

WOMEN AND HIV



AIDS Athens
ANNUAL REPORT

2014/15

28 YEARS!

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.

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.

2014/15

WE SERVED 23 counties in two Public Health Districts of Georgia.

The Northeast Health District (District 10 – in red) service area includes: Barrow, Clarke, Elbert, Greene, Jackson, Madison, Morgan, Oconee, Oglethorpe, and Walton counties.

The North Health District (District 2 – in orange) service area includes: Banks, Dawson, Forsyth, Franklin, Habersham, Hall, Hart, Lumpkin, Rabun, Stephens, Towns, Union, and White counties.

2014/15 HIGHLIGHTS



FY14/15 BY THE NUMBERS

298 households served

452 individuals served

216 families and 99 children received housing assistance

81 new client intakes conducted

132 new families received housing assistance

3,660 case management visits

782 family advocacy sessions

239 adult counseling sessions

1,957 visits to our food bank as part of our nutritional program

769 HIV tests performed

DEAR FRIENDS,

During our 28th year of service, we were again called to action. Because of our long history serving a rural area, we were asked to fill a gap in the Gainesville Health District made vacant from an AIDS Service Organization closing years ago. With our successful Monroe satellite office as an example, we provided programming, case management, housing, and support to 13 additional counties through a grant from the Department of Community Affairs until a long-term solution could be found.

We are proud of our accomplishments in the Gainesville Health District, successfully providing services to 68 households experiencing or at-risk for homelessness. On January 1, 2016, we will transfer all our Gainesville cases and housing units to Action Ministries, an organization with a long history in that community. AIDS Athens will continue as a partner in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

Also, with your help this year, we expanded our Women's and Children's program, exceeding again national averages for women in HIV care. Of the female clients on our housing caseload, 89% were medically compliant; compared to the national average of 45%.

Thank you for your continued commitment to our agency. We continue to impact lives because of your support.

Best Regards,



Olivia C. Long, MPH, MA-NPO
Executive Director
AIDS Athens, Inc.



AMERICAN WOMEN AND HIV

In the U.S., women account for 1 in 5 new cases of HIV. Of those diagnosed, only 45% are engaged in medical care and only 32% have the virus under control, achieving viral suppression.¹ Women of color have been especially hit by the epidemic. In 2013, 63% of women diagnosed with HIV/AIDS were African American.²

Throughout the country, AIDS Service Organizations and clinics have the difficult job of engaging women in HIV care and reducing barriers to taking medication. Most often, women are single heads of households and have unique demands on their daily life, placing the needs of their families and partners above their health. According to the Kaiser Family Foundation, other challenges continue to be socio-economic and structural barriers, such as poverty, cultural inequities, and sexual violence.³

There is hope. Recent signs indicate that HIV infections are falling. Since 2008, there has been a 21% decrease in new infections among women in the U.S. We expect this trend to continue.

AIDS Athens served a 23-county service area in 2014/2015. Of those we served, 42% were women and 60% of our households with children were headed by women. Our Family Advocacy and women's programs have demonstrated success, with 89% of the female housing participants medically compliant and 91% have the virus under control with medication. We hope our commitment to our Family Advocacy Program and women's programming will continue to provide assistance, reduce barriers, offer support and encourage them to care for themselves.

1. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (HIV Among Women, 2015)
2. AIDSinfo (HIV and Women, 2015)
3. Kaiser Family Foundation (Women and HIV/AIDS in the United States, 2015)

89% of women at AIDS Athens are compliant –
compared to the national average of 45%

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SUPPORTING WOMEN AND FAMILIES

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT: FAMILY ADVOCACY

Our Family Advocacy Program, funded by Athens-Clarke County, exists to provide educational and parenting support for families affected by HIV and homelessness. Through home visiting, monitoring of grades and attendance, and providing support and referrals to address behavioral issues, this program supports families in their educational goals and supports school-readiness for young children.

