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INDIANAPOLIS – July 11, 2018 – The Board of Directors of Brothers United Inc, a nonprofit social services organization, announced today the selection of Darrin K. Johnson, Jr., PhD, MPA, as Executive Director, following a nationwide search. He officially assumes this new role on August 6, 2018.

Dr. Johnson is a native of Charlotte, North Carolina, and joins Brothers United with nearly 12 years of experience in HIV prevention and research with Black/African American people. His expertise is developing programs that address health disparities among Black gay/bisexual men and other men who have sex with men (MSM). He most recently served as the HIV Prevention Programs Manager at PowerHouse Project, the prevention and education department of Quality Comprehensive Health Center. His previous experience includes being Education Department Manager at Metrolina AIDS Project, Senior Prevention Coordinator at CarolinasCARE Partnership, and conducting HIV prevention research at The University of North Carolina at Charlotte (UNCC). Dr. Johnson was Project Director on a \$1.1 million CDC-funded project where he served with a research team to assess online HIV prevention with Black MSM and Black transgender women. He is invested in the community-based participatory approach, and effectively engaging communities to inform service delivery. Dr. Johnson is a master trainer with experience delivering evidence-based interventions, cultural sensitivity trainings, and increasing community health literacy.



Damon Rice, Chair of the Brothers United Board of Directors said, “Darrin brings a wealth of experience, education, and leadership not just to Brothers United, but the Indianapolis community at large. Our Board and Staff are eager to welcome him to his new home.”

Dr. Johnson is a graduate of North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University with a Bachelor of Science in Journalism and Mass Communication. He obtained a Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree from Keller Graduate School, and a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Health Services Research from UNCC.

“I am excited to join Brothers United and serve the communities of Indianapolis. Now more so than ever, it is critical that we pay special attention to individuals who are vulnerable when engaging in health services, and Brothers United is and will continue to be invested in addressing health disparities and inequities. Teamwork at our agency and among our community partners will be paramount to our success.” –Darrin K. Johnson, Jr., PhD, MPA

#### ABOUT BROTHERS UNITED INC

Brothers United Inc. is a nationally recognized community based organization, which provides HIV/STD awareness, education, and prevention services to our community members. The mission of Brothers United is to enhance the health and wellness of our community, which includes sexual, gender, and racial minorities and the people who live and work in our neighborhoods.

