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The 15th *One Big Event* - Are You Game for Change?

Dear Friend,

The important word for today is *change*. Now more than ever, there is a need for change. I know, you've probably heard it way too often lately. But I'm talking about REAL change happening NOW in OUR community. The **Hartford Gay & Lesbian Health Collective** has been an agent for change since 1983, making real impact on the lives of people every day. And right now, we could use a few more agents.

As a not-for-profit organization, we work with limited resources, especially the financial kind. So every year, we hold a fundraiser. The fifteenth *One Big Event (OBE)* will be held on October 28 at the Connecticut Convention Center. It is, if we do say so, a pretty swell time. But all this doesn't happen by itself. That's where YOU and your company enter the picture. Sponsors such as **YOU** are a vital element to the success of *OBE*. Your support of the **Hartford Gay & Lesbian Health Collective** brings you exposure to the greater Hartford LGBT and allied community. Showcase your awareness, community spirit and philanthropy. In return, your involvement will be showcased in the *OBE* program book, website, social media, event advertising and being part of the festivities on October 28. Check out the accompanying materials for the details. Your generosity will not go unrecognized.

Our name only begins to convey work the **Hartford Gay & Lesbian Health Collective** accomplishes in the wider community. We work with people who are straight, living with HIV, people who don't know what their sexual identity is or won't tell us. We care about their health and providing them with the best service we can provide thanks to our caring, professional and nonjudgmental staff and volunteers. Did you know we provide HIV testing and counseling; STD testing and treatment; Women's Health screenings (PAP testing, Breast exams, Pelvic exams and Mammography referrals); Hepatitis A&B screening & immunization; Hepatitis C screening; a comprehensive Dental Program; services for people living with HIV/AIDS including meals, food distribution and care for their pets? Also, medical and information referrals, support groups, education and reaching over 2,000 people in Connecticut and beyond every year? You get the picture: we are a small but busy public health agency.

So please, join the game; you don't belong on the sidelines. **YOUR** participation with the **Hartford Gay & Lesbian Health Collective** will be a game changer. We want **YOU** on the *One Big Event* team.

Are you game?

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan Millett".

Dan Millett
One Big Event Coordinator

