

# THE LINK & OPTION CENTER, INC.



## Media Advisory

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### **COMMUNITY MEMBERS, LEADERS AND SERVICE PARTICIPANTS JOIN TOGETHER TO WALK IN A "WALK ACROSS COMMUNITIES/UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY" VIOLENCE PREVENTION WALK/BIKE-A-THON**

The Link & Option Center, Inc. is a comprehensive community-based organization, which offers an array of prevention and intervention programs and services to at-risk and high risk youths and underserved populations of young adults and families; who reside in all four south suburban Cook County townships, and Chicago. Its main aim is to keep our youth out of the criminal justice system while increasing public safety and decreasing public health issues.

**On Saturday, August 25, 2012, from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon, The Link & Option Center will mobilize over 500 volunteers to participate in a "Walk Across Communities".** The starting points for the "Walk Across Communities" will be Riverdale Park District located at 144<sup>th</sup> Stewart, and Country Club Hills Park District, ending at Hazel Crest Park District. Walkers and bikers will come together to raise awareness about the need for continued funding for community violence prevention programs for all south suburban township communities.

This special public awareness and fundraising event will inform community residents, leaders and service recipients **about the imminent closure of vital south suburban community violence prevention programs and services, and the long-term negative impact it will have on community stability and resources.**

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