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## **FREELANCE HEALTH EDUCATOR/FACILITATOR SOUGHT FOR GIRLS EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM**

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:** In response to the increasing rates of HIV among young women of color in NYC, Love Heals launched the Leadership Empowerment and Awareness Program (LEAP) for Girls in 2006. Designed in partnership with these young women as well as their parents/guardians and educators, the program focuses on neighborhoods in East Harlem, Central Brooklyn and the South Bronx that have felt the greatest impact from the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Partnering with individual schools and community-based organizations, LEAP for Girls provides young women of color between the ages of 12 and 18 with training in leadership and communication skills as well as information on HIV/AIDS prevention, reproductive health, sexuality and gender. The program culminates with participants designing and delivering a community action project to educate 250 of their peers.

**POSITION DESCRIPTION:** LEAP for Girls Facilitators serve on a freelance basis, partnering with a co-facilitator to deliver the LEAP for Girls curriculum. Specific responsibilities include:

- co-facilitating 13 two-hour training sessions focused on skills-building and knowledge acquisition—including leadership, public speaking, conflict resolution, advocacy, challenging biases, decision making, and information on HIV/AIDS and other reproductive health issues;
- co-facilitating up to three follow-up sessions to provide support to participants as they develop and deliver a community action project;
- serving as an advisor to and observer of the project;
- participating in the graduation ceremony;
- completing evaluation and monitoring tools;
- meeting regularly with Love Heals staff, partners, and other facilitators to monitor progress and make necessary changes;
- hiring and mentoring facilitators-in-training; and
- partnering with Love Heals staff to conduct any necessary evaluation and reporting work.

Training sessions and other activities are generally two days per week during after-school hours. Facilitators work on a contract basis, earning \$3000 per cycle. Each cycle lasts approximately three months. The upcoming fall cycle is scheduled to take place from October through December 2013.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** The ideal candidate will possess significant training and group facilitation experience in HIV/AIDS, sexual health, etc. (three years minimum); exceptional communication skills; a demonstrated enthusiasm for working with young people in underserved communities; the ability to work independently when given clear goals; and an outgoing nature and willingness to work with a variety of personalities as part of a team. Individuals who are bilingual and/or have a personal connection to HIV/AIDS are encouraged to apply.

**TO APPLY:** Submit cover letter and resume to Sara Flowers, MPH, LEAP for Girls Program Director at jobs@loveheals.org. Application deadline is Friday, September 27, 2013.