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ADAP Advocacy Seats Board Member

New Leadership includes South Florida Patient Advocate, Maria Mejia

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – ADAP Advocacy today announced that it has seated Maria Mejia on its governing Board of Directors. Aside from representing a key patient demographic in the fight to end the epidemic, Mejia has a long history with the organization and its advocacy efforts.

“Maria has been deeply embedded in our HIV advocacy efforts, dating back to 2012 when she was the inaugural recipient of our Social Media Campaign of the Year for *Maria’s Journal*,” said **Brandon M. Macsata**, ADAP Advocacy’s CEO. As a social influencer, her unique skill set will further enhance our grassroots outreach on the issues most likely to impact access to care and treatment for people living with HIV/AIDS, especially among marginalized communities.

ADAP Advocacy is governed by a dedicated, diverse volunteer Board of Directors. The organization now benefits from the combined experience of eight HIV-positive members, three current ADAP recipients (and three former ones), one pharmacist, one nurse (*retired*), two attorneys, several influential community activists, and one leader in the transgender community. Board members includes: **Guy Anthony** of New York, New York; **Wanda Brendle-Moss**, RN of Winston-Salem, North Carolina; **Erin Darling**, Esq. of Washington, DC; **Robert Dorsey**, Esq. of La Plata, Maryland; **Lyne Fortin**, B.Pharm, MBA of Montreal, Canada; **Hilary Hansen** of Washington, DC; **Lisa Johnson-Lett** of Birmingham, Alabama; **Jen Laws** of Slidell, Louisiana; **Maria Mejia** of Tamarac, Florida; **Theresa Nowlin** of Boston, Massachusetts; **Shabbir Imber Safdar** of San Francisco, California; **Jennifer Vaughan** of Watsonville, California; **Marcus Wilson** of Orlando, Florida; and **Brandon M. Macsata** (ex-officio) of New Haven, Connecticut.

To learn more about ADAP Advocacy, Maria Mejia, or its Board of Directors, please email info@adapadvocacy.org.

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About ADAP Advocacy: ADAP Advocacy’s mission is to promote and enhance the AIDS Drug Assistance Programs (ADAPs) and improves access to care for persons living with HIV/AIDS. ADAP Advocacy works with advocates, community, health care, government, patients, pharmaceutical companies, and

other stakeholders to raise awareness, offer patient educational programs, and foster greater community collaboration.