



**HIV/AIDS RESOURCE CENTER**

*Serving the residents of Washtenaw, Jackson, Livingston and Lenawee Counties since 1986*

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The mission of the HIV/AIDS Resource Center is to provide HIV-related services to our community through compassionate direct care, prevention and outreach

**FALL 2012**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept 29 - AIDS Walk  
Jackson, MI**
- Sept 30 - AIDS Walk  
Ann Arbor, MI**
- Oct 15 - National Latino  
AIDS Awareness Day**
- Nov 15 - 9th Annual  
Ann Arbor  
Wine Cellar**
- Dec 1 - World AIDS Day**
- Dec 6 - Penny W. Stamps  
Lecture:  
United in Anger**

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[www.hivaidresource.org](http://www.hivaidresource.org)

## New Mobile Outreach Unit Ready to Hit the Streets

A dream came true for HARC this summer when generous organizations and individuals responded to the call for funds to replace the old outreach vehicle that ended its career late in 2011. In July, we were able to purchase a 20' mobile home that will bring innovative HIV prevention and Hepatitis C counseling and related services to individuals in the communities where they live. In addition to free HIV and Hepatitis C counseling and testing, the unit will provide referral assistance to other community resources, risk reduction and safe sex materials, as well as harm reduction through dissemination of safer injection materials. For those who may not always be able to come directly to HARC, the outreach vehicle is able to go to them.

Now that we have a vehicle with a bathroom and running water, collaborative efforts with other local service organizations and health departments to expand services are now possible. Plans are in the works to expand screening for sexually transmitted infections (STIs); support community Medicaid outreach and enrollment; and assist with the accomplishment of the community-wide Access to Healthcare Initiative.

Increasing access to information and services for all is at the heart of our mobile outreach services. The vehicle makes it possible for



individuals to seek information, testing and counseling safely and easily in locations close to home.

Keep abreast of our outreach schedule and locations by contacting HARC at 734-572-9355/1-800-578-2300 or visiting our website.

*Special thanks to the following businesses and organizations for their support of our new vehicle:*

- AIDS United
- Bank of Ann Arbor Project Help
- Grafaktri, Inc.
- Huron High School National Honor Society
- THE MOSAIC FOUNDATION (of R. & P. Heydon)
- United Way of Washtenaw County

(Visit [www.hivaidresource.org](http://www.hivaidresource.org) for a complete list of our generous outreach vehicle donors.)

"HARC helped me through the worst moment of my life... My case manager helped me through it with support and love."

- 36 year-old female client

## FROM THE PRESIDENT



This past July I had the honor of attending the International AIDS Conference in Washington, DC. The theme of the conference was Turning the Tide Together – a commitment displayed in the conference's Global Village, in workshops and plenary sessions, in speeches by global leaders and in the people living with HIV/AIDS who had traveled from far and wide.

After returning to HARC, I was uplifted by the fact that we are also doing our part in Turning the Tide Together. With your support and involvement, we educate our community to understand the realities of HIV/AIDS today. That includes better access to HIV testing and an understanding of the importance of knowing one's HIV status. It also means helping people who are living with HIV/AIDS get the medical care and treatment they need to take full advantage of the medical advances that are allowing people to live healthy and productive lives.

The fight against HIV stigma and discrimination continues to be one of our greatest challenges, both globally and locally. Through this newsletter, we hope to engage, inform and mobilize all of you to join us in Turning the Tide Together!

Jimena Loveluck, MSW  
President/CEO

## FACING FACTS

Clients receiving case management via HARC annually:	<b>231</b>
HIV tests performed thus far in 2012:	<b>1320</b>
Hepatitis C tests performed annually:	<b>48</b>
Percent of youth (age 24 & under) making up newly diagnosed HIV cases in SE Michigan:	<b>43%</b>
Number of individuals infected with HIV in Michigan that DO NOT KNOW IT:	<b>1 in 5</b>
Populations at risk of being affected by HIV/AIDS:	<b>ALL</b>

## 9th ANNUAL ANN ARBOR WINE CELLAR



Photo courtesy of Abby Rose Photo



Join us for a tasting of the season's best wine, hearty hors d'oeuvres provided by Bona Sera, a silent auction and music to warm your spirit. In addition, a collection of over 100 bottles of donated wine will be raffled off.

*After keeping our guests on their toes and engaged last year, we are thrilled to have WEMU's Linda Yohn as our enthusiastic MC again this year.*

**Thursday, November 15  
6:30 p.m.**  
Vineyard Church of Ann Arbor  
2275 Platt Rd., Ann Arbor

### Grand Prize - An instant wine cellar!

Don't worry. Smaller lots of wine will also be awarded to lucky raffle ticket holders

**Visit our website at [www.hivaidsresource.org](http://www.hivaidsresource.org) to learn more about this festive evening as further details become available.**



### Friend us on Facebook!

We can never have too many friends. Our goal: 900 friends by the end of the year. We have a bounty of info to share. Keep up to date on everything HARC!



Come Tweet with us! Follow HARC on Twitter and converse with us in real time. Have an opinion, information, a question or just a thought you want to share? We want to hear what you have to say; so tweet away!



