AIDS Walk & Run Baltimore Raises Nearly $100,000 for Chase Brexton Health Care's HIV/AIDS Services

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BALTIMORE (May 8, 2017) – The AIDS Walk & Run Baltimore 2017 presented by Quest Diagnostics succeeded in raising nearly $100,000 to support Chase Brexton Health Care's HIV/AIDS prevention, outreach, and testing services.

More than 600 attendees gathered at The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore on Sunday, May 7 to take steps to end HIV and AIDS in Baltimore. They were welcomed to the event by Baltimore City Health Commissioner Dr. Leana Wen, Chase Brexton Health Care President and CEO Patrick Mutch, and emcee Chardelle Moore of Fox 45 Baltimore.

Donations will continue to be accepted through June 30; visit www.BaltimoreAIDSWalk.org to make a contribution.

"It was amazing to see so many runners, walkers, volunteers and teams come out to support our third annual AIDS Walk & Run," said Becky Frank, Vice President of Marketing and Development for Chase Brexton Health Care. "Their efforts will make a major impact in our fight to prevent new HIV cases in Baltimore and provide care to those already affected."

More than 12,000 people are living with HIV in Baltimore--1 in 43 city residents--but 16 percent do not know they're infected. Among Chase Brexton's HIV patients, 90 percent have suppressed viral loads, compared to 71 percent of HIV patients city-wide. 72 percent of Chase Brexton HIV patients have undetectable viral loads.

In addition, 30 vendors offered information and resources at a finish line health fair. Food for attendees was provided by The Greene Turtle.

Results from the 5K race, organized by Charm City Run, are available at http://tinyurl.com/2017AWmale for men and http://tinyurl.com/2017AWfemale for women.

Sponsors for the 2017 AIDS Walk & Run Baltimore include Quest Diagnostics, Gilead, The Greene Turtle, Bristol-Myers Squibb, CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield, Johns Hopkins Medicine, McKesson Pharmaceuticals, Priority Partners, Continuum Health Alliance, The Jacques Initiative of the Institute of Human Virology at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, Saul Ewing LLP, and Fox 45 Baltimore.

Chase Brexton Health Care is a primary care provider serving a diverse group of patients at our seven clinics in Baltimore City, Randallstown, Columbia, Glen Burnie and Easton, as well as Sheppard Pratt’s Way Station office and as provider of student health services at the Maryland Institute College of Art. A Joint Commission-accredited Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), we provide a range of clinical services from primary medical care to behavioral health services to pharmacy. More than 400 staff members work as a team to put patients at the center of their own care, empowering them to live their healthiest lives. For more information on our many programs and services, please visit ChaseBrexton.org.

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