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The Voice of Delaware's HIV Community

## Get started early in your fundraising efforts for Delaware AIDS Walk 2007

Get online, get your pledge envelope and start raising money NOW for the 21st annual Delaware AIDS Walk!

The AIDS Walk is a great way to raise awareness and funds to the community. Again this year, there will be a Walk in all three counties:



Sunday, Sept. 30 - Rockford Park, Wilmington

Sunday, Oct. 7 - Silver Lake Rec. Center, Dover

Sunday, Oct. 7 - N. Bedford St. Park, Georgetown

Last year's Walk was extremely successful, and raised \$180,000 for HIV/AIDS services throughout the state. The Delaware HIV Consortium and AIDS Delaware, the two major Walk sponsors, hope to exceed that amount this year to \$300,000!

"HIV/AIDS service organizations are losing funding at every turn," Delaware HIV Consortium Executive Director Peter Houle said. "The HIV/AIDS epidemic should be everyone's concern - please register and walk with us."

Both organizations benefit tremendously from Walk proceeds, and monies raised are distributed throughout the state. Organizations that provide HIV/AIDS services may be eligible to get back a portion of their collected money and use it solely for their agency.

Each Walk will open at noon, and step-off will begin at 2 p.m. The 5K Walk will be held rain or shine. Each route has a shortcut and is stroller-friendly. Dogs are welcome, but must be kept on a leash at all times. To register, log onto [www.aidswalkdelaware.org](http://www.aidswalkdelaware.org) or call AIDS Delaware at 302-652-6776.



## June 27 marks National HIV Testing Day

Wednesday, June 27, 2007 will mark National HIV Testing Day, and a variety of fairs and community events are scheduled throughout the state. Food, music and prizes are just a few ways to enjoy the day and get tested for HIV.

The following events will be held on June 27, 2007:

### New Castle County

• *Man Up - Get Tested!* will be held at Beautiful Gate Outreach Center (604 N. Walnut Street, Wilmington) from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. This special day will include free confidential rapid HIV testing (focused on men) as well as food, door prizes and a special gift for the individual and group that bring in the most men to be tested. Contact Suzanne Tait at 302-472-3002 for more info.

• *4th Annual "Health Hook-Up" Community Wellness Festival* will be held at Helen Chambers Park (5th and Madison Sts., Wilmington) from 3 p.m. - 7 p.m. Events will include confidential rapid HIV tests, various health screenings, food, DJ, double-Dutch contest, face-painting, coloring and games for children. Contact Alyson Lang at 302-658-0217 for more info.

• *Love Heals Ministry's Annual Health Fair* will be held at Sharon Temple SDA Church (2100 Washington Street, Wilmington) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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## *Georgetown Christiana Care Wellness Clinic celebrates grand opening*

The rainy and damp weather on April 27, 2007 did not deter a large crowd from attending the grand opening of the former Georgetown HIV Wellness Clinic, renamed the Christiana Care Wellness Clinic, and celebrating its relocation from the Georgetown State Service Center to the Stockley Campus, 102 Lloyd Lane, Georgetown.

The relocation of the program will enhance and expand current HIV primary care provided to Delawareans over age 18. The new building will eliminate the overcrowding that existed at the Georgetown State Service Center, and will allow patients to access care that was not available at the old location.

According to Clinic Manager Carolyn Savini, the center's services will include medical evaluation and treatment, education and outreach, psychosocial assessments, mental health evaluations, and substance abuse counseling and treatment. The clinic also offers pharmacist evaluation and intervention, peer education, transportation services, case management and social work support. Clinic staff consists of a board-certified Infectious Disease physician, nurse practitioners, nurses, pharmacists, social workers, peer educators, a psychiatrist, substance abuse counselors and mental health counselors.

The clinic is open Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Contact the clinic at (302) 933-3420. No one is denied services based on financial circumstances.



