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Delta Air Lines becomes AIDS Walk New York's Presenting Sponsor

(New York, NY) After 20 years of supporting AIDS Walk New York, 2017 marks the first year that Delta Air Lines is serving as the event's Presenting Sponsor. With this year's donations, Delta Air Lines' contributions will exceed \$1.7 million.

Delta first came on board as an AIDS Walk New York sponsor in 1997, and has also been the official airline of GMHC since 2005.

Delta has not only donated hundreds of thousands of dollars in cash and flights, but engages its employees via a large and successful AIDS Walk New York team, which has raised more than \$232,000 over the years.

"Delta Air Lines has continually lifted up people living with HIV/AIDS, and helped GMHC fly," said Kelsey Louie, Chief Executive Officer of GMHC. "The airline gives us the benefit of its cash to support programs, staff travel to conferences, and the engagement of the Delta employees. We are deeply grateful for this partnership."

"The AIDS Walk organizers first met up with Delta Air Lines through our work in Atlanta many years ago," recalled AIDS Walk Founder and Senior Organizer, Craig R. Miller. "The company has over the decades done more than any other airline by far to support the AIDS Walk movement nationwide."

"A key part of Delta's core mission is to help nurture communities as diverse and varied as the 59 countries and 326 destinations it serves," said Henry Kuykendall, Vice President – New York at Delta Air Lines. "By growing our partnership with AIDS Walk New York, we are proud to help GMHC remain at the front lines of fighting HIV/AIDS and meet the needs of people who are underserved in New York and the Tri-State Area."

AIDS Walk New York, presented by Delta Air Lines will take place in Central Park on Sunday, May 21 2017. Participants are encouraged register and raise funds by visiting <http://ny.aidswalk.net>.

About GMHC: Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC) is the nation's leading provider of HIV/AIDS care, prevention services and advocacy, serving nearly 10,000 people living with HIV/AIDS in New York City, the epidemic's largest U.S. epicenter. As the world's first HIV/AIDS service organization, GMHC is an expert in providing services that every person affected by the epidemic deserves. GMHC is on the front lines caring for people who are both HIV negative and positive, including: testing, nutrition, legal, mental health and education services. GMHC also advocates for stronger public policies at the local, state and federal level with the goal of ending AIDS as an epidemic in New York State by 2020. Most recently, GMHC and other HIV/AIDS organizations successfully persuaded the federal government to recommend widespread use of PrEP, a new daily treatment that is over 90% effective in preventing HIV infection. For more information, visit www.gmhc.org.

About Delta Air Lines: Delta Air Lines is New York's largest carrier with more than 500 peak-day departures to more than 130 destinations worldwide from its hubs at LaGuardia Airport and John F. Kennedy International Airport – including more destinations from New York State than any other airline. Delta has invested more than \$2 billion in New York airport infrastructure, including a \$1.4 billion international gateway at JFK's Terminal 4. The airline is also building a \$4 billion, state-of-the-art home at LGA. Delta offers more first class seats than any other carrier in New York and the most seats between JFK and Los Angeles/San Francisco, with flights that deliver flat-bed seats and chef-inspired menus in Delta One, complimentary food and beverage in Delta Comfort+, and free meals in Main Cabin. Delta's three metropolitan-area airports carried more than 28 million customers in 2016, up from 26 million in 2015. Delta and its nearly 10,000 New York-based employees are part of the fabric of the New York community, acting as the official airline of the Yankees, Mets, Knicks, Rangers, Madison Square Garden, Food Bank for New York City, The Whitney Museum and GMHC, among many others.

About AIDS Walk New York: Since 1986, AIDS Walk New York has nearly \$150 million for HIV programs and services in the tri-state area, and has grown into the largest AIDS fundraising event in the world. In 2016 alone, 20,000 participants, many of whom were members of more than 2,000 corporate and community teams, raised \$4.5 million for GMHC and dozens of other tri-state area AIDS service organizations. For more information, please visit <http://ny.aidswalk.net/>.

About MZA Events: AIDS Walk New York was founded in 1986 by Craig R. Miller and his organization of activists, MZA Events. Miller is the AIDS Walk originator and has produced hundreds of public service campaigns and fundraising events, generating more than \$380 million for major AIDS organizations throughout the country. For more information, please visit mzaevents.com.

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