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Consortium, MAC VIVA GLAM to sponsor second annual WOW AWARDS GALA — 'an evening in the country to make you say WOW!'

This year, leave your tux and little black cocktail dress at home and put on your most favorite pair of jeans!

That's the premise of the second-annual WOW Awards Gala, which will be held this year at a location quite different from last year!

Join the Delaware HIV Consortium and presenting sponsor MAC VIVA GLAM on Saturday evening, June 17, 2006 from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. for Wilmington's most unique and exciting celebration of achievement. Help us honor excellence in community leadership, volunteerism and philanthropy in the field of HIV/AIDS and enjoy an evening of elegant cuisine, fine spirits, live entertainment, an awards ceremony and a silent auction.

Executive Director Peter Houle said this year's event will differ from last year's cabaret-style fundraiser, and hopes that the casual dress code paired with the elegance of food, spirits and entertainment will get more people out to support the Consortium. ING Direct will even be offering tethered hot air balloon rides at the event.

"This is such an important fundraiser for us and we hope that we can double the number of attendees from last year's gala," he said. "It is going to be a phenomenal event that will raise money for those Delawareans living with HIV/AIDS."

Tamala Edwards, morning news anchor at 6abc in Philadelphia, will be returning as this year's emcee. Businesses and organizations including ING Direct, Saffron Catering,

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The Haskell's Barn, which was the set of M Night Shyamalan's 2004 film 'The Village' will also be the location of this year's WOW AWARDS GALA!

HIV/AIDS community mourns the passing of pioneer doctor

Written by Arlene Bincsik, a member of the Christiana Care HIV Community Program and President of the Board of Trustees of the Delaware HIV Consortium.

On March 5, 2006, the HIV/AIDS community lost a great friend and supporter- Dr. William J. Holloway.

Dr. Holloway was an infectious disease physician and had practiced medicine in Delaware for more than 50 years. He was the founder and director of the Infectious Disease Research Lab at Christiana Care Health Services. In 1963, he established an educational symposium that is held in Wilmington every spring and continues to bear his name. Dr. Holloway was recognized throughout the world as an expert in infectious diseases and had published more than 200 articles in scientific journals.

Perhaps of even more significance was his contribution to the care of those with HIV and AIDS in our state. In 1989, he came out of retirement to become personally involved in the fight against HIV/AIDS. As a respected member of the medical community, he was very effective in obtaining community support and participation. As a direct result of his efforts, the Georgetown Wellness Clinic opened in 1990

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Spotlight on Case Management Services, Latin American Community Center

This issue focuses on two agencies based in Wilmington — Case Management Services (CMS) and the Latin American Community Center (LACC).

Although the goal of both CMS and the LACC is to assist those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS, they are two totally different organizations. For example, the LACC employs about 50 full-time staff members, 30 part-time staff members and numerous volunteers. Their bright, colorful building is visible from blocks away and individuals from Delaware and Pennsylvania visit daily. CMS, on the other hand, is a small group of three social workers who travel to the homes and doctors offices of their clients.

Regardless of how these organizations carry out their day-to-day duties, they continue to perform selfless work for those who need it most.

Latin American Community Center

Instead of asking what the LACC does, it is easier to ask what they do not do. This organization, that boasts 52 programs and works with people ages 1 to 90, opens their doors to people from all walks of life, including those without Latin American origin.

“We try to help everyone who walks in,” said Carlos de los Ramos, senior advocacy director at the center. “Sixty percent of our clients are Latinos, but we also work with people from other races and cultures.”

The help the LACC offers is immense —



The Latin American Community Center is located at 403 N. Van Buren St. in Wilmington. For more information, visit the LACC Web site at www.thelatincenter.org.

daycare, rapid HIV testing, senior services and job placement just to name a few.

Everything at the Center is offered in both English and Spanish, and there are staff members that represent dozens of Latin American countries.

“Having a diverse staff allows us to relate to people, and I think that is a great way for an individual to feel most comfortable,” he said.

Para más información sobre el Centro de Comunidad Americano Latino, llamada (302)655-7338.

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Case Management Services

Since its inception in 1998, the staff of Case Management Services (CMS) has had one basic task — to connect those living with HIV/AIDS to services that will improve his or her quality of life.

“We work with 148 clients on an as-needed basis,” said Cheri Pfeiffer, a licensed clinical social worker who has been with the agency since it opened eight years ago.

She explained that 95 percent of the work they do does not take place in their small office on Philadelphia Pike, but rather in clinics, doctors offices and homes of their clients.

“This is how we know what is going on and to make sure that both the provider and client are on the same page,” she said.

Staff member Jessica Archambault said the best feeling is seeing a client who is able to support themselves and their family with the help of CMS.

“Although mental health and substance abuse problems are common, it is great to see clients get back on their feet,” she said.



