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Pfizer Foundation awarded AIDS Care Service \$100,000 per year over the next three years to participate in ConnectHIV, the Foundation's newest initiative to support AIDS service organizations working to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS. AIDS Care Service was selected based on our program's potential to demonstrate "model" components of an effective HIV/AIDS program, our organization's commitment to learning and our evaluation capabilities. To ensure a mutually effective

Two special grants from the Pfizer Foundation and the Duke Endowment will support AIDS Care Service as we help our brothers and sisters living with HIV to better understand medication adherence, adopt risk reducing behaviors, link clients to services needed to maintain a healthy lifestyle and provide them with the necessary tools to succeed in independent living.

After rigorous review of more than 100 competitive proposals, the



*Mike Bestler, Senior Therapeutic Specialty Consultant with Pfizer, Inc. presents the grant award to Mona Gary, ACS Business Office Manager.*

evaluation, the evaluation will be developed collaboratively with AIDS Care Service and Wake Forest University Public Health Sciences in partnership with the Pfizer Foundation, the Academy for Educational Development's Center on AIDS & Community Health and the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. The ACS project, Positive Choices, will provide Comprehensive Risk Counseling Services to our clients. The program will include screenings for co-factors, individualized prevention plans, multiple counseling sessions on HIV risk/behavior change, referrals, and ongoing monitoring and reassessment.

AIDS Care Service has entered a three year partnership with Forsyth Medical Center Department of Case Management and Piedmont Medical Specialists for the "Healthy HIV Partnerships" initiative with the Duke Endowment.

This partnership will coordinate a multi-organizational collaborative in order to create a more efficient system of service provision and referrals for underserved persons (specifically in the Latino community) living with HIV disease; launch the AIDS Care Service new culturally sensitive Latino-focused Ryan White HIV Case Management Program; create a more efficient and effective working system for HIV+ patient outcomes between the Forsyth Medical Center case managers, Piedmont Medical Specialists and AIDS Care Service; and increase the working hours for social worker at Piedmont Medical Specialist in order to provide better quality of services to clients.

## TAKE ACTION FUND APPROACHING THE 2006-2007 GOAL OF \$125,000!

July 1, 2006  
\$0

May 2007  
\$113,000

June 30, 2007  
\$125,000

## I SAID RED! IS A GREAT SUCCESS

I Said RED! is the AIDS Care Service signature fundraiser, usually held in or around February. I Said RED! parties introduce new friends to the services we offer, raising awareness and funds to support our mission. Each year, friends of ACS wait in breathless anticipation to see who will appear on the cover of the I Said RED! invitation. This year, Joey Cheek, 2006 Olympic Speed Skating Gold and Silver Medalist from Greensboro, NC, agreed to appear. In addition to his skating skills, Joey was a panelist at the 2006 Global HIV/AIDS Summit in Toronto, discussing the use of sports to prevent the spread of HIV. His invitation photo is courtesy of Right to Play ([www.righttoplay.com](http://www.righttoplay.com)). ACS Trustee, Bill Tribby worked diligently to secure Joey for us this year. Many thanks to Bill, to Joey, to our party hosts and their guests, who have raised a terrific \$34,140 so far – with more parties still to come!



*Joey Cheek,  
2006 Olympic Gold medalist  
and Bill Tribby, ACS Trustee*

*The mission of AIDS Care Service is to empower and serve our brothers and sisters living with HIV/AIDS and to educate our community in the struggle against the disease.*

## FROM THE PRESIDENT, DAVID PINER

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As my term as President comes to a close, may I share some of what I've learned this year.

I have learned, by drawing closer to the needs of the clients of ACS, that at the core we all want the same things: health, happiness, respect, purpose, and love. This is the shared oneness of all humanity.

I have learned, by observing more closely the ACS staff, that there exist among us people who possess the grace to laugh and smile while carrying for the rest of us a disproportionate burden of helplessness and hopelessness. They do what they do at the expense of their own comfort and security. They do what they do from places in the human heart that most of us have never discovered.



I have learned, by observing the complexity and limitations of public funding, that trickles of resources do not add up to a healthy drink of water, and that those who depend on public funding go thirsty, a lot. Simultaneously, I have learned that the charitable impulse to give to the least of our brothers and sisters, if we work very hard, can create a healing stream of living water. I have watched the flow of donations to ACS, the droplets of money that come pouring in, and I have seen the soothing effect of that stream in the lives of those we serve. Seeing this encourages my own fragile impulse to give.

I have learned these lessons and more during my term as President of ACS. I receive them all, with profound gratitude, as unmerited gifts of God's grace.

## SPECIAL THANKS GO TO:

**All of our I Said RED! hosts** for creating wonderful events and introducing their friends to the work ACS does.

**Wine Merchants Gourmet** for sponsoring a lovely I Said RED! event. **Chef Kevin Heath** of KevMark Catering provided delicious hors d'oeuvres to compliment a variety of wines.

**William Wilson** delighted the wine tasters with live music. It was an evening to remember.

**Our generous donors** who have brought our Take Action fund to more than \$113,000 toward goal of \$125,000. A complete list of all who give to financially support ACS appears in our Annual Report, published in late summer.

