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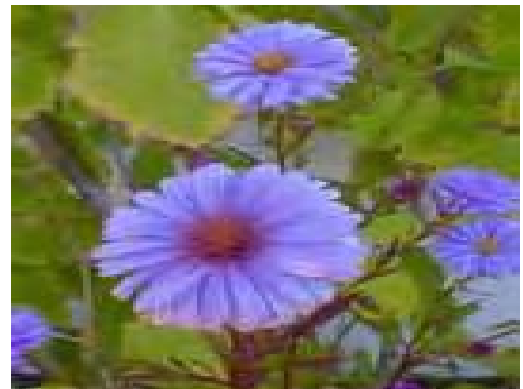
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Utah's Community
HIV / AIDS Newsletter

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The September flower is the aster which means love, faith and wisdom and symbolizes valor. Not only this, there is also a hidden message behind this flower and that is take care of yourself for me.

The September birth flower is also called stalwarts and the September flower. The name aster is derived from the Greek word for star and refers to the shape of the head of the flower.

*a note of
gratitude* 

Thanks to our volunteers for their efforts and help every day!

The PWACU would like to thank all who help in the mission of providing service to those affected by HIV / AIDS.





2008 Calendar

“Celebrating 20 Years”

February 6, Wednesday – Seminar: CROI Webcast

March 15, Saturday – Seminar: HIV & Depression

March 23, Sunday – 6th Annual Spring Fling

May 17, Saturday – 8th Annual Food for Life Garden Party

July 12, Saturday – Seminar: Treatment Experienced Patients

July 19, Saturday – Fashion Charity Show

August 14 - 16, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday – 20th Annual River Trip

August 23, Saturday – Community Forum

September 5, Friday – An Evening of Laughter

September 14, Sunday – 10th Annual End of Summer BBQ Bash

September 28, Sunday – A Lullaby for Ryan

October 18, Saturday – 20th Annual Living With AIDS Conference

December 14, Sunday – 6th Annual Holiday Party

Please note: The Calendar is subject to change.

PWACU to Open Thrift Store



**Written by JoSelle Vanderhooft
Monday, 11 August 2008**

In Salt Lake City there is an “absolutely fabulous” building with a large store front, a loading area and a big parking lot. And Toni Johnson is so excited about it that she needs a few minutes to collect her thoughts.

“It’s going to open up so many new possibilities for our organization,” said Johnson, the executive director of the People with AIDS Coalition of Utah. “It’s got enough space that I can move our offices into it.”

Johnson is talking about the future location of Our Store: A Thrift Alternative, a thrift store PWACU plans on opening in October to help fund more programs for people with HIV/AIDS and to help make the organization self-sufficient (PWACU currently survives mostly on private donations). Run mostly by volunteers, the thrift store will sell clothing, furniture, books, house wares, small appliances and articles made by volunteers, such as jewelry and magnets. The store will also offer need-based vouchers for a specific amount of money to people with HIV/AIDS.

The rainbow-colored ‘alternative’ in the name, said Johnson, is both subtle and an indicator that the store is run for the benefit of Utah’s gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender population.

“It’ll be a nicer atmosphere than the DI, classier,” she said. “The LGBT community wants a thrift store that matches their ideology and helps the community. There’ll be a strong and ongoing incentive for the LGBT family to donate to our store.”

The store manager will be Jim Grady, the partner of local activist, philanthropist and Stonewall Democrat member Mike Picardi. The couple initially approached PWACU with the plan for the thrift store and have been instrumental in getting the project off the ground, Johnson added



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To help get the store up and running, PWACU will hold a fundraiser dinner at the Market Street Grill's cottonwood location. While noting the event's unfortunate closeness to the organization's last fundraiser, a fashion show in July, Johnson said the timing was unintentional: the restaurant offered the space when they could, and she accepted. She also noted that the \$75 ticket price for the dinner may startle people who have attended other PWACU fundraisers.

