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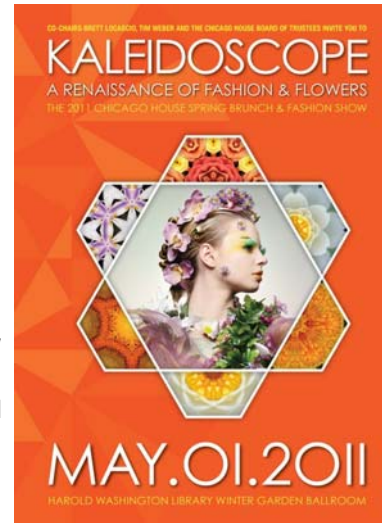
### Spring Brunch & Fashion Show is Around the Corner

**Date:** Sunday, May 1, 2011

**Time:** 11:30 AM - 3 PM

**Where:** Harold Washington Library, Winter Garden  
 400 South State Street

Co-Chairs Brett Locascio and Tim Weber, the Chicago House Board of Directors and Maria Pinto & The Team at Mark Shale are all excited about the Brunch and Fashion Show which is only a few weeks away. The tasty treats from George Jewel Catering have been ordered; Mark Shale fashions are being selected and models are being fitted; and fabulous raffle and silent auction prizes are arriving every day!



In addition to the fabulous brunch and fashions, shop the FIJI Water Flower Market, featuring floral designs and botanicals by Anthos, Event Creative, Flair Design Studio, Jayson Home & Garden, Sunbrust and W. Andrew Holitik!

The 2011 Spring Brunch and Fashion Show is currently SOLD OUT! For more information on our other upcoming event, **The Birdhouse Art Auction on Thursday, June 23, 2011** [click here](#) or call 773-248-5200 x303.

### Get in Shape with TEAM CHICAGO HOUSE!

There are two great opportunities coming up to get in shape, while supporting the men, women and families of Chicago House!

#### Ride for AIDS

July 9 & 10, 2011

Enjoy a 200-mile, two-day bicycle journey from Chicago, Illinois to Elkhorn, Wisconsin and back. We'll



start off from the city and soon after find a route of shaded bike paths and country roads along the shores of Lake Geneva and then into our camp before returning to Chicago.

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## Bank of America Chicago Marathon

October 9, 2011

Are you already registered for the 2011

Bank of America Chicago Marathon? If

so, join Team CHICAGO HOUSE and be

one of the thousands of runners

who choose to make their Chicago

Marathon experience more meaningful by running on behalf of a charity.



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## P.Y.G. Freedom to Be Yourself

Date: Thursday, April 21, 2011

Time: 6 - 8:30 PM

Where: John Allan's Chicago,  
111 W. Jackson Blvd

Ticket: \$10 Recommended  
Donation to support Chicago  
House and our community partners.



Professional Young Gays is a social and business networking initiative designed to connect young, business-minded gay men and women. P.Y.G. kicks off spring with its premiere Spring Mixer, Freedom to Be Yourself.

Inspired by the movements and high-energy tastemakers and artistic creations of the 60s, in particular Andy Warhol's factory, the upcoming mixer is an ode to being yourself; over cocktails and a little bit of self pampering. Your \$10 door donation includes complimentary cocktails from VeeV, a swag bag, raffle entries, and on-the-spot grooming from the salon team at John Allan's.

RSVP to [events@p-y-g.org](mailto:events@p-y-g.org) and join the fun!

## Be Aware, Be Alive, Fight AIDS

Be Aware, Be Alive (BABA) is a risk reduction counseling intervention designed to work with persons engaging in activities that put them at risk of transmitting or acquiring HIV as well as



other STIs.

Joshua was homeless, addicted to alcohol, and living in a local shelter where Chicago House provides free HIV testing and incentives. During his testing session, Joshua revealed that his drug use and low self esteem were leading him to engage in behaviors that put him at a higher risk for contracting HIV. Luckily Joshua's test was negative, but out of concern for his health and future well-being, our staff member referred him to risk reduction counseling services.

During these sessions Joshua described his difficulties negotiating condom use with partners and explained that his lack of sobriety affected his health decisions. After several sessions, Joshua began forming attainable goals and effective coping strategies, including attending regular Alcohol Anonymous meetings and cultivating a relationship with his sponsor. After seven months at Chicago House, Joshua reported that he was using condoms 100% of the time. He also successfully transitioned out of shelters and is now living in his own apartment.

In order to help people like Joshua, [Please Click Here](#) and consider making a recurring donation towards prevention counseling and free confidential rapid HIV testing.

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The logo for SwipeGood, featuring the word "SwipeGood" in a bold, green, sans-serif font. The "S" is significantly larger than the other letters, and the "Good" is in a smaller size. The logo is positioned to the right of the text "Round Up for Chicago House with SwipeGood.com".

Giving to Chicago House has just been made easier through a new website called [SwipeGood.com](#). SwipeGood rounds up all of your debit or credit card purchases to the nearest dollar and allows you to donate the difference to the charity of your choice. The interactive website allows you to sign up, set an amount to give each month and change your settings at any time. It's fast, easy and a no hassle way to help support the services of Chicago House with every purchase you make.

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