**Karma Salon & Gallery and the Seed Gallery Artists** who partnered for an I Said RED! Kick-off event and month long exhibit of original artwork created for AIDS Care

Service. Artists **Woodie Anderson, Millicent Greason, Alex Norwood, Tiffany O'Brien, Laurie Russell, Dave Urena and Clark Whittington** all gave generously of their time and talent to raise awareness of HIV/AIDS in our community. Other generous gifts came from **Kelly Petersen at Patina, Christina Turbitt, Ron and Tamra Probst from The Other Half, Trudy Swenk of Bikram Hot Yoga and John Cahoon from Finnegan's Wake.**



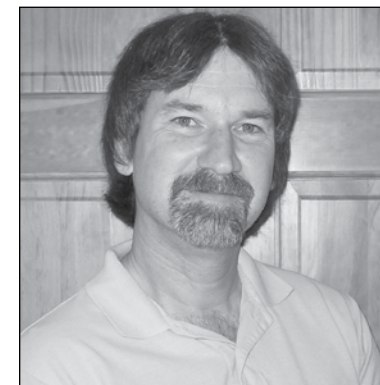
*Christine Jolly and artist Woodie Anderson with her artwork at the opening of the Karma Salon & Gallery I Said RED! Exhibit.*

## FROM ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS, KATHERINE FOSTER

Dear Friends of AIDS Care Service:

As a result of the recent strategic planning efforts of AIDS Care Service's Board of Trustees, the organization will be undergoing some very exciting programmatic changes to better meet the needs of our brothers and sisters living with HIV. The Strategic Plan for 2007-2010 focuses on care programs, prevention programs, resource development, human development, and facilities. We welcome your support as ACS steps into this new territory.

One of the major changes will directly affect the current Day Activities Program, and will entail a metamorphosis of the program from a certified adult day care program into support groups facilitated by a licensed counselor. These changes will be effective July 1, 2007. As a result the position held by David Lamb, the current Day Activities



Program Coordinator, will no longer exist. The changes in the nature of HIV/AIDS and its impact on those living with the disease have lead the Board to the difficult point of realization that in order to deliver the greatest good to the greatest number of clients this transformation of the Day Activities program is an important step for our community.

David has worked for ACS for more than 12 years as the Coordinator of the Day Activities Program. The survival

of this program is largely attributable to his experience, reliability and dedication. He has been responsible for strong and evolving program policy and his organizational skills have helped the program maintain excellent standards of service. We hope that you will find time to express your gratitude to David Lamb for his longtime service and dedication to AIDS Care Service.

Another programming change that will take place later in 2007 will incorporate secondary HIV prevention information, otherwise known as Prevention for Positives. "Positive Choices" Comprehensive Risk Counseling Services (CRCS) will promote the adoption and maintenance of risk reduction behaviors, encourage medication adherence and link clients to services and tools to help them maintain an independent lifestyle.

It is an exciting time to be a part of the ACS family as we take more action against AIDS. Thank you for partnering with us as we break new ground to achieve our mission to empower and serve our brothers and sisters living with HIV/AIDS and to educate our community in the struggle against the disease.



## FROM THE LATINO CLIENT HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAM

MARTHA CHICA SHARES A STORY ABOUT ACS LATINO PROGRAMS THAT ARE MAKING A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY

Our Latino participants are now enjoying Case Management services. The new case management services permits Latino clients to receive more efficient and speedy services. Under our new Case Management program, our clients who had many emergency needs such as utilities, food, HIV treatment information/education as well as emotional support, find that their needs are met with great effort and care through someone who is a native Spanish speaker. A

client to whom we rendered advocacy services mentioned during her intake, that, as a result of her HIV diagnosis she experienced emotional stress that caused her to have suicidal thoughts. The same day of the intake she received services through the ACS Case Manager that provided referrals for food (which an ACS AMiGOS volunteer picked up at the Food Pantry), HIV education and emotional support. The client is planning to participate in our Madrinas Program, a support system for HIV+ Latinas. Our programs for Latinos are merging efficiently to address some of the very difficult barriers that our HIV community suffers.



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## Welcome!

**ACS welcomes Kimara McDowell** as she moves into the position of Holly Haven Family Care Administrator. Kimara has been a CNA Caregiver for 5 years with us as well as a volunteer prior to joining the staff.

**We welcome Alberto Moreno-Bravo** into his new position as Case Manager. Alberto has been the ACS AMiGOS Latino Community Coordinator since 2005.

**Pedro Castillo joins ACS** as the new AMiGOS Latino Community Coordinator is. We welcome Pedro and his passion for educating our community about HIV and how they can become involved in the battle against the disease.

Best wishes to all of you as you take ACS to even higher levels of service.



## ACS Summer Wish List

### Lowe's Greenpoints

ACS is able to stretch food dollars by redeeming Greenpoints for milk, eggs and other staples. To donate your Greenpoints, call Lowe's Foods at (336)659-0180. You will need your Lowe's rewards card number and the ACS card number: 420 21449 2734.

### Household Items

New and barely used sheets (extra long twin), blankets, bath towels, face cloths can be put into immediate service at Holly Haven or the Horseshoe Apartments. Gently used living room furniture, bedroom suites, kitchen table/chairs are stored to help housing clients. Please call Katherine Foster at (336)722-6909 to discuss your furniture donation. We are only able to accept furniture that can be delivered to one of our locations.

### Summer Volunteers

Prepare or bring a meal for six to Holly Haven Family Care Home, help pack or distribute free groceries with the Food Pantry. There are several times available that can fit your schedule. Call Cindy Stubblefield at (336)777-0116 or email [cstubblefield@aidscare.org](mailto:cstubblefield@aidscare.org) to find out more.