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19<sup>th</sup> Annual AIDS WALK Tucson  
Post-Walk Mini-Concert

On Sunday, October 14, 2007, Title Sponsor Desert Diamond Casino and the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) will be hosting the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual AIDS WALK featuring a 5K walk, 10K fun run, food, entertainment, community education and a live mini-concert, all on the central mall of The University of Arizona® campus. In a recent letter of support for AIDS WALK, Mayor Bob Walkup stated "AIDS WALK continues to be both a celebration of life and a time of reflection, of tribute and hope for a future without HIV and AIDS". This best sums up AIDS WALK's theme: "together... remember. support. prevent."

The day begins early with registration opening at 6:30 am and the 10K run beginning at 7:00 am. The day provides opportunities for remembering those who have passed away due to this epidemic, including a quilt opening ceremony at 7:15 am where the names of those lost will be read. Walkers and runners may also create a personal sign in memory of those they have lost to HIV/AIDS and wear the sign as they walk the route.

This year's walk will be kicked off by emcee Chuck George from KOLD13-TV with an opening ceremony at 8:15 am. The walk begins at 8:30 am. Thousands of participants will join together on the walk and run to raise funds to help sustain those living with HIV/AIDS locally, and help prevent new infections through education and awareness. Information on AIDS awareness and prevention will be available at the event.

AIDS WALK 2007 is a meaningful community gathering, as well as a celebration of life. All participants are invited to enjoy live music beginning at 8:45 am by Too Much Information (TMI) and at 9:30 am, Steady Ground. TMI was voted "Runner Up - Best Cover Band" in the 2006 Tucson Area Music Awards and played at AIDS WALK last year. Steady Ground was formed by drummer Ron Welty, formerly from The Offspring. Steady Ground updates the metal-tinged punk pioneered by Welty's former band, with vocalist Rick Stitch, guitarists George Squiers and Jared Woods, and Kyle Rogan on bass. It's sure to be a great day for a concert on The University of Arizona® central mall.

Your support through AIDS WALK helps sustain critical services for people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS such as food, housing, medication assistance, and more. Your backing also helps to fund critical prevention programs for people at risk for HIV. One hundred percent of donations raised at AIDS WALK stay in Southern Arizona! For more information about AIDS WALK or to learn about our traveling registration sites please visit [www.aidswalktucson.com](http://www.aidswalktucson.com) or our MySpace page at [www.myspace.com/aidswalktucson](http://www.myspace.com/aidswalktucson) or contact (520) 791-WALK (9255).

The event schedule is as follows:

6:30 a.m. Registration opens

7:00 a.m. 10K Run starts

7:15 a.m. Daybreak Quilt Opening Ceremony

7:45 a.m. TIHAN Interfaith Service

8:15 a.m. AIDS WALK 5K Opening Ceremony

8:30 a.m. 5K Walk begins

8:45 a.m. Live Music from Too Much Information (TMI) <http://www.tmi-band.com/>

9:30 a.m. Live Music from Steady Ground <http://www.steadyground.com/newsite/>

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