



Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force

Pittsburgh Goes RED World AIDS Day

LARGEST CITY-WIDE RECOGNITION TO DATE TAKES PLACE

Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force was one of nearly 30 organizations to unite for the Dec. 1 (Pittsburgh) RED World AIDS Day press conference and related events.

The largest World AIDS Day event to take place in Pittsburgh to date, (Pittsburgh) RED was a part of the international RED campaign. The partnership of the various organizations was the first of its kind in Pittsburgh.

Commemorative festivities started with Pittsburgh Mayor Luke Ravenstahl hosting a press conference at the City-County Building. PATF Executive Director Kathi Boyle and KDKA-TV reporter Allison Morris also spoke at the conference.

"Today is special because for the first time, we've all joined forces," the mayor said. "This is not just a national issue; it's also a local one. Nearly 3,000 people are affected (with AIDS) in southwestern Pennsylvania alone, and throughout the week residents will see visual and educational reminders that HIV/AIDS is real and that it is indeed preventable."

PATF assisted the Allegheny County Health Department with offering free HIV testing in a mobile testing unit outside the City-County Building. In addition, PATF extended its testing hours on World AIDS Day, and other organizations also offered testing.

"Four times as many people were tested by PATF on Dec. 1 compared to an average Tuesday. We believe this is because of all of the publicity," said Boyle.

Additional highlights included:

- The needle on top of Fifth Avenue Place was illuminated in red to promote awareness of the AIDS epidemic.
- Twenty-foot World AIDS Day banners graced the City-County Building's portico; the lobby was illuminated in red.
- The allied groups, led by the Delta Foundation of Pittsburgh and PATF, distributed 1,000 HIV/AIDS awareness T-shirts, 10,000 informational cards with wearable red ribbons, and 1,000 fliers.
- The annual interfaith memorial service at Heinz Memorial Chapel took place on the evening of Dec. 1, with record attendance.

The local groups were joined by national sponsor Starbucks for the RED campaign. (Pittsburgh) RED garnered significant media coverage, including all three major TV stations, the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, *Tribune-Review*, and *Whirl Magazine*.

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World AIDS Day press conference speakers Pittsburgh Mayor Luke Ravenstahl, PATF Executive Director Kathi Boyle and KDKA-TV reporter Allison Morris.



The City-County Building's portico was graced by World AIDS Day banners.

PATF 24th Annual Benefit Offers Something Fresh & Different

Join **PATF and Annual Benefit Chairs** Dr. Michael & Norma K. Sobel for our 24th Annual Benefit with Pittsburgh Public Theater on Thursday, March 11, 2010, at the PPG Wintergarden. This year's theme is "A Midwinter Night's Dream," taking cues from both the time of year as well as Pittsburgh Public Theater's performance of "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

The evening's entertainment will feature renowned drag queen "Porsche" of the new FOX-TV series "The Wanda Sykes Show," as well as a performance by Knot Dance and a DJ spinning dance music. Highlighting the festivities will be PATF's presentation of the Kerry Stoner Award (named for PATF's founder) to local legend Richard Rauh.

VIP ticket holders can also enjoy the exclusive Preview Party, set for Monday, Feb. 8, 2010, at the O'Reilly Theater—home of Pittsburgh Public Theater.

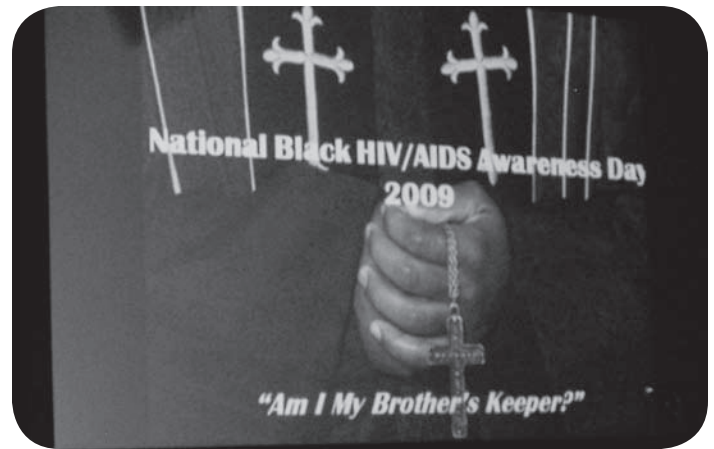
"We've been lucky enough to team up with Pittsburgh Public Theater for the past 24 years to present our Annual Benefit," said Kathi Boyle, PATF's Executive Director. "Proceeds from our Annual Benefit and VIP Party have played a considerable role in our agency's stability. We also are able to create and build awareness regarding all of the wonderful programs PATF offers. Our Annual Benefit and VIP Party promise to be great fun while supporting an important cause."

For more information or to purchase tickets, please log onto www.patf.org or call 412-345-0569.

This year's media sponsors are Pittsburgh's *City Paper* and WYEP-FM.



Renowned drag queen "Porsche" of the new FOX-TV series "The Wanda Sykes Show" will be featured at PATF's Annual Benefit.



Artwork from the 2009 National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness event

National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day Concert

Internationally acclaimed **Pittsburgh Gospel Choir** is one of three choirs slated to perform during a concert in observance of National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, Sunday, Feb. 7, 4-6 p.m., at Pentacostal Temple COGIC, 6300 East Liberty Blvd., East Liberty.

