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LCCP “Queers the Air” at Their Smoke-Free Pub Crawl for Great American Smoke Out

Chicago, IL October 31, 2006 – The Lesbian Community Cancer Project (LCCP) will be participating in the 30th Annual Great American Smoke-Out by hosting a smoke-free LGBT pub crawl on Thursday November 16th. Lisa Tonna, LCCP’s interim executive director and program director of the Tobacco Policy Initiative, shared, “We are building on the successes of our other smoke-free events over the past year and we encourage people who are wanting to kick the habit or simply enjoy a smoke-free night to join us at 5:30pm at LCCP (4025 N. Sheridan).” The trolley will leave LCCP sharp at 6:00pm to arrive at our first stop-Sidetracks smoke-free glass bar. The second stop will be next door into Minibar, Chicago’s first gay smoke-free bar at 7:15pm, and the final stop will be at Joie De Vine, Chicago’s lesbian-owned wine bar in Andersonville, which will be smoke-free for the evening (approximate arrival time 8.15pm).

Tonna continued, “We are excited to finish out this year of smoke-free LGBT activities by participating in Great American Smoke-Out. We will not only be celebrating our many smoke-free successes over the last year, but we will also be celebrating with our Bitch to Quit participants on their last night of group.”

The Lesbian Community Cancer Project launched its revamped Queer the Air website earlier this fall highlighting smoke free events, smoke-free partners, and ways to get involved in the Queer the Air movement in Chicago.

If you are interested in learning more about Queer the Air, the smoke-free pub-crawl or would like to have your smoke-free event listed please log on to www.queertheair.com and contact us.

Since December 2005 LCCP has been building the capacity of Chicagoland LGBT communities, organizations, and leaders to support the clean air ordinance and its implementation creating a sustainable Chicago LGBT anti-tobacco movement. This initiative is one of 17 projects supported by Tobacco Policy Change: A Collaboration for Healthier Communities and States, a national program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF).

The Lesbian Community Cancer Project advances the health and quality of life for lesbian, bisexual, and queer women and transgender individuals through advocacy and public education. For more information, visit www.lccp.org.

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