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### HUNDREDS OF AREA RESIDENTS DANCE TO HELP THE HOMELESS

Washington, DC November 6, 2015 – Over 200 supporters of the Coalition for the Homeless participated in the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual *Stepping out for the Homeless*<sup>®</sup> fundraising dance at St. Francis Hall in Washington, DC on Friday night. The event raised funds to support homeless people and families with children currently in transitional housing.

*“The only thing more important than helping people find homes is helping them to become self-sufficient so they can remain stably housed, said Michael L. Ferrell, Executive Director at Coalition for the Homeless. “When we see hundreds of people come together to celebrate this work – from local businesses to area residents – we see a path to ending homelessness in DC.”*

The evening showcased E.U. (Experience Unlimited) featuring legendary Go-Go artist Sugar Bear and The National Hand Dance Association’s Classic Hand Dancers showcase of classic hand styles from the 1950’s and 60s. A highlight of the evening was the presentation of an award to 12 years old Jake Moyer – the youngest supporter of Coalition for the Homeless.

***“INSERT QUOTE FROM AWARD RECIPIENT (I don’t think you are ever too young to help people who might be struggling. I’m excited and hope more people my age will get involved)”***

With over 200 tickets sold, the event raised \$XXX. The money will allow the coalition for the Homeless to continue serving the 550 people it helps each day as well as provide assistance with security deposits, utility payments and rental assistance that people need in order to move into permanent housing. In 2014, homelessness ended for 299 individuals and families, 160 people found jobs, and 14 families with children were prevented from becoming homeless.

For photos from the event and more information on the changing face of homelessness in our area, visit: [www.dccfh.org](http://www.dccfh.org).

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*The Coalition for the Homeless was created in 1979 and incorporated on August 18, 1981. The Coalition's efforts are focused on housing, employment and direct services. Their mission is to help transition homeless and at risk individuals and families to self-sufficiency through housing programs and supportive services. The Coalition fulfills its mission by operating and managing 11 program sites, including the Virginia Williams Family Resource Center, the central intake office for all families in the District of Columbia seeking emergency housing assistance and shelter. Almost 35 years later, the Coalition remains vigilant in their vision to rebuilding lives through the elimination of homelessness. Come out and be a part of something special, while helping others to rebuild their lives and strengthen the community. For More Information About Coalition for the Homeless and Stepping out for the Homeless, visit the Coalition's website at [www.dccfh.org](http://www.dccfh.org).*

3 to 5 days prior to the event



## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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## **THE COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS IS DANCING TO HELP THE HOMELESS**

**WHAT:** Coalition for the Homeless, a non-profit organization in Washington DC is hosting their 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Stepping out for the Homeless® dance. Proceeds from the event will enable the Coalition to help homeless citizens currently living in transitional housing programs with security deposits, utility payments, rental assistance and other kinds of support to help them transition to permanent housing. There is no one size fits all when helping people to stabilize their life and get back on their feet. The Coalition will feature legendary Go-Go artist Sugar Bear and E.U. (Experience Unlimited). The National Hand Dance Association's will have a demonstration of hand dance from the 1950's and 60's. Food, drinks will be served, free parking, and the opportunity to win door prizes donated by local businesses. For more information and/to register please visit the Coalition's website at [www.dccfh.org](http://www.dccfh.org)

**WHEN:** Friday, November 6, 2015, 6:00 p.m., to 10:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** St. Francis Hall, 1340 Quincy Street, NE, Washington, DC 20017

**WHO:** 250 dancers, leaders and volunteers are expected to attend.

**WHY:** The Coalition for the Homeless was created in 1979. Almost 35 years later, the Coalition continues to establish activities and solutions in the community to help eliminate homelessness. The Coalition's efforts are focused on housing, employment and direct services. Their mission is to help transition homeless and at risk individuals and families to self-sufficiency through housing programs and supportive services. The Coalition fulfills its mission by operating and managing 11 program sites, including the Virginia Williams Family Resource Center, the central intake office for all families in the District of Columbia seeking emergency housing assistance and shelter. Each year, the Coalition changes hundreds of lives. Come out and be a part of something special, while helping others to rebuild their lives and strengthen our community.

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