The Pittsburgh Gospel Choir, who opened the G-20 Summit, is a multi-age, multi-ethnic musical ensemble that performs American gospel music in the Western Pennsylvania region.

In addition to the Pittsburgh Gospel Choir, Mt. Ararat Baptist Church Mass Choir and All Nations Dance Company will perform at the concert, presented by Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force. Local religious leaders also will speak.

"PATF serves more than 550 individuals living with HIV/AIDS each year – 53 percent of those clients are African-American. It's because of this staggering statistic that we need to make a concerted effort to educate the population most at risk," said Anthony Anderson, Partnership for Intervention and Empowerment (PIE) Project Coordinator.

For more information, call 412-345-0585 or email aanderson@patf.org

Don't know what to do with your old books?



Donate them to PATF.

Our clients love them. Simply drop off your books to our office during normal business hours.

HIV TESTING

The Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force is the only provider of free, anonymous, community-based HIV testing in the region. If you would like to take an HIV test, here are locations and schedules. No appointment is necessary at any location.

Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force
5913 Penn Ave., East Liberty

Sundays Noon to 4:00 p.m.
Mondays 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Tuesdays 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Wednesdays 9:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Thursdays 9:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Fridays 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Rapid HIV testing available

Gay & Lesbian Community Center (GLCC)
210 Grant St.

Downtown Pittsburgh
Thursdays 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Rapid HIV testing available

Bethlehem Haven (Women's Shelter)
1410 Fifth Ave.

Uptown Pittsburgh
Third Thursday of every month
11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Rapid HIV testing available

For more information on HIV testing or HIV prevention, please contact PATF at 412-345-7456.

Spotlight on... Theresa Orlando, PATF Volunteer

PATF volunteer Theresa Orlando has been volunteering in PATF's Food Pantry since early 2009, after she retired from Miryam's Shelter, which recently merged with Bethlehem Haven. Orlando was Director of Miryam's when she retired.



PATF volunteer Theresa Orlando

Richard Rauh

Native Pittsburgher Richard Rauh is renowned in a wide variety of circles throughout the region. He's an actor. He's a professor. He's a lifelong theater fan, patron of the arts, and philanthropist. On Thursday, March 11, he can add one more claim to that list: he will receive PATF's Kerry Stoner Award for his longstanding support of PATF and its Annual Benefit.

"Not only has Richard been a loyal benefactor to our organization, he has been a vocal advocate of our mission for more than 15 years," said Kathi Boyle, PATF's Executive Director.



2010 Kerry Stoner Award honoree Richard Rauh

How long have you volunteered for PATF?

I started volunteering in PATF's Food Pantry in early 2009, after I retired from Miryam's Shelter, which recently merged with Bethlehem Haven. I was the Director of Miryam's when I retired.

What's a typical day like as a volunteer in the Food Pantry?

Generally, I volunteer on a weekly basis. I fill bags, stock shelves, help with data entry ... whatever is needed of me.

Why do you like volunteering at PATF?

What I like about working in PATF's Food Pantry is that it's very dignified. People can shop for what they want. At other places, bags are filled for clients and handed to them—they take what they get. At PATF, the Food Pantry is very well-organized, and it's like you're shopping at a grocery store. You're treated with dignity and respect.

How did you decide to volunteer for PATF?

I know (PATF Executive Director) Kathi Boyle as a result of PATF doing testing at Miryam's. When I retired, I wanted to do something with my time that was related to what I did during my career, something with a vulnerable population.

How long have you been volunteering?

I've been volunteering all of my life. I started my career volunteering for the diocese, then was hired as a director of Christian formation at a number of local Catholic parishes. I worked at Miryam's for 15 years. I started there as a volunteer, then was hired as director of their day program... I like to help in a meaningful way in people's lives.

"Spotlight On..." focuses on people who play an essential role in fulfilling PATF's mission. If you have a suggestion for someone to be interviewed in a future "Spotlight On..." email sorr@patf.org.

PATF Food Pantry Offers "Dignity and Respect" to Clients

A variety of foods and personalized customer service are the hallmarks of PATF's Food Pantry. People living with HIV/AIDS can choose from a selection of meat, cheese, produce, and canned goods. Nutritional supplements and personal care items are also provided when available. Case managers also deliver groceries to rural areas and to people who are too ill to visit the pantry.

PATF recently expanded its regular Food Pantry hours of operation: Monday, Tuesday, and Friday, noon - 4 p.m., and Wednesday, 3 - 7 p.m. Clients are able to use the Food Pantry once per month.

STATISTIC OF INTEREST:

Based on PATF estimates, we serve 1 out of 5 of the 2,717 individuals diagnosed with, and presumed to be living with, HIV/AIDS in southwestern Pennsylvania.



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FOUNDERS' SOCIETY & ALLIES PROGRAM

In 2005, PATF established the Founders' Society to honor the brave volunteers who founded PATF in 1985 and to recognize committed friends for their outstanding contributions to our Annual Campaign.

In 2007, PATF introduced the Allies Program of the Founders' Society to recognize individuals who demonstrate their

financial commitment to the mission of PATF by making a three-year, leadership-level pledge to support the Annual Campaign.

PATF gratefully acknowledges the following individuals for their extraordinary support of our 2009-10 Annual Campaign:

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