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### UJIMA MEN'S COLLECTIVE TO HOST FORUM FOR BLACK GAY MEN

WEST PALM BEACH, FL—Ujima Men's Collective is hosting a forum for black gay men October 10 – 12 at the Hilton Palm Beach Airport Hotel called Dare 2B A.W.A.R.E. This forum will enlighten black men on the ravages of HIV/AIDS and encourage them to develop life skills and strategies that will enhance their lives and the people around them.

Throughout the three day conference, workshops and seminars will be conducted in a number of key areas including Advocacy, Leadership, Health & Wellness, Spirituality and Relationships.

“Working in association with the Palm Beach County Health Department we hope this event will bring new light to the HIV/AIDS epidemic. We hope to help create a new collective group of black gay men willing to take responsibility for their life and collectively work to create a sense of community,” said the Health Department's Regional Minority HIV/AIDS Coordinator Lorenzo Robertson.

According to Health Department statistics one out of four blacks is HIV positive in Palm Beach County. Forums of this nature are designed to create awareness, empower those infected to change their life, and provide a community based organizational support.

Conference information can be obtained on the web at [ujimamen@aol.com](mailto:ujimamen@aol.com) or by calling, 813-391-6710 or 561-992-1232.



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