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I am writing to recommend Kristy Jackson for recognition in the Messenger Post's Black History Month special section. Ms. Jackson is currently employee at AIDS Care in Rochester as the Associate Director of Harm Reduction.

Kristy Jackson has been employed with AIDS Care in Rochester, NY for two years, first as Associate Director of Prevention Services and then as Associate Director of Harm Reduction. Kristy has spent the majority of her career as a research scientist with STS Biopolymers/Angiotech Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Kristy earned her B.S. in Chemistry from SUNY Geneseo and her Master of Public Health Degree from the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry. Kristy has shared her science-like attention to detail and process with AIDS Care in the oversight of it HIV Counseling and Testing program.

The significance of this recommendation lies in the three-faceted nature of Kristy's work within the field of HIV/AIDS. First, Kristy is responsible for the agency's adherence to the rules and regulations necessary to maintain a cutting edge HIV counseling and testing program, and does so with attention to detail and process. Second, Kristy is an engaging HIV and STD educator, teaching the fundamentals of HIV and STD science, transmission and prevention. It is in this vein that Kristy participates on the Rochester Area Task Force on AIDS Prevention Committee's Core Team, developing and coordinating prevention and education activities throughout the Finger Lakes region. The third facet of Kristy's work that deserves recognition is her leadership of Rochester's only Syringe Exchange Program. Kristy and her team warmly welcome active substance users into their milieu, where harm reducing tools and information are available along with a healthy lunch, hot coffee, shower, clean clothes, HIV testing, counseling and assistance entering addiction treatment facilities.

Kristy's involvement in community include, singing with AKOMA—Rochester's African American Women's Community Gospel Choir. Kristy is not only featured soloist, but also is on the finance committee and executive board. Church is an integral part of Kristy's life, and it is at St. Paul Believers Holiness Church where Kristy teaches primary grade Sunday School, manages the Audio Visual system, ushers, mentors teenagers, teaches Vacation Bible School, and share leadership on the Community Festival Committee.

Ms. Jackson's many accomplishments and contributions to the Rochester's African American Community is made possible through her commitment to service, creativity and initiative and a collaborative, engaging style that brings diverse groups together in the spirit of community and collective responsibility. She is a valued leader at AIDS Care and worthy of recognition during Rochester's celebration of Black History Month leaders.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jay Rudman, President/CEO, AIDS Care

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Age 34

**Assoc. Dir. of Harm Reduction, AIDS Care
SUNY Geneseo & University of Rochester**

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