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### **Milwaukee LGBT Community Center Invites Public to Town Hall Meeting May 17, 2012**

The Board of Directors of the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center invites the community to a Town Hall meeting on May 17 at 6:30pm in the second floor community room.

“We invite our members and allies to learn about the reorganization, right-sizing, fundraising, and membership campaign for the Center,” said Center Co-President Jennifer Morales. “We need community support and input in this time of strategic visioning to ensure the Center’s long-term sustainability.”

“As the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center is in a time of change and reorganization, we will have many topics we want to discuss with our community at this meeting and over the next few months. We are working hard on bylaw changes, lease and location issues, reviewing every contract, assessing community needs and building support for new growth while we reorganize and right-size the Center. To that end, we want to reach out to you, our community, for guidance and help,” said Co-President Paul Williams.

In addition to participating in the Town Hall meeting, supporters who would like to help are encouraged to call the Center at (414) 271-2656. There are many opportunities to volunteer, specifically in areas of accounting, bookkeeping, health and wellness programming, community education, grant-writing. We also encourage those with a criminal justice background and experience working with victims of violent crimes to volunteer.

Williams continues, “We need community members and supporters to step up and renew their memberships. With all the new energy around the Center, now is a critical moment for all of us to increase our investment of both money and time.”

Milwaukee LGBT Community Center programs include: Project Q Youth Services, HIV Risk Reduction & Prevention Services, LGBT Breast Health Programs, and the Anti-Violence Project, as well as personal financial counseling and coaching, an art gallery, an LGBT lending library with over 2,400 books, a cyber center and meeting spaces. In addition, the Center sponsors many networking events and activities.

Numerous community partners are located at the Center, including Milwaukee PrideFest, FORGE, PFLAG Milwaukee, Lesbian Alliance, Veterans for Diversity (formerly Vets Do Ask Do Tell), Wisconsin Voices, Wisconsin Cream City Chorus, and Wisconsin Rainbow Alliance of the Deaf.

The Center is calling out for help in terms of members, donations and committee members. Please call the Center today at 414-271-2656 today to offer your support. Use our online PayPal donation link to make contributions to the Center on our website: <http://www.mkelgbt.org>

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Funds are sought for administrative costs for these vital programs and reorganize the Center for the LGBT community and its allies.