and is open to any interested youth, as well as to members and friends of IGA.

TYRA is one of IGA's most important programs, and has enormous potential to have a positive impact on the lives of transgender young people. Anyone having an interest in any aspect of LGBT youth issues is invited and encouraged to come to the Grand Re-opening Celebration and tour the new facility. You can learn about the programs that IGA and the Broadway Youth Center are making available and meet the people who are providing the services. An opportunity to meet and talk with our young people almost always provides a refreshing and interesting slant on the topics that many of us take for granted. Don't miss this exciting, informative, and enjoyable event.

CALENDAR

Tuesday, December 7th — REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING, 7:30 PM, Featuring Casey Schwartz of the Broadway Youth Center, discussing TYRA and the new drop-in center location; New Spirit MCC, 542 S. Scoville Ave., Oak Park

Wednesday, December 15th—TYRA GRAND RE-OPENING CELEBRATION, 6:00 PM, an opportunity to view the new drop-in center location; live music and refreshments provided; Broadway Youth Center, 3179 N. Broadway, Chicago

Tuesday, January 4th—REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING, 7:30 PM, Featuring Rick Garcia of Equality Illinois, discussing the status of the Illinois LGBT human rights bill; New Spirit MCC, 542 S. Scoville Ave., Oak Park

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We are in the process of naming new board members. Be sure to check this spot next month for names and e-mail addresses.

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To sign up for the list serve, just send your e-mail address to Stevie Conlon, who is our list serve maven. Stevie will then send you an invitation to join. Follow the prompts and you will be signed up in a matter of minutes. (It's easy; even Diana was able to do it.)

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Yes / No (circle one) If yes, may we add your case to our report? Yes / No (circle one)

Please mail, along with your check or money order, to:

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