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THE Q AUSTIN IS AN MPOWERMENT PROJECT OF AIDS SERVICES OF AUSTIN 

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August 8th is The Q Austin Day and We Open the Doors to Our New Home to Fight Rising HIV Infection Rates Among Young Men

What: The Q Austin Grand Opening

When: Friday, August 8, 2014

6:00pm – 9:00pm

Where: The Q Austin

2906 Medical Arts

Austin, TX 78705

AUSTIN, TX – The boxes and packing tape have been put away and The Q Austin (ASA’s Mpowerment Project) is settled into their new home at **2906 Medical Arts**, just a few doors down from ASA’s Jack Sansing Dental Clinic! This **Friday from 6pm – 9pm**, celebrate the grand opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony to kick off the Q Austin’s new home. With a proclamation from Mayor Lee Leffingwell, the entire day will be The Q Austin Day!

With HIV infection rates on the rise among young gay and bi-sexual men The Q Austin works to mobilize these same young men in the fight against stigma around HIV in Austin. The Q Austin’s Interim Lead Coordinator, David Sweeney says, “The Q works by empowering young gay, bi, and curious guys to come together and creatively address the issues facing their own community. It really is a project created by and for young gay men.” This Friday see first-hand how the Q’s Core Group of volunteers work to mobilize the community and raise awareness for safer sex practices as they take you on a tour to show you what they do in the space and out in the community.

Get a sample of The Q Austin’s award winning social media strategies as you take The Q’s Social Media Challenge to win awesome prizes. Enjoy complimentary food and drinks while being entertained by our guest DJ on the back patio. Learn more about our program with videos and interactive activities and a reading of the Mayor’s Proclamation.

“The space will help ASA more effectively reach the communities most at-risk.” says ASA’s Executive Director, Paul Scott. “We are extremely proud of the The Q and volunteers in creating an inviting and safe space that is open and accessible to the community.” Each wall of the Q’s new location is a work of art designed and executed by gay and queer staff and volunteers to create an innovative and inviting space for young LGBTQIA people to be themselves. The Q



Austin's Medical Arts location also features a bi-weekly HIV testing clinic and Gallery Q, a queer art space to support local LGBTQIA artists. People are also invited to stock up on safer sex supplies at the Austin Chronicle's Best Of "Sex Wall at The Q" and borrow books from our Queer Library.

Whether it's a movie night in our Screening Room, or Queer Yoga in our studio space, there's definitely something for everyone at Austin's newest queer space, and we look forward welcoming you to our new home!

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About The Q Austin

The Q is dedicated to building a safe, affirming, and healthy community that empowers young gay and bi-sexual men in Austin.

The **Mpowerment Project** of AIDS Services of Austin that can make a difference in the lives of young gay, bisexual, and questioning men ages 18 – 29 by mobilizing these men to shape a supportive community for young gay men. This project creates norms about having safer sex, knowing your HIV status and encouraging their friends to do the same.

By organizing events and outreach to support the Q's vision. Through this support the message of safer sex practices and well-being can reach a larger audience while raising awareness for the Q and its mission. For more information about The Q Austin and its Mpowerment Project visit www.thegaustin.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.