"We didn't want to be exclusive, but this is for our capitol campaign," she said, also noting that the money raised at the dinner will go not only to the store, but to other programs PWACU wants to offer, including a group that will advocate for more funding for Utahns with HIV/AIDS during the next legislative session. PWACU is creating the advocacy group, Johnson added, in order to get money to help more people with AIDS than Utah's portion of money from the federal Ryan White CARE Act – legislation designed to provide money for people with HIV/AIDS who have no other health care options.

So far, a number of sponsors have jumped on board to help Our Store transition from business plan to brick and mortar. Along with Picardi they include restaurant group and Market Street Grill owners Gastronomy, Inc., the Bruce Bastian Foundation, Salt Lake City Democratic representative Jackie Biskupski, One Realty Group (formerly Rainbow Mountain Realty) and an anonymous donor who has offered to match the largest donation PWACU receives for the store. Along with more sponsors, PWACU is also looking for people to donate silent auction items to the dinner. For sponsorship and donation opportunities call Toni Johnson at 484-2205.

www.qsaltlake.com

Note from Director:

The building we want to move into is in South Salt Lake. We hope to begin accepting donations by the beginning of November.

Positive Press

You are invited to

An Evening of Laughter



Friday, September 5, 2008

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Market Street Grill

2985 East 6580 South

Banquet Room – Downstairs

Hors d'oeuvres & Silent Auction

\$75 per person

Purchase tickets online @ www.PWACU.org

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Entertainment: Janine Gardner

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Gastronomy | Representative Jackie Biskupski

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PWACU gratefully acknowledges Jim G. Rengstorf of Calyx Design
for his in-kind contribution of the our store logo design

All donations go towards our capital campaign to open OUR STORE

Mission: to help PWACU become self sustaining.
Thus, allowing PWACU to improve and expand its programs
to help People Living With HIV/AIDS.



You're Invited to the PWACU Barbeque

Come Join Us for our 10th Annual

**SUPER DUPER - END OF SUMMER
BBQ BASH!!**

When: Sunday, September 14, 2008 @ 4:00 PM

Where: Fairmont Park, (900 East 2400 South)

Please RSVP by Sept. 9th

801-484-2205

Food - Beverages and Tons of Fun!

The Righteously Outrageous Twirling Corps will be performing for us again this year.

This is a free event in appreciation of our members, supporters and volunteers.

Our Recreation Program strives to offer people living with HIV/AIDS the opportunity to create social support networks in a positive and safe environment. Our program provides access to cultural and community events that people affected by HIV/AIDS may not otherwise be able to attend. We also sponsor several events such as barbeques, holiday parties and a river trip each year. Membership in the program is confidential.

People With AIDS Coalition of Utah (PWACU) Advocacy Program



We need your help!

Our first project is getting funding from our State Legislature for Utah's AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP).

Letter to the Editor

We need People With AIDS (PWA's) who are willing to write Letters to the Editor and send them to PWACU so that we may release them to our media contacts every 3 weeks between now and the legislative session. Letters to the Editor are generally limited to 200 words. However, our hope is that these letters will lead to news stories. We have prepared a Fact Sheet with talking points available to help with this.

Phone Tree

We need to create a phone tree. Basically, this is a list of people who are willing to email and telephone their representatives when the time for action comes. We need people in every district in the State of Utah. Like many of you, I was born in Utah, but not in Salt Lake County. Therefore, I have family in more rural areas. We need their help with this. If you have family and friends who are willing to be a part of this, please get us their contact information.

We also need people who are able to help with:

Lobby Day

Mailings

Testifying

Please contact Toni Johnson at the People With AIDS Coalition of Utah
for additional information or with any questions you may have.

801-484-2205

Thank you!



The WEB Corner

Log on to our website and select

Look at some of the great information on our website! Go to www.PWACU.org for more information about this and other great stuff.

