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**THE CHERRY FUND INTENSIFIES ITS COMMITMENT  
TO THE HIV/AIDS COMMUNITY**

2008 Beneficiaries Announced -- Testing-For-Tickets Program Launched

March 31, 2008 — Washington, DC — The Cherry Fund, a nonprofit charitable organization supporting both local and national lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender charitable organizations announced today that it has selected beneficiaries for its 2008 funding cycle. They are: Advocates for Youth, Metro TeenAIDS, National Youth Advocacy Coalition, Northern Virginia AIDS Ministry, Pediatric HIV/AIDS Care, and the Sexual Minority Youth Assistance League. "Each of our 2008 beneficiaries is working diligently to provide vital health and social services to people in our community who are very much in need," said Paul Marengo, president of The Cherry Fund's Board of Directors. "We are very pleased to be supporting these extremely worthy HIV/AIDS and GLBT Youth community organizations."

To promote HIV/AIDS testing and highlight HIV/AIDS awareness, the Fund has started a new program this year, such that patrons who get tested at Whitman Walker Clinic or Us Helping Us on Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> can get a free ticket to the Sunday Closing Night Party with Oscar G. "With the support of Ultra Bar, our Sunday Night Venue, we are so glad to be able to provide this opportunity," said Allen Sexton, Co-Chair of the CHERRY Steering Committee.

**About The Cherry Fund**

The Cherry Fund, Inc. is a DC based 501(c) 3 organization that is led and staffed entirely by volunteers. Since its inception in 1999, it has raised over \$877,000 for both local and national GLBT charities. For additional information about the Fund and its beneficiaries, visit their website at [www.cherryfund.org](http://www.cherryfund.org). For more information, please contact: Paul Marengo at 703-389-1238.