*Supporters of the new clinic celebrate its grand opening. From left: James Welch, Delaware Department of Corrections; John Kennedy, Division of Public Health; Senator Thomas Carper; Herman Ellis, MD; Carolyn Savini, Christiana Care; Arlene Bincsik, Christiana Care; Robert Jackson (in red) Division of Public Health; Gary Ferguson, Christiana Care.*

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*The Delaware HIV Consortium is a statewide, non-profit organization dedicated to eliminating the spread of HIV/AIDS and to creating a seamless continuum of care for all people infected and affected in Delaware.*

## Spotlight on *Each One ... Teach One, Planned Parenthood of Delaware*

It takes different types of organizations to provide health care to various communities. Delaware residents are lucky to have outstanding local non-profits and nationally recognized organizations right in their backyard. Health fairs and special events are great ways to find out what services are offered in your neighborhood, usually at little or no cost to you. Both of this month's featured organizations provide a plethora of top-rated screenings, tests and exams.

The bottom line is that excellent care is available for a variety of diseases and ailments, including HIV/AIDS, in each of Delaware's three counties.

### *Each One ... Teach One*

The staff of *Each One ... Teach One* prides themselves in specializing in 'edutainment' to the teenagers and adults they serve.

"Learning about pressing health issues, including HIV/AIDS and cancer, should be enjoyable," explained Executive Director Alyson Lang. "We believe people get more out of learning if they enjoy the process."

The goal of this organization is to empower people and to address economic, social and racial issues that some individuals face. *Each One ... Teach One* engages youth and young adults, mobilizes services in neighborhoods around New Castle County and is well-known in the community.

*Each One ... Teach One*, located at the Boys & Girls Club at 215 S. Jackson St., Wilmington, began offering free HIV testing on April 30, 2007. Anyone over the age of 12 with a photo ID can be administered a rapid HIV test. Results are available in 20 minutes, and everyone who gets tested receives an incentive. So far, staff has already tested more than 60 people. Testing is available from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. Their regular business hours are 5 to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"I think our evening hours really allow people to come in whenever is convenient for them," Ms. Lang said. "Some organizations are only open during traditional business hours, but we stay open later so that everyone has an opportunity to get tested if they wish."

In addition to HIV testing, *Each One ... Teach One* offers seminars on cancer awareness, safe sex practices and general health.

For more information about *Each One ... Teach One*, contact Alyson Lang at (302) 658-0217.

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### *Planned Parenthood of Delaware*

Although some may think that Planned Parenthood is only for women who are or may be pregnant, the reality is that the national organization (with more than 100 affiliates throughout the United States, including five in Delaware) works to ensure that all individuals have access to appropriate information and services that are necessary to make and act on personal decisions related to their own reproduction, sexuality and health.

Karla Fox, president and CEO of Planned Parenthood of Delaware, explained that some of Planned Parenthood's services, including HIV testing, are open to men and women.

"We believe that it is important for *everyone* to know their status," she said. "It is the only way to prevent the infection of others."

Planned Parenthood provides patients with the OraQuick test, which produces results in about 20 minutes. If the first test is positive, Planned Parenthood is also able to perform and test the follow-up blood draw in their office. Everyone who is tested for HIV receives a risk assessment, counseling and a link to other HIV services if they are needed.

Ms. Fox said there are five Planned Parenthood locations in Delaware — Wilmington, Claymont, Newark, Dover and Rehoboth Beach, and that all five centers offer rapid HIV testing.

Nobody is turned away due to inability to pay. Cost of all services at the locations is based on a sliding fee scale.

"Knowing your status can help you and your baby live healthier lives," Ms. Fox said.

For more information, contact the Wilmington office at (302) 655-7293 or visit [www.ppdell.org](http://www.ppdell.org).



# *Gatsby-themed WOW Awards Gala a great success!*

The Delaware HIV Consortium, the WOW Committee and the Board of Trustees would like to extend an enormous THANK YOU to everyone who made this year's Third Annual WOW Awards a fun-filled fund raiser! From donations of time, products, energy and money, we have so many people to thank. We hope everyone who attended were WOWed by the food, music, silent auction and fabulous venue.