For 28 years, our focus on stable housing helped our families gain independence, yet we still continued to see high school drop-out rates in children. The Family Advocacy Program has resulted in 75% of school-aged children meeting or exceeding their academic goals, 62% of school-aged children missing fewer than 3 days of school per term, and 60% of children were reading at or above grade level. We hope our continued focus on families will help housing stability for future generations.

EVENT SPOTLIGHT: WOMEN'S DAY OF SUPPORT

With community partners, AIDS Athens has offered a Women's Day of Support program for nine years. This program for women infected and affected by HIV/AIDS has empowered women to take charge of their overall health and well-being. Women's Day topics change from year to year, but overall serve as a time to educate women on issues surrounding HIV/AIDS, self-care, HIV risk reduction, general medical care, sexual health, and communication skills to help navigate the healthcare system and sustain healthy relationships. We are thankful to our community partners that range from a local pharmaceutical representative, the MAC AIDS Counter at Belk, and local catering and event facilities.

79% of clients
live below the
poverty line

93% stably housed
after 1 year in our
program



INSPIRING WOMEN

2020
LEADING WOMEN'S
SOCIETY



SisterLove, Inc.

This year, Phillis Beard was inducted into Sister Love's 2020 Leadership Society.¹ The 2020 Leading Women's Society is a component of the Positive Women's Leadership Project, which provides resources, training, education, mentoring, and support to increase the leadership capacity of HIV positive women to engage in community representation, prevention and support, policy and advocacy, and social change. The society is made up of HIV positive women who are nominated from within their communities, and who express a deep desire to become more active and vocal at a local, regional, and national level in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

We are incredibly proud of Phillis. She has been educating and inspiring women to come forward in Northeast Georgia and to stay negative through safe sex and positive choices. The AIDS Athens staff were able to join Phillis at the Sister Love annual banquet to show our appreciation of all her advocacy in the field of HIV/AIDS.

1. Sister Love website, 2015



“If I had condom sense, I wouldn't be positive. It is ok to talk about condoms and to protect yourself from HIV and other sexual transmitted infections.”

—Phillis Beard

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**PARTNER SPOTLIGHT:
FOOD BANK OF
NORTHEAST GEORGIA**

PARTNERING WITH COMMUNITY

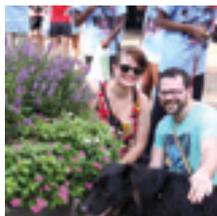
The mission of the Food Bank of Northeast Georgia is to work toward ending hunger as part of an overall community effort to alleviate poverty. This organization recovers donated and salvaged surplus food and distributes it to human service agencies that then distribute the food to residents in need. The Food Bank works with local, regional, state and national product partners to bring food into the community.¹

Food security is essential for people living with HIV and AIDS. According to a 2008 UNAIDS policy brief “adults living with HIV have 10–30% higher energy requirements than a healthy adult without HIV, and children living with HIV 50–100% higher than normal requirements.”² Proper nutrition complements medication in ensuring that people living with HIV and AIDS are able to live long healthy lives.

For over 20 years, AIDS Athens has relied heavily on this community partner to help supplement nutritional needs of our clients. Our nutritional program is a safety net for our households by providing weekly access to food.

Last year, through this partnership, we received 43,039 pounds of food and saved \$63,498. We are incredibly grateful to have this community partner and resource for those in need in Northeast Georgia.

1. Food Bank of Northeast Georgia website, 2015
2. UNAIDS Annual Report, 2008



MAXIMIZING RESOURCES

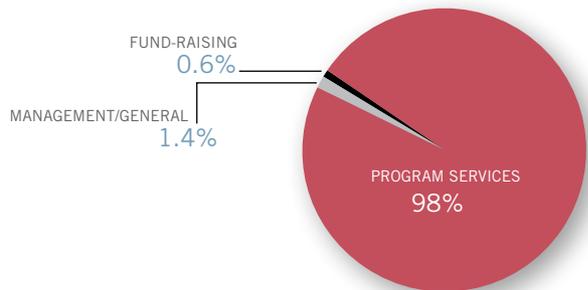
Each year, AIDS Athens commissions an audit of our finances by an independent accounting firm. The agency's fiscal year is July 1st–June 30th. The 12 month year – July 1, 2014–June 30, 2015 – is reflected below and compared to the last operating year.

