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## The Project of Primary Health Care Collaborates with Des Moines Gay Men's Chorus in HIV/AIDS Awareness & Education Concert: Our Bodies – Our Lives

[Des Moines, Iowa]— The gay men's choral movement began in the late 1970's. Choruses were a safe place to not only enjoy music but find community, feel safe and for many—become like family. San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus Artistic Director, Timothy Seeling commented, "When the AIDS epidemic struck in the early 1980's all GLBT choruses realized it deepened their purpose and reason for being." Some 30 years after the tragic early days and many difficult months and years that followed, we stand before you with the same resolve. To sing and enjoy the music. To provide a safe place for all. To stand against bullying in all forms. To fight against the stigma that is still very real against those living with HIV/AIDS.

Our Bodies - Our Lives is a concert dedicating to raising awareness about HIV/AIDS prevention, the importance of treatment and removing the stigma of living with HIV/AIDS.

In addition to the concert, the AIDS Memorial Quilt will be on display, stories shared by those living with HIV and remarks from the clinicians and staff at The Project of Primary Health Care. The Project has been caring for those living with HIV in Central Iowa for over 28 years, as well as providing education, testing and supportive services.

## **Event Details:**

Our Bodies – Our Lives
First Christian Church
2500 University Ave.
Saturday, March 25, 2017
6:30 – AIDS Memorial Quilt Viewing
7:30 – Concert Begins
Reception to Follow