



2010/2011

AIDS ATHENS ANNUAL REPORT



letting the dawgs out to
support aids in athens



DEAR FRIENDS,

In the pages of this Annual Report it has been our pleasure to set forth in detail the accomplishments of our organization in 2010–2011. Due to the dedicated leadership of our Board, the tireless efforts of our staff and the unwavering support of our volunteers and donors, we have been inspired to continue to expand the reach of our organization.

VISION AIDS Athens exists to enhance and enrich the quality of life for those living with HIV/AIDS, as well as their friends, families and partners. The organization also seeks to effect a fundamental change in society's attitude toward persons infected with HIV/AIDS.

In this past year, our organization has taken steps to strengthen our foundation to ensure that we will be able to continue to serve this community for years to come. Principally, AIDS Athens has committed to become a charter member of the Athens Resource Center for the Homeless (ARCH). In the coming year, we will join with other homeless service organizations in a new facility, sharing and maximizing local resources for clients.

The problems facing our nation pose a substantial challenge to the community living with HIV/AIDS. Widespread continuing unemployment coupled with the expanding cuts to social services creates conditions in which those living with the disease become non-compliant and the rates of new infections are on the rise. Those most dependent on our services need to know that no matter the circumstances, our commitment to them will never falter and our services and outreach will only expand.



HISTORY AIDS Athens was founded by a group of Athens residents who attended an AIDS forum at the University of Georgia in 1987. Non-profit 501(c)(3) status was obtained two years later. The organization has grown to serve 10 Northeast Georgia counties.




In 2010–2011, AIDS Athens had the following accomplishments:

- Served 313 individuals and 220 households
- Housed 60 homeless individuals, prevented homelessness for 62 households and subsidized 44 low income families
- Fed 120 households a month with our food pantry
- Held 2980 case management visits
- Provided 5 monthly support groups and 3 therapeutic groups
- Conducted 52 individual counseling sessions
- Distributed 18 apartment start-up kits for the homeless
- Housed 308 volunteers contributing 2660 hours
- Administered 566 HIV Tests
- Provided 9 client trainings on the disease, support and coping skills
- Conducted 39 community outreach events and presentations

The fight against HIV/AIDS has made strides that few would have believed possible when our organization was founded over two decades ago.

We thank you for never turning your back on those who need you the most.

With Deepest Gratitude,



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Executive Director



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AIDS ATHENS STAFF

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WELCOME NEW STAFF

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CLIENT SERVICES

AIDS Athens' mission is to address the needs of individuals infected and affected by HIV/AIDS through support services and to prevent the spread of the disease through education and outreach.

HOUSING including temporary shelter, short-term and long-term financial assistance and permanent housing for the homeless

CASE MANAGEMENT assessing each individuals' difficulties and charting a course for long-term stability

NUTRITIONAL MEALS supplying families struggling with poverty a source of stable nutrition

PERSONAL CARE providing clothing and other personal care items

EDUCATIONAL TRAININGS on topics related to living with HIV/AIDS

EMOTIONAL SUPPORT offering peer counselors, one-on-one counseling with a licensed counselor and monthly support groups

QUALITY OF LIFE providing clients with fun activities unrelated to HIV/AIDS to help them focus on living



"AIDS Athens has brought reality to a dim situation with love and acceptance. This staff are phenomenal and there to help us understand and be healthier."

—Curtis Griffith, Peer Counselor

2980 case management visits

Served 313 individuals and 220 households



MAC AIDS FUND



120 households fed each month

52 one-on-one
counseling sessions
with licensed therapist

Prevented 62 households
from becoming homeless



Created homes for 60
homeless individuals

Subsidized 44 low-income
families in permanent housing



5 monthly
support groups

92% stably housed one year+
in our permanent housing program

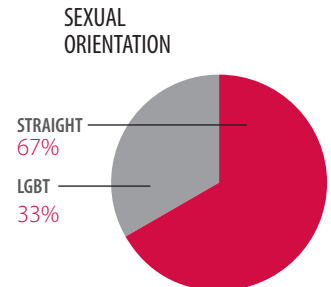
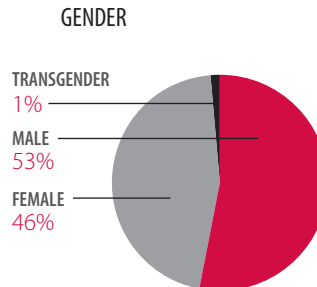
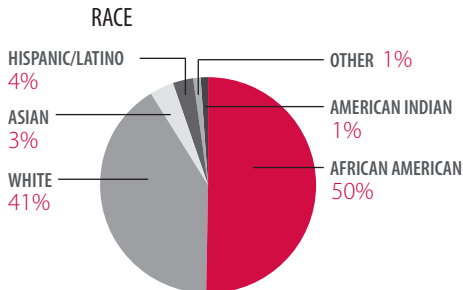
95% stably housed after one year
of providing financial assistance

