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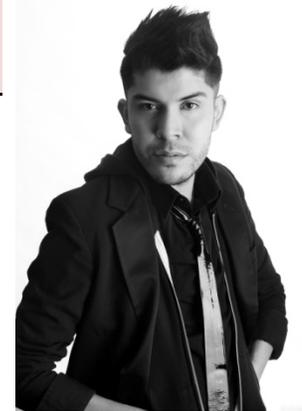
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AIDS Walk Honorary Chair 2014: Mondo Guerra

Project Runway Star and Designer will lead AIDS Walk Austin 2014

What:	AIDS Walk Austin 2014
Who:	Honorary Chair Mondo Guerra , <i>Project Runway</i> All Stars winner
When:	October 19, 2014
Where:	Republic Square Park



AUSTIN, TX – AIDS Walk Austin is pleased to announce **Mondo Guerra** as the 2014 honorary chair. Mondo, Denver-based fashion designer and *Project Runway All Stars* victor, has captured the fashion world's imagination with his bold designs and innovative style. As an HIV activist, Mondo has helped cultivate conversation nationwide about the epidemic.

Mondo courageously revealed his HIV-positive status on *Project Runway* season eight after he created the challenge-winning print, "Po positivity," inspired by his own experience with the virus. The disclosure came after more than 10 years of personal silence. In addition to being open about his own status, Mondo has collaborated with numerous HIV organizations and fundraising campaigns, including *I Design*, *Dining Out for Life* and amFAR.

Mondo's creativity and passion for HIV advocacy made him the perfect choice for AIDS Walk Austin 2014 Honorary Chair. Mondo will lead the Walk and speak during the opening ceremonies. Last year, AIDS Walk Austin brought together 1,500 walkers and raised over \$240,000 for ten HIV and AIDS agencies across Austin. Produced by the AIDS Services of Austin, AIDS Walk Austin aims to not only raise funds, but to increase awareness and fight stigma and indifference.

Mondo is available for interviews prior to the AIDS Walk and on the day of the Walk. Please contact Kanaka Sathasivan at kanaka.sathasivan@asaustin.org or 512-406-6118 to schedule an interview.

About AIDS Walk Austin

Organized by AIDS Services of Austin since 1988, AIDS Walk Austin is a community-wide advocacy and fundraising event benefiting 10 local organizations. Walkers heighten awareness, reduce stigma and raise funds for care services and prevention education in Central Texas. The 2014 Walk will kick off at Republic Square Park and travel through the Capital Grounds. Enjoy live music and local food throughout the day while showing your support and fighting HIV! Register or donate at www.aidswalkaustin.org.

About AIDS Services of Austin (ASA)

The mission of AIDS Services of Austin is to enhance the health and well-being of the community and people affected by HIV and AIDS. For more information about AIDS Services of Austin, visit www.asaustin.org.