Please support the organizations, companies and individuals throughout the year who made this night successful. Their dedication to HIV/AIDS efforts is truly remarkable, and the evening would not have been possible without their generous support!



*An inside view*



*Awardees and guests  
congregate in the VIP room*



*6ABC Delaware Anchor  
Lauren Wilson*



*An aerial view*



*Professional dancers  
entertain the crowd*

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*Red Ribbon Advocates  
program recruiting members  
for 2007 class*

If you are one of the more than 3,000 Delawareans living with HIV/AIDS, the Red Ribbon Advocates program of the Delaware HIV Consortium may be for you.

The Red Ribbon Advocates program teaches HIV positive individuals how to speak up and speak out for their rights and the rights of all people living with HIV/AIDS. The bi-monthly meetings will focus on how to write letters to newspapers and editors, speak to legislators, write and present personal testimony and speak about HIV/AIDS to church and community groups. In past years, the Red Ribbon Advocates have traveled to Dover, Washington D.C. and New York City.

"The impact of learning how to speak up and speak out for what you believe in has been an amazing experience for those involved in this program," said Susan Tanner, the Community Planning Coordinator at the Delaware HIV Consortium and Red Ribbon Advocates program leader. "The graduates of the Red Ribbon Advocates program are empowered to learn about issues that directly affect them and then to do something about it. This program is meant to give HIV-positive individuals the tools they need to become true advocates for themselves and for others living with HIV/AIDS."

All meetings will be held in the Community Service Building from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. on:

July 11  
July 25  
August 8  
August 22

For more information, call 302-654-5471 or e-mail [info@delawarehiv.org](mailto:info@delawarehiv.org).

*National HIV Testing Day events continued*

**Kent County**

- *HIV Testing* will be available at the James W. Williams State Service Center (805 River Road, Dover) from 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. For more information, contact Charlotte Robertson at (302)739-4729.
- *Kent Sussex Counseling Services* will perform HIV testing at the House of Pride (105 N. New Street, Dover) from 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Activities will include free confidential rapid HIV tests and barbecue. HIV prevention materials will be also available. Contact Star Fuentes (302)735-7790, ext 112 for more information.

**Sussex County**

- *CAMP Rehoboth* (39 Baltimore Ave, Rehoboth Beach) will offer free confidential rapid HIV tests without an appointment. Information table with HIV prevention materials will be available along with staff from the Division of Public Health. Event will be held from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Contact Sal Seeley (302) 227-5620 for more info.
- *Sussex County AIDS Council* in collaboration with La Red Health Center and Division of Public Health will perform free confidential rapid HIV tests without an appointment. Staff and volunteers will be available to answer questions and provide information about HIV prevention. Event will be held at Macedonia AME Church (431 North Street, Seaford) from noon - 7 p.m. Contact Wade Jones (302) 644-1090 for more information.
- *HIV Testing* will be held at Milford Health Unit Clinic (11-13 Church Ave, Milford) from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Contact Nadine S. Henry (302) 424-7140 for more info.
- *HIV Testing* will be held at Sussex County Health Unit (544 South Bedford Street, Georgetown) from 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Free confidential rapid HIV testing with no appointment necessary. Staff will be available to answer questions, and refreshments will be provided. Contact Mary Johnson at (302) 856-5106 for more information.
- *HIV Testing* will be available at Shipley State Service Center (350 Virginia Ave, Seaford) from 8 a.m. - 12 noon, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Free confidential rapid HIV testing with no appointment necessary. Staff will be available to answer questions and provide prevention materials. For more information, contact David Miller at (302) 628-2006.

· Planned Parenthood of Delaware will offer free HIV testing at all of their sites statewide. For a list of sites, visit [www.ppdel.org](http://www.ppdel.org).

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