COMMUNITY SERVICES

AIDS Athens works to raise awareness of and knowledge about HIV/AIDS and prevention in our community through an informational line, programs, presentations and community events. We also conduct anonymous HIV testing and use mobile testing to increase our outreach in rural areas.



TESTING STATISTICS



ADVOCACY

An important component of the mission of AIDS Athens is advocacy on behalf of those we serve. To wage a complete battle against HIV/AIDS we must confront all of the challenges faced by our clients. AIDS Athens has engaged in consistent advocacy to ensure that our clients are given equal rights and access to the services they need and deserve.



One of our greatest partners in this effort is the statewide organization, Georgia Equality. We have been an invaluable partner for Georgia Equality. Thanks to our efforts to ensure local citizens participated in our SAVE ADAP campaign, Georgia Equality was able to get a face-to-face meeting with Rep. Paul Broun to discuss how his voting record in Washington was affecting his constituents' ability to access life-saving medications. AIDS Athens has also helped Georgia Equality promote events in the Athens area and connects core LGBT advocacy issues with the issues that affect people with disabilities, chronic medical conditions and all people who struggle with homelessness, poverty, discrimination and stigma.

Whether it is equal access to housing resources locally or something as simple as being able to make a phone call to a local representative, AIDS Athens will remain a strong advocate for the rights of the HIV positive.



Olivia Long, Executive Director, received the Allen Thornell Political Advancement Award at the 7th Annual Evening for Equality.



FINANCIALS

Each year, AIDS Athens commissions an audit of our finances by an independent accounting firm. The summary below represents the findings for the fiscal year ending February 2010 compared to the fiscal year ending February 2011.

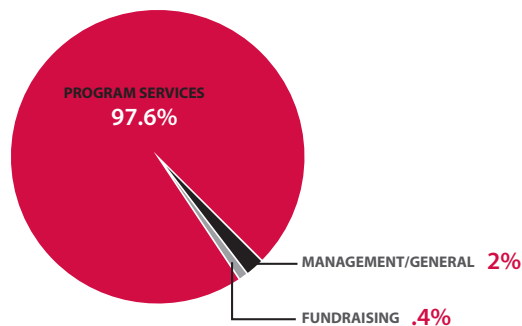
BALANCE SHEET

| ASSETS | FY 09–10 | FY 10–11 |
|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Cash and Cash Equivalents | \$54,135 | \$33,619 |
| Receivables | \$52,892 | \$81,124 |
| Other Assets | \$11,606 | \$12,038 |
| Total Assets | \$118,633 | \$126,781 |
| LIABILITIES | | |
| Payables | \$2,603 | \$0 |
| Total | \$2,603 | \$0 |
| NET ASSETS | | |
| Unrestricted | \$83,657 | \$94,511 |
| Restricted | \$32,373 | \$32,270 |
| Total | \$116,030 | \$126,781 |

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

| REVENUE AND SUPPORT | FY 09–10 | FY 10–11 |
|----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Contributions | \$125,506 | \$111,481 |
| Grants | \$664,180 | \$692,951 |
| Other Income | \$851 | \$1,711 |
| Total Revenue and Support | \$790,537 | \$806,143 |
| EXPENSES | | |
| Program Services | \$766,696 | \$776,837 |
| Management/General | \$16,910 | \$15,727 |
| Fundraising | \$7,439 | \$2,828 |
| Total Expenses | \$791,045 | \$795,392 |
| NET ASSETS | | |
| Beginning of Year | \$116,538 | \$116,030 |
| End Year of Year | \$116,030 | \$126,781 |
| Change in Net Assets | -\$508 | \$10,751 |

97.6% of every dollar
toward direct client services



Complete 2010 and 2011 financial statements for AIDS Athens can be seen at www.aidsathens.org.

