

Champaign-Urbana Public Health District

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Illinois Department of Public Health and Local Partner CUPHD Sponsor Life-Changing Stage Play at University of Illinois

Champaign-Urbana Public Health District Partners with the Illinois Department of Public Health to provide FREE Screenings and Bring a Greater Awareness of HIV/AIDS through an Entertaining Stage Play

Champaign, IL – On Sunday, April 20, 2008 at 4:00pm guests at the Foellinger Auditorium will have the opportunity to see a live production of the hilarious stage play "What You Don't Know Can KILL You" – the college tour. "What You Don't Know Can KILL You" tells the stories of how the wrong choices of three different individuals affect their lives. Admission is free, and guests will have the opportunity to have a free HIV/AIDS screening on location by the Champaign-Urbana Public Health District from 12:00pm – 3:30pm in the University of Illinois Foreign Language Building. Guests participating in HIV/AIDS screenings will be entered into a raffle to win a laptop computer.

Purposed One Entertainment and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) have partnered together in an effort to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS throughout the state of Illinois. Together with local partner Champaign-Urbana Public Health District (CUPHD), Purposed One Entertainment and IDPH hope to send the message "get tested so your mind can be rested" to the students of the University of Illinois.

The "What You Don't Know Can KILL You" Tour is an event of purpose. Knowing your status can save not only your life, but also the lives of your partners. "What You Don't Know Can KILL You" hopes to offer knowledge, awareness and enlightenment about HIV/AIDS, the preventable disease that is plaguing our community.

"What You Don't Know Can KILL You" has been on a 10-college / university tour in Illinois since February 2008. The playwright is Angela McGee, President and CEO of Purposed One Entertainment, a company whose goal is to produce quality entertainment with a purpose through film, stage plays and television programs. Ms. McGee is currently a producer on the "Judge Mathis Show.

"What You Don't Know Can KILL You" is a hilarious stage play that will make you laugh and cry. Audiences should come expecting to be entertained and leave inspired.

For more information on this or any other CUPHD program, please contact CUPHD at (217) 352-7961 or visit CUPHD on the web at <u>www.cuphd.org</u>.

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