Programs:



www.PWACU.org

Education

The annual **Living With AIDS Conference** is held in October (AIDS Awareness Month). The Conference covers an array of subjects for a variety of persons; including providers, people living with HIV/AIDS, friends and family members. The topics presented include relevant concerns ranging from new medical and holistic advances in HIV/AIDS treatment to spiritual and emotional issues. In addition to its educational role, the Conference offers a supportive and open environment in which those whose lives are affected by the disease can interact with others who are facing similar issues.

We publish the **Positive Press**, a community newsletter about HIV/AIDS. The *Positive Press* contains a variety of articles that explore issues such as new medical treatments, client services and general information about the Utah HIV/AIDS community. It also includes articles by people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS and news about upcoming community events. The *Positive Press* is free of charge and is available by subscription or can be picked up at various locations throughout the Salt Lake Valley.

As part of PWACU's educational efforts, we host **Seminars**. The Seminars offer people affected by HIV/AIDS a chance to learn about pertinent issues and talk to others impacted by the disease. The Seminars are facilitated by service providers.

Our **resource library** contains a selection of books, journals, audio and video tapes, and articles covering different aspects of HIV/AIDS. Our library is open to anyone in the community and includes free Internet access.

20th Annual Living With AIDS Conference

A one-day conference designed for people living with HIV, their family members, friends, caregivers and AIDS service providers.

Saturday, October 18, 2008

Westminster College
Health, Wellness and Athletic Center
1840 S. 1300 E.
Salt Lake City, UT 84105

9:00am - 5:00pm, Cost is \$25.00
Scholarships are available for PWA's
Continental Breakfast and Lunch provided.

Please RSVP by October 13, 2008
801-484-2205



A LULLABY FOR RYAN

The History of HIV/AIDS in America



Sunday, September 28, 2008

2pm @ South Valley Unitarian Universalist Society (SVUUS)
6876 South Highland Drive
Salt Lake City, Utah

\$20 per person

Purchase tickets online @ www.PWACU.org

Synopsis:

Solo theatre artist Jade Esteban Estrada chronicles the last quarter century of the AIDS epidemic in the United States with stories of courage, strength and human triumph. Meet “Boobs” AKA the Bubonic Plague, Jimmy, real estate agent in New York in 1981, movie star Rock Hudson, Miss Protease Inhibitor 1996, Bill McPhil, a Texan cowboy and LaShonda Johnson, a housewife in south side Chicago. The Southwest Actors Guide calls Estrada “one of the finest solo theatre artists of the 21st century.”

A solo play written by Jade Esteban Estrada
Book, music and lyrics by Jade Esteban Estrada
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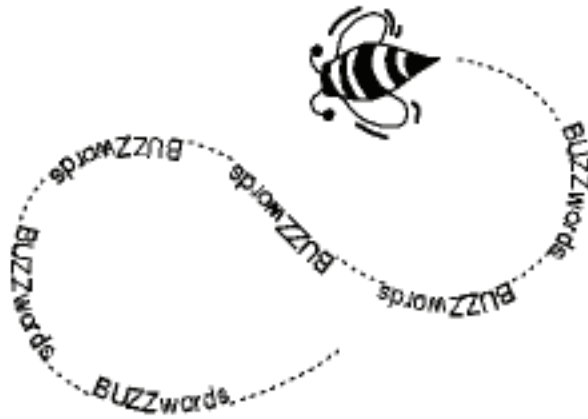
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Summit Nov 28 and Dec 9, Tooele & Utah Dec 2 and Dec 12. **One delivery per order.**

