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## A community gathers to eradicate HIV/AIDS

Join community, regional and national participants as they focus on HIV/AIDS issues.

CHARLOTTE, NC — Last November, representatives of 19 different faith, arts, social service and health organizations came together to discuss the possibility of fighting the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the African-American community. Artists, service providers and ministers shared the table. Many meetings and conversations since then resulted in a planned series of events under the banner, *Artists & Community — Fighting for the Eradication of HIV/AIDS*, to be held April 17-24.

Six community partners, with

the support of many other organizations, have planned a town meeting, health fair, poetry slam, workshops, film showings



The Adodi Muse  
from Atlanta

and theatre performances. The Afro-American Cultural Center, The Guerrilla Mail Project, Nubian Rootz Cultural Center, OutCharlotte, Present Day Cares and Unity Fellowship Church Charlotte.

OutCharlotte encouraged arts participation. "We have lost many creative voices to this disease. Artists have found wonderfully creative

ways to communicate the impact of the disease, and ways in which all of us can be moved to action," said Joanne Stevenson, an OutCharlotte board member.

"We have to change the way we talk about HIV/AIDS if we are to stop the damage this disease is doing to members of our community," Gerry Chisholm, Director of Nubian Roots Cultural Center.

"Only by working together can we begin to honestly take stock of what our health care providers, churches and government agencies must do to intensify the fight against this disease," said Rev. Tonya Rawls, pastor of Unity Fellowship Church Charlotte. Present Day Cares, Inc. is a non-profit community-based organization whose

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## NC leaders in Out & Elected in USA touring exhibit

CARRBORO, NC — The Carrboro Arts Committee and the Chapel Hill Public Arts Commission will host a nationally touring photo exhibit at the Carrboro Century Center. *Out & Elected in the USA* features sixty photographic portraits and their own words of openly lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Americans who have served or currently serve in elected office throughout the country.

The Carrboro Century Center is the new exhibit's first stop on its nationwide tour. *Out & Elected* is a remarkable and thought-provoking body of work," says Carrboro Mayor Michael Nelson, now serving his fourth term. "It documents, in black and white, a significant emerging trend in US political history. We're very excited at the prospect of helping introduce it to a national audience."

The *Out & Elected* collection covers 30 years, featuring subjects from 30 of the 33 states where openly gay and lesbian candidates have been elected. Nelson shares this distinction locally with Joe Herzenberg, former Town Council Member and Mayor Pro-tem of Chapel Hill. In 1987 Herzenberg became North Carolina's first openly gay elected official. Nelson became our state's first openly gay mayor in 1995. Both leaders are among the 60 featured in the exhibit.

Exhibit creator R.S. Lee says, "While the collection focuses specifically on the



Mayor Mike Nelson



Joe Herzenberg

collective experience of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender political candidates, ultimately it reflects the courage of all people who hold themselves up to the scrutiny of the electorate. They care about their communities and want to make a difference."

*Out & Elected in the USA* was

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## May 12: To eradicate breast cancer, "Sing for The Cure"

CHARLOTTE, NC — "Sing for the Cure" is a 65-minute song cycle exploring the experiences of breast cancer patients, their friends and loved ones. The work was commissioned by two large, primarily gay choruses in Dallas, Texas, commissioned by the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation in June, 2000. The Foundation is dedicated to "eradicating breast

cancer as a life-threatening disease by advancing research, education, screening and treatment."

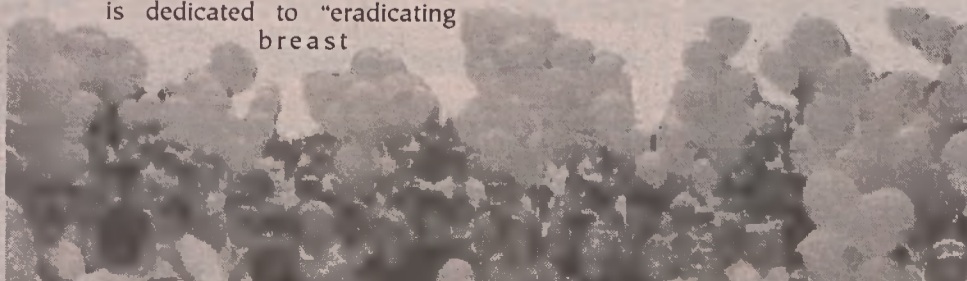
The Women's Chorus of Dallas and Turtle Creek Chorale are both large, world-renowned choruses who are leaders in the Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses (GALA Choruses). The collaboration is

remarkable. And result is riveting.

Ten American composers created music to accompany these stories. All proceeds from the event go to fight breast cancer in the Charlotte area community through the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

"Consistently, the Foundation's expense to income ratio is 15% to 85%. Seventy-five percent of the donations to this event stay in the Charlotte area for breast cancer screening, awareness and treatment. Twenty-five per cent goes to the national Foundation for research, said Penelope Wilson, Executive Director of Susan G. Komen Foundation-Charlotte.

Wilson came to Charlotte in 1993, having lost her partner the year before to breast cancer.



Susan B. Komen Foundation celebrates with breast cancer survivors

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