**Thursday, December 6  
5:10 p.m.**

Michigan Theater  
601 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor  
*Free and Open to the Public*

**United in Anger:** A History of ACT UP (the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power) is a feature-length documentary that tells the story of men and women of all races and classes who came together to change the world and save other's lives. The film combines archival footage of several major actions explored from a grassroots perspective, as well as insightful interviews from the ACT UP Oral History Project. The film reveals the organization's complex culture that forced the U.S. government and mainstream media to deal with the AIDS crisis.



*\*Developed by the University of Michigan School of Art & Design, The Penny W. Stamps Speaker Series presents free weekly lecture series throughout the academic year. Visit <http://art-design.umich.edu/stamps> for a schedule of upcoming programs. All events take place on Thursdays at 5:10 p.m. at the Michigan Theater and are open to the public.*

"During high school I developed a love for activism and health education. I came out at fifteen and had opportunities to meet other queer youth who were experiencing some of the same and some different barriers to accessing appropriate health services and sex education that was relevant to them.

HIV and AIDS was among the recurring topics that came up in a lot of our discussions, forums and personal happenings, and I knew I had to find a way to work with people impacted by this still stigmatized and shrouded disease.

HARC has given me a space to work proactively with diverse communities impacted by social injustices and the epidemic of HIV/AIDS. HARC provides a dynamic and rich work environment with superior health education tools to bring back into our communities each and every day, and I could not be more appreciative for that."

- Heather Wolf  
HARC Prevention Specialist

## Make a tax-deductible gift to HARC

where 78% of every dollar you donate goes directly to our programs and services

The HIV/AIDS Resource Center could not do all of its important work without the support of clients, volunteers, donors, businesses, foundations and the local community. Contributions big and small have a tremendous impact on the lives of people affected by HIV/AIDS in the communities we serve. Below are just a few of the ways you can uplift the lives of the men, women and youth who come to HARC seeking care, guidance, compassion and hope for the future.

**MAKE AN ANNUAL GIFT** - Gifts are accepted year-round at HARC. Your generosity supports the compassionate direct care, prevention and outreach activities that take place at HARC every day.

To discuss your giving options or for additional information, contact Chris McMullen, Director of Development at 734-572-9355, ext. 26 or [cmcmullen@hivaidresource.org](mailto:cmcmullen@hivaidresource.org).

**BECOME A MONTHLY DONOR** - Your commitment to a monthly gift provides consistent, reliable support. Your recurring gift can be safely deducted from your credit card account and will stretch the value of your gift by saving time, paper and postage.

**MEMORIAL / HONORARIUM / SPECIAL OCCASION GIFTS** - Make a gift in honor of, in memory of or on behalf of someone special in your life—family, friends, co-workers. Or perhaps you'd like to celebrate an important event—a wedding, anniversary, graduation or significant accomplishment. We will gladly notify those you choose to honor or remember of your gift.

We don't want to limit your options. You can make a contribution via mail 3075 Clark Rd., Ste. 203, Ypsilanti, MI, 48197, by phone or on-line at [www.hivaidresource.org](http://www.hivaidresource.org).

### WISH LIST

In-kind gifts play a large role in allowing HARC to accomplish its work. From food for the Conover Food Pantry to donations in support of our special events to office supplies, we appreciate each and every donation.

For a complete list of our in-kind needs, go to [www.hivaidresource.org/get-involved/donation-wish-list/](http://www.hivaidresource.org/get-involved/donation-wish-list/).

### This Fall's Extra Special Wish

New carpeting and floor tile to create an inviting and comfortable office space for clients, staff and visitors.

Oh, yes, installation services are needed, too.





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## Same Day HIV Testing FREE ANONYMOUS CONFIDENTIAL

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY - PLEASE CALL 734-572-9355 TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT

"If it wasn't for HARC, I wouldn't be here today. I would be lost and not have peace of mind."

- 25 year-old male client

## Ann Arbor/Jackson AIDS Walk 2012



Join us for a fun-filled, heartwarming 3-mile walk for kids, adults and four-legged friends alike! This year's walk will take place in Jackson and Ann Arbor. Teams are still forming! Prizes will be awarded for the largest amount of donations collected by an individual, as well as the largest walk

team. Start contacting friends, family, co-workers now. Convince them to join your team or, if they prefer not to walk, encourage them to make a gift in support of your 3-mile trek. Free walk T-shirts will be given to all walkers who raise a minimum of \$25. Complimentary snacks and refreshments will be available to keep you going.

Volunteers are still needed and welcomed with open arms.

For more information, visit our website at [hivaidsresource.org](http://hivaidsresource.org), contact Hope Brock at [hbrock@hivaidsresource.org](mailto:hbrock@hivaidsresource.org) or call 734-572-0554.

### Saturday, September 29

Jackson  
Registration at 9 AM  
Riverwalk Amphitheater  
Walk begins at 10 AM

### Sunday, September 30

Ann Arbor  
Registration at 12 Noon  
Corner of William  
and Main Steets  
Walk begins at 1 PM

Register on-line at  
[aidswalkmichigan.org](http://aidswalkmichigan.org).  
Be sure to click the  
Ann Arbor/Jackson tab!

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