BALANCE SHEET

	FY13–14	FY14–15
ASSETS		
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$22,321	\$19,998
Account Receivables	\$135,446	\$166,985
Other Assets	\$10,469	\$21,195
Total Assets	\$168,326	\$208,178
LIABILITIES		
Payables	\$1,882	\$3,333
Total Liabilities	\$1,882	\$3,333
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted	\$156,301	\$203,317
Restricted	\$10,053	\$1,528
Total Net Assets	\$166,354	\$204,825

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

	FY13–14	FY14–15
REVENUE AND SUPPORT		
Contributions	\$102,131	\$89,670
Grants	\$971,185	\$1,228,403
Other Income	\$13,306	\$9,782
Total Revenue	\$1,086,623	\$1,327,855
EXPENSES		
Program Services	\$1,064,616	\$1,264,072
Management/General	\$19,158	\$18,159
Fundraising	\$6,257	\$7,133
Total Expenses	\$1,090,031	\$1,289,364
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS		
Beginning of Year	\$169,762	\$166,354
End of Year	\$166,354	\$204,845
Total Change	\$(3,408)	\$38,491



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YOUR SUPPORT MATTERS

Your contribution allows AIDS Athens to be a self-sustaining force for our community. As a 501(c)(3) designated non-profit, tax deductible contributions include:

general donations Allows us to allocate funds wherever the need is greatest.

planned giving Create your legacy of service by including AIDS Athens in your estate plan.

special events Attend one of our events or make AIDS Athens the beneficiary of your event or social activity.

workplace giving Given through payroll deduction. AIDS Athens is a member of Georgia Shares and the Athens-Clarke County Employee Charity Drive.

corporate sponsorship
Demonstrate your company's commitment financially or in-kind.

donating securities Appreciable assets like stocks, bonds, or mutual funds are welcome.

volunteering Share your time, energy, and talent. Apply at www.aidsathens.org to become a volunteer.

Would you like to make a sustainable gift to AIDS Athens?

We partner with the Athens Area Community Foundation for planned giving and donations of stocks, bonds, and mutual funds. Contact Delene Porter, CEO, at 706.542.7044 or dporter@athensareacf.org.

AIDS Athens provides community-wide HIV testing and prevention programming. We offer HIV-positive individuals and families with the basic needs of medication, housing, clothing, food, and emotional support.

EVERY DOLLAR COUNTS...

\$48 (\$4/month) = Apartment start-up kit for a homeless individual entering housing

\$120 (\$10/month) = 750 pounds of food for 20 low-income families a week

\$240 (\$20/month) = Deposit & reconnect fees for a family living without basic utilities

\$360 (\$30/month) = Work uniforms for 15 individuals entering the work force

\$480 (\$40/month) = Co-pay help to a pregnant mother to prevent transmission

\$780 (\$65/month) = Educational materials to 2,000 local high school students

\$1,200 (\$100/month) = 100 HIV rapid tests to provide early detection & prevention

\$1,440 (\$120/month) = 50 school-age children with HIV+ parents provided school uniforms for the year

THANK YOU!

Give SUPPORT

Please provide all contact information so that we may appropriately recognize your meaningful contribution.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Email _____

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

I would like more information on:

<input type="checkbox"/> planned giving	<input type="checkbox"/> workplace giving (Georgia Shares)	<input type="checkbox"/> special events
<input type="checkbox"/> corporate sponsorship	<input type="checkbox"/> vehicle donation	<input type="checkbox"/> other
<input type="checkbox"/> donating securities	<input type="checkbox"/> volunteering	

I would like AIDS Athens to be the beneficiary of my event, contact me.

I would like to opt out of the AIDS Athens mailing list.

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 Athens, GA 30601

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www.AIDSathens.org

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28 YEARS!

AIDS ATHENS – SERVING NORTHEAST
GEORGIA FOR 28 YEARS

HOUSING

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INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING

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