SUPPORT

Your contribution provides the foundation that allows our organization to be a self-sustaining force for our community. As a 501(c)(3) designated non-profit, tax deductible contributions may be made the following ways:

GENERAL DONATIONS are among the most valuable gifts because they allow the organization to allocate funds wherever the need is greatest.

PLANNED GIVING is a way to create your legacy of service to others through support of AIDS Athens in your estate plan.

SPECIAL EVENTS are an opportunity to attend one of our events or make us the beneficiary of your event or social activity.

WORKPLACE GIVING allows employees to make donations through payroll deduction. AIDS Athens is a member of Georgia Shares and the Athens-Clarke County Employee Charity Drive.

CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP is an opportunity to demonstrate your company's commitment financially or in-kind.

DONATING SECURITIES in the form of appreciable assets like stocks, bonds or mutual funds.

VOLUNTEERING is a way to support our mission with your time, energy and talent. Apply online to become a volunteer.

Text FIGHTHIV to 20222 to make a \$5 donation to AIDS Athens.

Your donation makes a difference!

FOR A \$15 DONATION... Ten bus rides for medical and case management appointments

FOR A \$50 DONATION... An apartment start-up kit for a homeless client entering housing

FOR A \$89 DONATION... 695 pounds of food to serve 20 households for a week

FOR A \$483 DONATION... Client assistance to prevent homelessness

FOR A \$614 DONATION... Monthly housing for a homeless family

FOR A \$840 DONATION... 3,500 HIV prevention brochures

FOR A \$1,200 DONATION... One case of 100 rapid HIV tests



SUPPORTERS



The Boybutante AIDS
Foundation raised
\$35,376 in 2011

308 volunteers and 2,660 volunteer hours logged

Area restaurants, like Five Star
Day Cafe, and their patrons raised
\$5,846
for Night Out for Life 2010

Dinner party hosts and guests raised
\$15,602
for Festival for Life 2011



Please mail this completed form with your check to: AIDS Athens, 112 Park Ave, Athens, GA 30601
or make a donation online at: www.aidsathens.org.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Email _____ Employer _____

I would like to Give Support through a tax-deductible donation of \$ _____

I would like more information on:

- ☐ planned giving
☐ corporate sponsorship
☐ donating securities
☐ workplace giving (Georgia Shares)
☐ vehicle donation

- ☐ volunteering
☐ special events
☐ other

I would like to make AIDS Athens the beneficiary of my event:

- ☐ please contact me

I would like to join the AIDS Athens mailing list. ☐

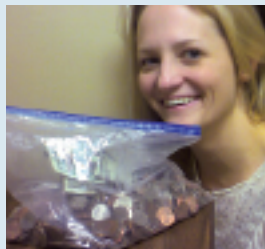
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SUPPORT

www.AIDSAThens.org



Karl Enchelmayer
biked from Seattle
to Miami raising
over \$4000
for AIDS Athens.

**THANK YOU TO SCOTT, AGE 10,
AND BRETT OCHOA, AGE 7,**
for collecting change all year to donate
to AIDS Athens.



THANK YOU TO CHARLES HAMANN
for his purchase of a bulldawg benefiting AIDS
Athens. The Athens Statue is has found a new
home in his backyard near the Koi pond.

IN-KIND DONOR mPrint Design Studio cares about the Athens community!

Since 2003 mPrint has donated hundreds of hours
of graphic design to area non-profits. mPrint
collaborated with AIDS Athens to create this report,
the 2008/09 and 2009/10 Annual Reports, a
branding guide and a service line brochure.



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In 2003, the GFWC/Athens-Oconee Junior Woman's Club created the public art exhibit **We Let the Dawgs Out**, with over 50 painted 4-foot fiberglass bulldawgs. Athens was transformed into an outdoor museum. That Fall, 17" tall replicas of these bulldawgs were auctioned and \$10,000 of the proceeds was donated to AIDS Athens. As the project drew to a close in 2010, it was decided to donate all final auction proceeds to AIDS Athens.

Project co-chair Julie Walters explains, "From education for prevention, to services for those who suffer from HIV/AIDS, we were empowered by the great work AIDS Athens has accomplished. We wanted to do all we could to provide them with the much needed funds to continue their work." AIDS Athens sincerely thanks the GFWC/Athens-Oconee Junior Woman's Club and the co-chairs of the exhibit, Julie Walters and Linda Ford, for their support.



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Woman's Club



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