



AccessPoint on Danforth Hub Welcomes Nia Centre for the Arts as New Partner

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(Toronto, ON) **November 26, 2012:** The AccessPoint on Danforth community Hub (APOD) last week welcomed Nia Centre for the Arts. Nia has taken residency at the Hub until at least to the end of February of 2013, while their permanent space is being readied. Nia joins Access Alliance Multicultural Health Centre, Action for Neighbourhood Change Taylor Massey, Early York East Toronto Family Resources and Toronto Employment & Social Services in the vibrant hub space of 3079 Danforth Avenue, at Victoria Park.

The Access Point on Danforth community hub was initiated by the United Way to bring people in communities together, connect them to the services they need, foster the development of resident organizations and grassroots groups, and grow volunteer leadership.

“We are thrilled to be partnering with Nia, whose reach expands the youth communities served at APOD”, says Jonathan Ison, Hub Manager at APOD. “AccessPoint on Danforth is a community space committed to fostering a healthy and connected neighbourhood. Supporting young people to thrive is at the heart of this, and Nia will be a great contributor.” Mr. Ison went on to say. Mark Campbell, Executive Director for Nia Centre for the Arts added “Although Nia Centre for the Arts will call APOD home for a relatively short term, our hope is that the partnership we are forming with Access Alliance and the agencies in this community will continue for a long time to come.”

AccessPoint on Danforth is a satellite of Access Alliance Multicultural Health and Community Services (AAMHCS). AAMHCS works to promote health, wellbeing and improved access to services for immigrants and refugees in Toronto. From three locations in the city, we offer resources, provide links, conduct research and build capacity to enable individuals, families and communities to achieve health with dignity. Our range of programs, services, advocacy and partnerships address medical, social, economic, environmental, settlement and integration issues for immigrants of all ages at all stages of their life. Find out more about our work at www.accessalliance.ca.

The Mission of Nia Centre for the Arts is a community space focused on supporting the holistic advancement of Afro-Diasporic young people. Nia’s Vision is to aspire to be a collaborative Art Centre that represents Afro-Diasporic arts and culture both locally and internationally, while working with young people through the arts to foster social change. Nia’s primary focus is to artistically engage African-Canadian young people, ages 16-29. Visit www.niacentre.org.

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