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We are enthusiastic and elated to once again partner with Lynchburg Road Runners in support of the 2010 Virginia 10 Miler.

The Coalition for HIV Awareness and Prevention of Central Virginia (CHAP) is the local service organization that coordinates HIV/AIDS resources. Our mission is to reduce the spread of the disease and ensure a compassionate response to both the infected and affected persons in Central Virginia. As a direct result of the relationship with the Virginia Ten Miler, CHAP has been able to have a much more visible presence in the central Virginia community. We have been able attend more community events where we were able to offer FREE HIV Testing. In 2010, we have participated in events at a multitude of locations throughout central Virginia where we tested over 250 individuals.

But our job is not yet done! Every nine and one half minutes an individual in this country becomes infected with the HIV virus. The epidemic of HIV/AIDS continues at a rate of 56,000 new cases per year in the United States. In July of this year, President Obama announced the first government sponsored strategy to decrease the incidence of HIV, increase access to care and reduce HIV-related health disparities. We will be a part of that nationwide effort.

In 2010, CHAP celebrates its 10 anniversary of providing support to individuals, their friends and families affected by HIV/AIDS. We look forward to many more years of work which we could not do without the support of the Lynchburg Road Runners and the participants of the 2010 Virginia 10 Miler. We wish you the best of luck with your race. And we challenge you with one final question:

“Do you know your status?”