AIDS ACTION COMMITTEE *Update*

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Call the AIDS ACTION Committee, (617) 437-6200, for the date, time and place of the next volunteer open house.

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Photo by Ellen Shub

AIDS ACTION to move to new offices at 131 Clarendon St.

To address the serious overcrowding that has plagued AIDS ACTION at its current offices at 655, 661 and 665 Boylston St. and to prepare for the increased demand for services that lays ahead, AIDS ACTION is relocating its offices to 131 Clarendon St. in Boston.

The move, which is underwritten by a $11,000 grant from The Boston Company, is expected to take place in early October.

The new offices, which are located on the third, fourth, and fifth floors, will provide just over 19,000 sq. ft. of office space, conference rooms and general purpose facilities. Currently AIDS ACTION occupies 8,700 sq. ft. of office and meeting space for its staff of nearly 55 and its more than 1,400 volunteers. As a result, often staff members must share small offices with as many as seven others, and AIDS ACTION's only conference room frequently is booked solidly from 8 a.m. through 11 p.m.

The new facilities, which have been designed by the Boston architectural firm of William Feldkamp & Associates, will provide approximately 50 offices and 17 all purpose flexible meeting spaces, accommodating groups ranging in size from four to 100 people.

As in the past, AIDS ACTION's offices will be conveniently accessible by mass transit. The Arlington St. and Copley Square MBTA Green Line stations are less than two blocks from the new offices, and the Back Bay/ South End staton is less than one block away.

"AIDS ACTION's move to 131 Clarendon St. is a long overdue step toward addressing the demand for office space and facilities that adequately provide for the needs of the communitites we serve," said AIDS ACTION Executive Director Larry Kessler in announcing the move.

"AIDS ACTION has met each successive challenge in the effort to stop the spread of AIDS by expanding essential services and outreach," he said.

"Through the generosity of our contributors, we have built a remarkable staff of concerned and dedicated professionals who have worked tirelessly — and more often than not under extremely adverse office conditions —

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New departments to support advocacy, outreach

Since 1983 AIDS ACTION has continuously evolved in its response to the epidemic in the Commonwealth.

Foremost attention has been focused on providing services to persons with AIDS and HIV-related disorders and education to those at risk of infection as well as our various publics. Clearly, AIDS ACTION's professional staff and strong volunteer component have provided key leadership in Massachusetts and are a model nationally.

While addressing these most critical needs for services and education, the agency has also provided strong advocacy and community outreach to foster collaboration within a complex culture affected by AIDS. It is in these two areas — Government Relations and

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