

## **John Barnes Joins Funders Concerned About AIDS as Executive Director**

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 - Funders Concerned About AIDS (FCAA), a funders' affinity group responsible for mobilizing and tracking the U.S. philanthropic response to HIV/AIDS, announced today that John L. Barnes has been named Executive Director. Barnes has served as FCAA's Interim Executive Director since March, during which time he orchestrated the organization's inaugural annual gathering, finalized a new three-year strategic plan, and led efforts to streamline FCAA's operation.

"John has been deeply involved in direct service and philanthropy focused on social justice issues and people living with HIV/AIDS and other critical illnesses," said LaTida Smith, Chair, FCAA Board of Directors. "The Board feels that his passion and leadership as both a grantmaker and grantseeker will challenge and invigorate FCAA and our efforts to mobilize AIDS Philanthropy."

Barnes joins FCAA with more than 20 years of leadership in the private, nonprofit and government sectors. Most recently he served as Deputy Executive Director for Program and Development of Food and Friends, Inc. in Washington, DC. His professional experience includes managing the Hunger and Domestic Violence portfolios of the Altria Group, serving as executive director of AIDS Nutrition Services Alliance, Metropolitan AIDS Neighborhood Nutrition Alliance, and Delaware Lesbian and Gay Health Advocates (AIDS Delaware). Barnes served on the Board of Directors of FCAA from 2005-2009.

"Now, more than ever, it is essential for funders to work collaboratively to maximize the impact of precious resources," said Barnes. "FCAA is well positioned to help ensure an informed and coordinated response to the HIV/AIDS pandemic, and I am excited to be a part of this important work."

In addition to the overall management of all aspects of FCAA's work, Barnes will be leading the implementation of FCAA's new 2010-2012 strategic plan, as well as overseeing the organization's move to Crystal City, VA. Starting in January of 2010, FCAA will be sharing space with the Council on Foundations (the Council) in an effort to maximize administrative and staff capacity and efficiency. FCAA's new proximity to the Council will help forge an even closer connection to emerging trends and issues in philanthropy.

A graduate of the University of Delaware, Barnes also serves on the Board of Directors of Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS.

### **About FCAA**

Founded in 1987, Funders Concerned About AIDS is the only U.S.-based organization comprised of and for private philanthropic institutions concerned about, engaged in or potentially active in the fight against HIV/AIDS. FCAA's mission is to mobilize the leadership, ideas and resources of U.S.-based funders to eradicate the HIV/AIDS pandemic – domestically and internationally – and to address its social and economic consequences. FCAA regularly provides ideas,

products and services to over 1,500 philanthropic institutions. These foundations and corporations in turn support thousands of diverse organizations in the United States and across the globe that are engaged in critical HIV/AIDS research, prevention, care, social service, civil rights/social justice, and public policy/advocacy activities.

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