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HOYT SHERMAN PLACE AND CAPITAL CITY PRIDE TO SPONSOR AIDS MEMORIAL QUILT DISPLAY DURING PRIDE MONTH

Des Moines, Iowa - Hoyt Sherman Place is proud to be selected to display six panels of the AIDS Memorial Quilt honoring Iowa's victims thanks to co-sponsor Capital City Pride, who was the recipient of a \$5,000 Polk County Betterment Grant for the event. Public viewings will be in the theater on Friday, June 16 from 4:00 PM-8:00 PM and Saturday, June 17 from 1:00-5:00 PM. Friday's viewings will feature guest speakers as well as a special performance by the Belin Quartet at 6:00 PM, refreshments to follow in the Art Gallery. Saturday's viewings will feature guest speakers as well as a special performance by Sara Routh at 3:00 PM, refreshments to follow in the Art Gallery. This event is free of charge.

Created in 1987, the Quilt is a source of remembrance, healing and hope. Within each 3-foot by 6-foot panel are sewn the names and stories of more than 110,000 friends, family members and loved ones whose precious lives were lost to the devastating disease. A powerful visual reminder of the AIDS pandemic, the Quilt is a symbol of social justice and an important educational resource to help ensure that our nation never forgets the 700,000 lives lost in the United States from AIDS-related causes.

Gilead Sciences and Vivent Health are proud partners of the National AIDS Memorial, helping support its work to ensure that never again will a community be harmed because of fear, silence, discrimination or stigma.

Civic Music Association is proud to present the Belin Quartet. Honoring the legacy of David and Connie Belin, the ensemble has a community-centered mission that offers ten free concerts during the summer and ten free educational performances throughout the fall and spring at schools, retirement communities, libraries, community centers, and other venues.

About Hoyt Sherman Place: Hoyt Sherman Place, the home of Hoyt Sherman, was built in 1877 and is located in Des Moines, Iowa. Hoyt Sherman Place creates outstanding experiences for the cultural, historic and educational benefit of Iowa's residents and communities. For more information, visit www.hoytsherman.org.

About Capital City Pride: Since 1978, Capital City Pride has brought together the members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender community their friends, allies, and supporters. The organization holds events that inspire, educate, commemorate and celebrate the diverse community and culture with and for the greater Des Moines Metro. For more information, visit www.capitalcitypride.org.

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