

## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The National Association of People with AIDS (NAPWA) will host its sixteenth annual *AIDSWatch* event on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. from Monday, April 28, 2008 to Wednesday, April 30, 2008. *AIDSWatch* is the nation's largest constituent-based federal advocacy event for HIV/AIDS. Participants include people living with HIV/AIDS as well as their families, friends, health care providers and other supportive colleagues. This year's focus is "AIDS at Home," where participants will inform legislators on domestic HIV/AIDS issues that affect their quality of life. One of this year's highlights will be the "AIDS at Home" rally on Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Upper Senate Park on Capitol grounds with guest speakers Congresswoman Maxine Waters (D-CA) and Congresswoman Donna M. Christian-Christensen (D-VI).

**WHO:** The National Association of People with AIDS (NAPWA)

**WHAT:** AIDSWATCH 2008

**WHERE:** Capitol Grounds, Washington, D.C.

WHEN: April 28- 30<sup>th</sup>

**BACKGROUND:** For 16 years, NAPWA has proudly invited people living with HIV/AIDS and their friends and families to Capitol Hill to educate legislators on the most pertinent HIV/AIDS issues. Currently in its 25<sup>th</sup> year of advocacy, NAPWA continues its legacy of advocacy and change in our communities. AIDSWatch is the largest annual constituent-based Federal HIV/AIDS advocacy event in the nation.

As the trusted, independent voice of people living with HIV/AIDS in America, AIDSWatch serves as a vehicle for people living with HIV/AIDS to tell and celebrate our legacy—past, present, and future. Become part of NAPWA's collective heritage as we move from victims to victors.

For more information or to attend the events, contact Takirra Winfield, Media Projects Coordinator, at 240-247-1025, <a href="mailto:TWinfield@napwa.org">TWinfield@napwa.org</a>. Also, see event schedule and additional information online at <a href="https://www.napwa.org">www.napwa.org</a>.