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MEDIA ALERT

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No Longer Silent: Clergy for Justice, H.E.R.O. - Human & Equal Rights Organizers & PFLAG - Phoenix Join Forces to Confront NARTH Conference Attendees

WHAT: The National Association for Research & Therapy of Homosexuality will hold its national training conference 4-6 November 2011 at the Phoenix Airport Marriott Hotel. NARTH promotes reparative therapies for people who want to stifle their same-gender attraction or their sense of gender identity. These therapies have been repudiated by numerous studies and have been deemed harmful by the American Psychiatric Association, the American Psychological Association, and the American Medical Association. The conference begins Friday morning and concludes Sunday afternoon. We plan to be a positive witness throughout the weekend.

Friday, 4 November 2011, 10:30a.m. **PRESS CONFERENCE**

Professionals from the psychological community will hold a press conference to refute the misinformation being taught at the conference. We'll have good information to give to any conference attendees who will take it.

Friday, 4 November 2011, 6:00pm **SIGN MAKING PARTY**

Held at 1 Voice Community Center, 4442 N. 7th Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85013 – come out and help create signs for Saturday! Pizza provided.

Saturday, 5 November 2011

7:30am-10:30 No Longer Silent Presents

Psychology & Theology – Why Homosexuality is Neither a Sin Nor a Sickness

10:15-Noon **Survivors Testimonies: Surviving “Ex”-Gay Therapy**

Noon-1:30 **HERO Encourages you to lunch inside the Marriott Hotel with Conference Guests**

1:30pm-3:00 **Welcoming Congregations Share Information on the Blessings of Including LGBT people and families**

3:15-4:45 **PFLAG Hosts: Stories of loving your LGBT children unconditionally**

5:00-6:15 **HERO invites you to Join the Conference Inside for a Town Hall**

WHERE: *Unless otherwise indicated all events are at*
Phoenix Airport Marriott, 1101 N. 44th St, Phoenix, AZ 85008

WHY: **We must send a clear and strong message that hate will be met with relentless challenge and radically inclusive love or those who espouse these anti-gay positions will continue to spread their harmful message.**