CMS staff members from left: Jessica Archambault, Frank Maturo and Cheri Pfeiffer.

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Consortium & AIDS Delaware staff attend special AIDS Walk training seminar

Five Consortium staff members expanded their work week on Saturday, February 4 by attending a special workshop focused on making this year's 20th annual AIDS WALK DELAWARE bigger and better than ever!

They were joined by staff members from AIDS Delaware to learn the tricks of the trade from Leif Green and Angie Hauser, two managers of team fund raising for AIDS WALK New York. Leif and Angie traveled from New York City to Wilmington on the early Saturday morning to explain how they form an AIDS Walk that has such an impact in New York. Everyone present learned the keys to building bigger teams, getting more corporations to sponsor the event, and most importantly, how to raise even more money that goes to direct client services.

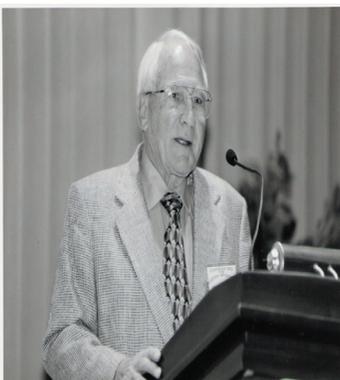
"Leif and Angie presented such fabulous information to really expand the annual AIDS Walks in Delaware," Associate Executive Director Glen Pruitt said. "I think everyone left very excited to make this the best AIDS Walk we have ever seen in this state!"

This year's Walks will be held on Sept. 24 in Wilmington and on Oct. 8 in Dover and Georgetown. The Consortium and AIDS Delaware are using the information presented by Leif and Angie and already working hard on getting as many people on board as possible! To learn more about the Walk, volunteer or become involved, contact Tammy Jones at the Consortium at 302-654-5471. More information will be available in the coming months.



Staff members Glen Pruitt, Chandra Crawford, Tammy Jones and Peter Houle (from left) attend an AIDS Walk workshop with Leif Green (pictured in green) and Angie Hauser (pictured in blue) from AIDS Walk New York. Consortium staff member Carissa Pleiss is not pictured.

Dr. Holloway obituary continued



Dr. William Holloway was a well-respected doctor who worked with HIV/AIDS patients, even after his retirement. Mr. Holloway died on March 5, 2006.

as part of the Christiana Care HIV Program in order to meet the needs of those with HIV/AIDS in Sussex County.

Dr. Holloway was also responsible for obtaining funding and subsequently hiring Dr. Susan Szabo as medical director for the HIV Program.

Dr. Holloway was not one to just work behind the scenes. He attended clinical sessions in Wilmington and Georgetown, providing care and treatment to our patients. He quietly led by example, treating each and every patient with respect and dignity. He provided care with intelligence, experience, compassion and with gentle humor. Patients and staff alike found his very presence to be comforting.

Dr. Holloway was the first principal investigator of research with the HIV Program. His leadership and council were invaluable as the HIV program grew and developed, and it was in this context that he became my boss. The HIV program is now recognized nationally as a model for the provision of quality comprehensive HIV care and services. People with HIV and AIDS have been able to access that care as a result of his efforts.

My staff and I feel incredibly blessed to have had the opportunity to work with and learn from Dr. Holloway. He was not just a boss — he was a mentor and a friend.

Consortium welcomes Tammy Jones as new Special Event/Development Associate



Through her career, Tammy has accumulated a broad range of fundraising experiences stemming from strong relationships in the private and public sectors.

Tammy M. Jones is the new Special Events/Development Associate for the DHC. In this role, she will develop, coordinate and manage all planning processes of agency special events.

Tammy is a native Delawarean and a graduate of Norfolk State University. She is currently pursuing a Master of Public Administration degree from Wilmington College and is also active in the community by serving as a board member for Christina Cultural Arts Center and secretary for the Metropolitan Wilmington Urban League Guild. She is enthusiastic about contributing her skills and dedication to the Consortium's mission.

"Every person is a potential sponsor and an opportunity to educate about the Consortium," she said. "Individuals and corporations can't support our effort if they aren't aware of it or provided the knowledge and opportunity to do so."

TAWS Presentation Plus, Planning Factory International, Hadfield's Seafood, Moore Brothers Wine, Caviar Assouline, Cort Furniture Rental, Gabc, Wild Thyme flowers and Corazón Tequila will be donating their time, products and services to make this year's gala a truly unforgettable event.

To register for WOW, simply log onto www.delawarehiv.org or fill out the registration form at the bottom of the page. Kindly respond by June 14, 2006, and please include your payment with the registration form. Tickets will not be mailed — reservations will be held at the barn. We look forward to seeing you there and making you say ...WOW!

Yes! I /we will be attending the Second Annual WOW Awards Gala.

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