



January 4, 2018

Dear Community Partner,

As a supporter of the Native and Chicana/o communities, we ask you to join us in sponsoring “Rise Up! Honoring Native and Women/Girls HIV Awareness Days.” This event will be held **Friday, March 9, 2018 from 6:30pm to 9:30pm at Althea Center (1400 Williams St).**

This year marks the 9th anniversary of Rise Up! – a community-led event dedicated to HIV/AIDS awareness. Rise Up! takes place in a safe community setting with live entertainment, great food, and onsite rapid HIV testing. Annually, we attract more than 300 participants, including youth, communities of color, and women. We are extremely excited for this year’s featured performers: Jessa Calderon (Native Hip Hop artist from CA) and a Native Max Magazine fashion show. Previous collaborating organizations have included Youth HIV Advocacy Coalition, Servicios de la Raza, Café Cultura, Sisters of Color United for Education, Denver Indian Family Resource Center, Buried Seedz of Resistance, Colorado Organization for Latina Opportunity and Reproductive Rights, DU Graduate School of Social Work, among others.

We are asking for your involvement in this exciting evening of music, performance art, speakers, and HIV/AIDS awareness activities.

You can show your support for Rise Up! by contributing:

- Time: join us in planning the event (next meeting: Sunday, January 21st at Althea Center @ 1400 Williams St)
- Monetary donations
- In-kind donations of services
- Door prizes: attendees will earn tickets throughout the evening by participating in activities.
- Volunteers

Giving back to the community is a great way to make you and your organization visible and reach out specifically in the Native and Chicana/o communities. Many thanks in advance.

To find out how you can support this event, please contact Ara Cruz @ 720-460-9203 or ara@cafecultura.org

Sincerely,

The Planning Committee of Rise Up!