Please note: Dates are subject to change



Hyper-Sensitivity

by David Pieribone

Allergies or sensitivities to things like pollen, strawberries, shellfish, and latex are quite common. Some people are allergic or sensitive to certain drugs or medications. In rare cases allergies can be quite serious, and sometimes fatal. When someone reacts to a drug in an exaggerated or abnormal way, they are said to be hypersensitive. Certain anti-HIV medications can cause allergic reactions that are very serious and possibly life-threatening. These drugs include Ziagen, Viramune, and (to a lesser extent) Rescriptor and Sustiva. Bactrim, a drug used to treat and prevent pneumonia in people with AIDS, can also cause a serious allergic reaction. A severe hypersensitivity reaction can happen when first starting a medication or many days or weeks after the medication is in use. If you are taking one of the medications mentioned above and you experience a rash, especially with nausea and fever, and other flu-like symptoms that may include abdominal pain, vomiting and muscle/joint pain, you should contact your healthcare provider immediately or go to the nearest emergency room. You should not re-start these medications unless your healthcare provider tells you that you can. Ziagen should never be re-started once it is stopped since this can cause serious complications that can be fatal. While only a handful of people experience a hypersensitivity reaction, it is important to report any symptoms to your healthcare provider – just in case.

*David Pieribone is the Associate Director of Education at AIDS Project Los Angeles.
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Hypersusceptibility

by Anne Monroe

Hypersusceptibility has been called the “flip side of resistance.” Resistance is familiar to all of us. It’s when a change (mutation) in the virus causes an anti-HIV medication to stop working. Hypersusceptibility works in the other direction – a mutation causes an anti-HIV medication to work better. This means that some drugs could pack a more powerful punch against your HIV. Some doctors now look at both resistance and hypersusceptibility to guide treatment choices after an anti-HIV drug regimen has failed. A few big research studies have looked at hypersusceptibility to the class of anti-HIV drugs called NNRTIs (such as Sustiva, Viramune and Rescriptor). The studies have shown that 25% to 50% of people with resistance to drugs in the NRTI class (such as AZT, Epivir and Zerit) are hypersusceptible to an NNRTI. When treated with a drug combination including an NNRTI, people who are hypersusceptible to NNRTIs do better than people who are not hypersusceptible. So even if you have become resistant to one drug, the good news is that another drug might now work better for you. Hypersusceptibility is still a new concept, and more studies are needed to show if it will be important in caring for HIV+ people. But if you are getting ready to change regimens because of treatment failure, you may want to ask your doctor to test for hypersusceptibility. A blood test called the “phenotypic resistance test” can check for both resistance and hypersusceptibility. (Some of the phenotypic tests available do not yet include information about hypersusceptibility – ask your doctor to use a phenotypic test that does.)

*Anne Monroe is an HIV clinical trials advocate in New York City.
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RESOURCES

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SLC, UT 84101
801-359-2444

People With AIDS Coalition of Utah

Annual Living With AIDS Conference, bimonthly newsletter *Positive Press*, Seminars, Resource Library with free Internet access, Social and Support Groups, Recreation Program and a Thrift Room.
1055 W. 2100 S., Suite 208
SLC, UT 84106
801-484-2205

Salt Lake Valley Health Department

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610 S. 200 E., Room 135
SLC, UT 84111
801-534-4666

Utah AIDS Foundation

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1408 S. 1100 E.
SLC, UT 84105
801-487-2323

Utah Pride Center

Community resources and referrals for lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, and transgendered people of all ages.
361 N. 300 W.
SLC, UT 84116
801-539-8800

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SLC, UT 84132
801-585-2670

Utah AIDS Foundation

1408 S. 1100 E.
SLC, UT 84105
801-487-2323

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500 Foothill Blvd
SLC, UT 84108
Karen Kone
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Articles can be submitted anonymously. All articles submitted are reviewed by our editorial team before being included in the Positive Press.

Global Update

HIV/AIDS Statistics for the year 2007

Number of People Living with HIV/AIDS

North America	1.3 million
Caribbean	230,000
Latin America	1.6 million
Western & Central Europe	760,000
Eastern Europe & Central Asia	1.6 million
North Africa & Middle East	380,000
Sub-Saharan Africa	22.5 million
East Asia	800,000
South & South-East Asia	4 million
Oceania	75,000
Global Total	33.2 million

Total Newly infected people in 2007 2.5 million

Total People who have died of AIDS in 2007 2.1 million

Source: www.UNAIDS.org



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