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### **Affinity Community Services Severs Ties with Coalition for Justice & Respect**

**Chicago, Illinois** – After careful deliberation, the Board of Directors of Affinity Community Services (Affinity) has decided to end its relationship with the Coalition for Justice and Respect (CJR). Affinity made this decision due to a misalignment of the principles and values between the two organizations. In the past, Affinity and CJR have worked together on social justice initiatives and, on occasion, Affinity has hosted certain of CJR's health-related activities.

Affinity will continue to work on social justice issues as they relate to the broader African American and LGTQ communities. In particular, Affinity will continue to focus on those issues of concern to our core constituency, which includes black lesbians, bisexual and transgender women, and LGBTQ youth of African descent.

Affinity Community Services is a social justice organization that provides programs and services to the African American LGBTQ community and the broader community of African American women. Affinity celebrates its 15<sup>th</sup> year in 2010 by expanding its work in health advocacy, leadership development, and community building while making service to youth one of our top priorities.

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