



## BRINGING AGENCIES TOGETHER TO BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY

In these hard economic times, many non-profits are struggling financially while continuing to support the community's needs. AIDS Community Health Center and AIDS Rochester will merge January 1, 2010 to combine their resources and become one of the community's leading providers for HIV/AIDS care.

The merger is being made possible through United Way's Synergy Fund, which evolved a year ago from the Re-engineering Fund and focuses on supporting increased operational efficiencies among non-profit organizations. The Synergy Fund supports merging agencies with technology, facility relocation and enhanced infrastructure.

Merging the two organizations will make it possible to accomplish more within the community. "Together, we will be able to more effectively work to prevent additional HIV infection in our community, and to make our services the best they can be for those already infected," says Jay Rudman, president of AIDS Community Health Center. The merger will provide financial stability for both organizations, ensuring the viability of these health services well into the future.

In addition to the AIDS Community Health Center and AIDS Rochester merger, the Synergy Fund has assisted two other mergers: Ibero-American Action League with Puerto Rican Youth Development, and Sojourner House with PathStone Corporation.

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