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FRANKLIN GRAHAM'S ANTI-LGBT AGENDA PUTTING NEW YORKERS LIVES ON THE LINE

<u>"SAMARITAN'S PURSE" ASKING HEALTHCARE WORKERS TO ADHERE TO ANTI-LGBT PRINCIPLES</u>

(Washington, D.C.) Today, Accountable for Equality as part of their "No Time For Nonsense" campaign issued the following release regarding Franklin Graham and Samaritan's Purse.

On Tuesday, when Central Park was turned into a makeshift hospital, and volunteers and tents were erected they were met with Anti-LGBT propaganda thanks to Franklin Graham's organization Samaritan's Purse. Graham's, which is funding the facility, has put an <u>anti-LGBT filter</u> in place for volunteers, including healthcare workers. Graham's group is asking volunteer to read and abide by the following statement:

"God instituted monogamous marriage between male and female as the foundation of the family and the basic structure of human society. For this reason, we believe that marriage is exclusively the union of one genetic male and one genetic female."

"With New York City the epicenter of the COVID-19 Crisis, this behavior by Franklin Graham is despicable and flat out wrong. Healthcare workers are putting their lives on the line to save New Yorkers from this deadly pandemic, and there is no time to be peddling nonsense as a litmus test to help," said Chris Fleming, spokesman for Accountable for Equality. "New Yorkers have no time for nonsense when it comes to helping the sick and elderly, and this practice by Graham is the height of nonsense and the Mayor must order Samaritan's Purse to end this ridiculous practice immediately. Lives are on the line," added Fleming.

Amidst the COVID-19 crisis, Accountable for Equality is focusing its efforts to highlight those that are capitalizing on the pandemic to advance their own biased priorities that marginalize populations. It's #NoTimeForNonsense