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**MAZZONI CENTER APPOINTS DAVID M. ROSENBLUM, ESQ.
AS NEW DIRECTOR OF LEGAL SERVICES**

August 22, 2011 – Mazzoni Center announced the appointment of David M. Rosenblum, Esq., as the agency’s new Director of Legal Services, effective August 29. Rosenblum has an extensive background in employment discrimination law at the state and federal government level, and has dedicated much of his career to advocating for the rights of LGBT individuals through the legal system.

He comes to Mazzoni Center from the State of New Jersey’s Department of Labor and Workforce Development, where he served as the Equal Employment Opportunity Officer, in which capacity he oversaw the handling of internal and external complaints of employment discrimination for one of the state’s largest government departments. Prior to that, he served as a Deputy Attorney General for New Jersey, as well as a Trial Attorney at the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Rosenblum will oversee a staff of two attorneys and up to seven legal interns, collaborating as well with pro bono attorneys from Philadelphia-area law firms. Mazzoni Center’s legal services department is dedicated to serving the unmet legal needs of low-income LGBT Pennsylvanians through direct legal assistance, as well as taking on cases that further advance the rights and protections of these communities. Rosenblum replaces outgoing Legal Services Director Amara Chaudhry, who has held the position since 2008, and oversaw the successful transition of legal services to Mazzoni Center from Equality Advocates Pennsylvania in January 2010. Chaudhry has accepted a position as Staff Attorney and Civil Rights Director at the Philadelphia Chapter of the Council on American–Islamic Relations.

“We are delighted to be adding David Rosenblum to our staff, as his considerable professional experience and commitment to the cause of equal rights make him an ideal match for the agency and our mission,” said Mazzoni Center Executive Director Nurit Shein.

Mazzoni Center Board Member and Liaison to its Legal Advisory Board President Lee Carpenter said: “I’m very pleased to welcome David to this position, which holds an important place within the agency and the larger community as well. We are confident that he will uphold the tradition of providing outstanding legal service to Pennsylvania’s LGBT communities.”

Rosenblum earned his B.A. degree from Brandeis University and his J.D. from Villanova University School of Law. He was a founding board member of the organization formerly known as the Center for Lesbian and Gay Law and Public Policy, which has become Equality Pennsylvania. He served as chair of the Gay and Lesbian Lawyers of Philadelphia (GALLOP) and helped to create the Philadelphia Bar Association’s Committee on the Legal Rights of Lesbians and Gay Men, for which he served as co-chair. In addition, Rosenblum was a co-founder of the New Jersey State Bar Association's LGBT Committee, as well as co-founder and co-chair of Proud2WorkNJ, the State of New Jersey's first employee resource group. He also chaired the 2002 Lavender Law Conference in Philadelphia, the national conference of LGBT lawyers, law students, judges, professors and allies for what was then the National Lesbian and Gay Law Association and is now the National LGBT Bar Association.

Among his many awards and accolades are a Certificate of Recognition from the New Jersey Affirmative Action Officers Council, for “fearless efforts and devotion in the pursuit of equal employment opportunities and affirmative action” (2004) and the Michael M. Greenberg Award for outstanding leadership, activism, and advocacy, from the Gay and Lesbian Lawyers of Philadelphia (2000).

“I am thrilled to be joining the staff at Mazzoni Center,” Rosenblum said. “I have devoted my entire professional career to ensuring that equal opportunity principles are integrated into all aspects of the workforce, and in my new role I look forward to continuing that pursuit and ensuring that the LGBT community has a voice in the legal system.”

Rosenblum joins Staff Attorney Adam Williams, who joined Legal Services as a licensed attorney in January 2011 and served as a certified legal intern from May 2009 through May 2010, and will continue in his role, along with incoming Staff Attorney Benjamin Salvina, who will join Mazzoni Center on September 6. Salvina previously served as a certified legal intern

beginning in January 2011. All 17 members of the agency's Legal Advisory Board will continue to serve in their role as advisors.

Under Chaudhry's direction, Mazzoni Center has more than doubled the size of its legal staff. In addition, each semester Mazzoni hosts a new team of student interns who help to manage Mazzoni's growing number of intake calls, on issues ranging from legal name changes to family law to discrimination complaints. The department averages 50-100 active docketed cases at any given time. "The successful growth of the department is a credit to Amara's professionalism and leadership," Shein remarked.

"It has been an honor and privilege to work for an organization that has such a positive impact on the LGBT community," said Chaudhry, adding: "I am confident that I am leaving the legal services department in very capable hands."

About Mazzoni Center Legal Services

Mazzoni Center's legal services department provides direct legal assistance for individuals facing discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity. The department also takes on cases that further advance the rights and protections of the LGBT communities. Among the 30 distinct areas of law in which the legal services program focuses are: employment rights, family law, youth law, transgender-specific services, and estate and advance planning. In addition, Mazzoni Center's legal staff produces manuals and guides aimed at helping LGBT individuals in Pennsylvania understand their rights and protections under the law, and provides trainings for legal professionals and social service providers.

Established in 1979, **Mazzoni Center** provides quality comprehensive health and wellness service and is the only health care provider in the Philadelphia region specifically targeting the unique health care needs of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) communities. Mazzoni offers a full array of outreach, prevention, education, direct medical and care services, psychosocial services, legal services, and support groups, and is dedicated preserving the dignity and improving the quality of life of the individuals it serves. It is the oldest AIDS service organization in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the fourth-oldest in the U.S. With over 30,000 individuals benefiting annually from its services, Mazzoni Center is a leader among community-based organizations in the greater Philadelphia area, with a reputation for excellence and innovation in service delivery to its constituents. More information at: www.mazzonicenter.org