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Mollie Stone's Donates \$4,372 To Paint The Castro Red To Support Local HIV/AIDS Service Organizations

Proceeds allocated from sales at Mollie Stone's Castro store on World AIDS Day

SAN FRANCISCO, CA – Mollie Stone's Markets presented representatives from Paint the Castro Red with a \$4,372.82 check following Paint the Castro Red on World AIDS Day, December 1, 2012. Mollie Stone's was a presenting sponsor of Paint the Castro Red, a public awareness and fundraising event hosted by San Francisco's leading HIV/AIDS service organizations.

Mollie Stone's Castro store (4201 18th Street, San Francisco) pledged 10% of total sales on December 1 to Paint the Castro Red. The event began with an appearance by San Francisco Supervisor Scott Wiener at Mollie Stone's Castro and concluded with a candlelight vigil at Harvey Milk Plaza that evening.

Saurabh Bajaj, Director of Development at the Asian & Pacific Islander Wellness Center, commented, "Mollie Stone's participation made Paint the Castro Red a truly community-wide event. Their enthusiasm, support and significant donation to HIV/AIDS organizations touched all of us, and showed their commitment to bettering the neighborhoods in which they work."

In total, 26 Upper Market and Castro merchants participated in Paint the Castro Red. It is estimated that over \$35,000 was raised for HIV/AIDS non-profit organizations including AIDS Emergency Fund, AIDS Legal Referral Panel, Asian & Pacific Islander Wellness Center, Maitri, National AIDS Memorial Grove, Positive Resource Center, Project Inform, Project Open Hand, San Francisco AIDS Foundation, Shanti and Visual Aid. Statistics from the San Francisco Department of Public Health indicate that 15,861 San Franciscans were living with HIV/AIDS at the end of 2010, with 400-500 newly diagnosed HIV cases each year.

About Mollie Stone's Markets

Founded in 1986 by Mike Stone and Dave Bennett, Mollie Stone's Markets is locally owned and operated with nine locations in the San Francisco Bay Area. Mollie Stone's has been unflinching in its commitment to provide the best possible shopping experience for its customers by offering a wide range of high quality products and full service departments. For more information about Mollie Stone's Markets, visit www.molliestones.com.



From left to right: Michael Stone (Mollie Stone's), Saurabh Bajaj (Asian & Pacific Islander Wellness Center), Sara Kunitake (Asian & Pacific Islander Wellness Center), Michael Huey (Mollie Stone's), Leigh Illion (Positive Resource Center), Michael Smithwick (Maitri Compassionate Care), David Bennett (Mollie Stone's)



From left to right: Leigh Illion (Positive Resource Center), San Francisco Supervisor Scott Wiener, David Bennett (Mollie Stone's)

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