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RIPPLEPHX TO UNVEIL NEW LOCATION IN PHOENIX, ARIZONA, EXPANDING ACCESSIBILITY OF HIV SERVICES IN MOVE TOWARDS GREATER HEALTH EQUITY FOR LGBTQ+ INDIVIDUALS.

Phoenix, Arizona – May 22, 2023 - RipplePHX, a 501(c)(3) back-to-grassroots nonprofit organization dedicated to reducing the impact of HIV in the LGBTQ+ community, is thrilled to announce its relocation to a new location at 1423 W Indian School Road in Phoenix, Arizona aimed to open its' doors in the fall of 2023. The move will consolidate existing administrative operations and storage for outreach events into one central hub, providing an enhanced experience for both staff and the community.

The new home base of RipplePHX will be designed to support and expand the organization's mission by offering a range of essential services and facilities. The facility boasts an open administrative workspace that fosters collaboration and communication among the RipplePHX team. Additionally, three private client meeting rooms will be established to accommodate the existing Early Intervention Services and new Case Management Services, ensuring personalized support and care for everyone. Most notably, this new location will not be open during traditional "9-5" hours initially but will focus its hours of operation on evenings and weekends to ensure greater service accessibility for the priority populations and address a critical gap in services in the Phoenix LGBTQ+ Community for clients who work "9-5".

As a testament to their commitment to community engagement, RipplePHX will add a Community Meeting Space within the new location. This versatile area will serve as a gathering point for educational workshops, support groups, and various community-driven initiatives. Moreover, an on-site Testing Room will be constructed to offer convenient and confidential HIV testing services.

One of the most significant additions to RipplePHX's new home base will be an Express PrEP Clinic in partnership with a local LGBTQ+ medical provider. This clinic will provide efficient access to Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP), a vital tool in the prevention of HIV. By offering streamlined PrEP services, RipplePHX aims to ensure that community members have access to this life-saving medication while reducing some of the most common barriers.

RipplePHX, known for its innovative approach to community outreach, will continue its mission to flood the Phoenix LGBTQ+ community with love, tools, and information necessary to combat HIV, regardless of individuals' status. The organization's renowned mobile Outreach Bus, affectionately named The Chariot, and her rolling "Ariel" Outreach Units will remain as steadfast resources in the community. The Chariot will continue to deliver essential weekly outreach services, including HIV testing, access to PrEP, and HIV treatment support, in both English and Spanish. Notably, these services are available to all individuals, regardless of documentation status or insurance coverage.

"We are thrilled to unveil our new home base at 1423 W Indian School Road," said Jeremy Bright, co-founder of RipplePHX. "This move represents a significant milestone in our journey to create a stronger, more unified space for our staff and to fill critical gaps for the community we serve. With our expanded facilities, evening and weekend hours, and accessible services, we are more ready than ever to make a profound impact on the lives of those affected by HIV – with plenty of room for continued growth and stability in the coming years."

Jeremy Bright and Jason Jones are an HIV serodiscordant couple who co-founded RipplePHX in 2018 after struggling to find services to meet their needs and to address the overwhelming stigma faced by people living with or at-risk for HIV.

"RipplePHX's mission is something incredibly personal and important to both of us, and we're thrilled to commemorate our 5-Year Anniversary with this significant move to a new location," said Jason Jones. "From our humble beginnings in a small apartment bedroom to a 500 square foot guest house, this 6,500 square foot safe space will be an incredible game-changer, dedicated to reducing the impact of HIV in the lives of all individuals, regardless of their status."

The location, situated on the southeast corner of 15th Avenue and Indian School Road, was originally the home of "West Drug" when built in the 1940's and was most recently a local Latin Market. RipplePHX is excited to bring back both healthcare and service for the Latinx Community in this location rich in history of serving the local community.

RipplePHX relies on the generous support of the community to continue its vital work. Donations are greatly appreciated and can be made online by visiting www.RipplePHX.org/Donate. Additionally, an Amazon Wish List has been created specifically for the new location, allowing supporters to contribute essential items that will enhance the services provided.

For further information about RipplePHX, its services, or to schedule an interview, please contact Jeremy Bright at 623-264-8666 or via email at jeremy@ripplephx.org.

About RipplePHX:

RipplePHX is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization based in Phoenix, Arizona. Dedicated to reducing the impact of HIV in the LGBTQ+ community, RipplePHX engages individuals through exciting outreach events, providing access to HIV testing, PrEP, and HIV treatment support. Their mission is to flood the Phoenix LGBTQ+ Community with the love, tools, and information needed to combat HIV.

