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DOORWAYS CELEBRATES PROM

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – On June 12, 2015, twenty [DOORWAYS](#) volunteers will host Prom for 50 of its residents from 6-9 PM at its Soulard location. DOORWAYS is an interfaith non-profit organization that provides housing and related supportive services to improve quality of life and health outcomes for people affected by HIV/AIDS. Many residents did not experience their own high school prom or may not have had a positive experience. The DOORWAYS Prom with its theme “Light Up the Night” intends to celebrate the men and women who live at four of DOORWAYS’ seven apartment buildings around the City of Saint Louis.

Joye Forrest, the first black [Miss Teen Missouri United States](#), will join ten local celebrity performers like Becca Diamonds, Akasha Royal, Jade Sinclair, Mona Chase and Siren for dancing and fun. “I want to encourage others to be courageous, stand up for what they believe and not to succumb to peer pressure for all the wrong reasons,” Forrest said. “I am proud to help create safe places for people living with HIV/AIDS and to help eliminate stigma in our community.”

Fifty members of the [Gateway Men’s Chorus](#) will perform selections from their summer concert “Prom” and a local deejay will provide the dance music. “The event was designed to show support for our residents and let them have a chance to have fun and celebrate,” Taylor McCabe, event organizer said. “I hope it is a night to remember!” A professional photo booth will provide residents with keepsakes of their special night. “Prom participants are encouraged to ‘dress to impress,’” McCabe explained. “This can be difficult for some of our previously homeless residents. Donations of suits and dresses are welcome.”

About DOORWAYS

DOORWAYS is an interfaith non-profit organization that provides housing and related supportive services to improve quality of life and health outcomes for people affected by HIV/AIDS. Through direct service delivery and the efforts of identified program partners, DOORWAYS’ programs and services annually benefit 1,000 households living with HIV/AIDS in the 15-county St. Louis metropolitan area, 62 under-served counties in outstate Missouri, and another 55 under-served counties in outstate Illinois. In Saint Louis, to volunteer or to donate, please visit www.doorwayshousing.org or contact

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