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**MEDIA ADVISORY**

**COMCAST AND CITY YEAR WASHINGTON, DC LEAD TOWN HALL  
ADDRESSING HIV / AIDS CRISIS AMONG DC YOUTH**

**WHO:** Comcast of the District and City Year Washington, DC

**WHAT:** City Year's Comcast HIV/AIDS Outreach Prevention & Education (HOPE) Team hosts a 'town hall forum' about HIV/AIDS in our community, setting the stage for candid dialogue between local elected officials, District of Columbia (DC) Public Schools representatives, local AIDS education advocates and 450 DC high school students.

Join invited participants **Mayor Adrian Fenty, Council Chairman Vincent Gray, Council Members David Catania and Harry Thomas**, as well as **DC Public Schools Chancellor Michelle Rhee, Department of Health Senior Deputy Director of HIV/AIDS Administration Shannon Hader and Metro Teen AIDS** in a powerful discussion about DC's AIDS crisis, moderated by *Comcast Newsmakers* host Tony Hill. The program also includes relevant performances by the Duke Ellington School of the Arts Drama Club and renowned Show Choir.

The town hall forum commemorates World AIDS Day 2007 and is designed to raise awareness of the AIDS epidemic affecting the local community, as well as preventative measures for curbing the spread of HIV/ AIDS among DC youth. The program begins with the **Comcast HOPE Team's** presentation of **HIV 101**, part of its 9-week "Making Proud Choices" curriculum aimed at increasing young people's knowledge about the disease to prevent infection and empower them to make safe and healthy decisions.

**WHEN:** **December 3, 2007**

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – Photo opportunity of City Year's Comcast HOPE Team, local elected officials, DC public school students and members of Comcast and City Year's executive leadership teams.

**WHERE:** Duke Ellington School of the Arts  
3500 R Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20007

**WHY:** Comcast Corporation ([www.comcast.com](http://www.comcast.com)), the nation's leading provider of cable, entertainment and communications products and services, became a National Leadership Sponsor of City Year in 2003, and is one of only eight national sponsors nationwide. As part of the partnership, Comcast funds a variety of City Year programs and sponsors the Comcast Leadership Awards. Comcast executives serve on the national board and nine local boards of City Year.

City Year Washington, DC ([www.cityyear.org/dc](http://www.cityyear.org/dc)) unites a diverse group of young people, ages 17 to 24, for a year of full-time service to the DC community. City Year corps members serve in many roles, including mentors in public schools and organizers of after-school programs. City Year Washington, DC is a proud member of AmeriCorps and lead local sponsors include The Acacia Group, The Case Foundation, CityBridge Foundation, Comcast, CSX, and Freddie Mac.

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