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**Norfolk, VA— Hampton Roads Teenagers
Battle the HIV/AIDS Epidemic**

Young adults and teens in the Hampton roads area are taking on the responsibility of educating each other on the hazards of unprotected sex through poetry and music. *Teens with a Purpose - the Movement*, a local youth group that has partnered with ACCESS AIDS Care to raise awareness, will host a Freestyle Battle at **Military Circle Mall's Gallery Stage**. The group hosts a monthly Open-Mic to allow teens and young adults to express themselves on the issues they face in today's society. This month the teens are inviting people to participate in a freestyle battle on the topic "Choices" with the winner receiving a special prize. In between performances, there will be other door prizes, a raffle to win an MP3 Player, and important information on **HIV/AIDS**.

Teens with a Purpose (T.W.P) – The Movement's mission is to spread the message of prevention and protection to their peers with an emphasis on HIV/AIDS and STD education. Teens involved in T.W.P. – The Movement work to achieve their mission by promoting abstinence and providing a safe, non-judgmental environment for self-expression. The group partners with AIDS Care Center for Education & Support Services, a local AIDS Service Organization, in order to expand its impact throughout the region. In January 2008, ACCESS AIDS Care secured funding from the Virginia Department of Health to implement this community wide initiative.

For more information on Teens with a Purpose and their upcoming events visit http://www.myspace.com/twp_themovement. You also can visit www.accessaids.org for more information on this program and other services for people impacted by HIV.

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