This year, Piedmont Care turns 25 years old. So, what's changed since that first day?

In 1994, the landscape of HIV and AIDS was vastly different than what we see today. Over the years, we have evolved our services, reach, and impact to meet the ever-changing needs of our clients and our community.

We are still the only organization in Spartanburg that is 100% dedicated to helping people living with HIV and AIDS. In the past year alone, we started a new support group for people recently diagnosed with HIV. We completed the first-ever Prevention Needs Assessment and Landscape map describing the current HIV epidemic, comparing similar communities, and identifying the prevention services available in Spartanburg, Cherokee, and Union counties. We added more staff and increased off-site testing opportunities by 40%.

For 25 years, we have served more than 1,600 people living with HIV and AIDS in our community. To honor our 25th anniversary, we invite our supporters to donate $25 to Piedmont Care from November 18th through December 1st to help our prevention program grow and thrive. As we recognize our silver anniversary, we are thankful for our supporters. Whether through a donation, an event ticket, or a helping hand, we couldn't do it without you.
World AIDS Day 2019
Sunday, December 1st

World AIDS Day is an annual opportunity for people worldwide to show support for people living with HIV and commemorate those who have died from an AIDS-related illness. Founded in 1988, World AIDS Day was the first ever global health day.

AIDS Memorial Quilt Panel Comes to Spartanburg

We are fortunate to have three generous community members sponsoring our AIDS Memorial Quilt Display.

“I love that the quilt represents the diversity of our loved ones lost to HIV. Each panel has a beautiful heartfelt story. Seeing the quilt is a wonderful opportunity to remember a loved one, but also to educate the community about HIV and AIDS. I implore everyone to take advantage of this opportunity in Spartanburg.”

Barbara Lanthier Colvin
In Memory of her brother, George Michael Lanthier

“For me, the AIDS quilt was a sobering reminder of all those dead or dying during the late 80s and early 90s. Now it’s a reminder of how far we have come with a possible end to HIV in sight.”

Phillip Hudson
In Memory of Michael, Tracy, Butch, and so many others

Anonymous
In Memory of George Claudius Cameon
Come One, Come All

By: Kris Neely

This year at Spartanburg Methodist College we will open our gallery to display Piedmont Care’s panel of the AIDS Memorial Quilt. We are doing this to commemorate World AIDS Day, and to honor Piedmont Care for 25 years of prevention, care, and advocacy.

It might make us feel better to think that HIV and AIDS are not a concern here in the buckle of the Bible Belt. Unfortunately, nothing is further from the truth. Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina have some of the highest transmission rates in the nation. Our state would be far, far worse without the work of Piedmont Care.

Fifteen years ago I edited a book called “Hidden Voices.” This manuscript (published by Hub City Press) marked the 10-year anniversary of Piedmont Care. In that time, it was an edgy assignment to gather stories and facilitate reflections in this community. Stigma and confidentiality were huge concerns. Stereotypes and assumptions were often shattered by what I learned.

This year Piedmont Care celebrates its 25th year of work in Upstate SC. We are all better for it.

Kris Neely is an art professor and Director of Interdisciplinary Studies at Spartanburg Methodist College. He is a longtime Piedmont Care supporter.

3 WAYS TO SUPPORT WORLD AIDS DAY

1. ATTEND A WORLD AIDS DAY EVENT
   Celebration & Remembrance: 25 Years of Piedmont Care
   – Art Show Opening Reception, Tuesday, November 19, 7 p.m.
   – Ellis Hall Gallery at Spartanburg Methodist College

   The Legacy of Ryan White: Ms. Jeanne White-Ginder
   – Friday, November 22, 11 a.m.
   – Gibbs Auditorium at Spartanburg Methodist College

   Extended HIV Testing Hours
   – Monday, November 25, 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
   – Piedmont Care, 101 N. Pine St #200, Spartanburg

   Red Ribbon Coffee Talk
   – Tuesday, November 26, 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
   – Downtown Deli & Donuts, 147 E. Main Street, Spartanburg

   World AIDS Day Remembrance and Folding Service
   – Sunday, December 1, 6 p.m.
   – Davis Mission Chapel at Spartanburg Methodist College

2. WEAR A RED RIBBON
   The red ribbon has become an internationally recognized symbol of support for people living with HIV/AIDS and in remembrance of those who have died.

3. MAKE A DONATION TO PIEDMONT CARE TO SUPPORT HIV PREVENTION PROGRAMS
   Our prevention services are sustained entirely by local resources. Your support provides testing and education, and helps create a safe, caring, nonjudgmental environment for people living with HIV.

One week before Christmas in 1984 Jeanne White-Ginder was told that her son, Ryan, a hemophiliac, had contracted AIDS from a tainted blood product. Although the doctors gave him only six months to live, Ryan’s outlook was positive and he was determined to live a relatively normal life. He wanted to stay in school and Jeanne was determined to give her son his dream.

Today, Jeanne speaks all across the country about her story as a mom and seeks to educate teens and adolescents on the personal, family, and community issues related to HIV/AIDS.

The Ryan White CARE Act which funds the services of Piedmont Care is named after Jeanne’s courageous son, Ryan.
Staff News

Piedmont Care recently added new staff members to better serve our clients and community.

Mystress Miller, Medical Case Manager, joined Piedmont Care in November 2018. She earned her bachelor’s degree in Human Services with a concentration in Family and Child Services from the University of Phoenix. Mystress recently returned to Spartanburg from Rock Hill, SC, where she was employed at Affinity Health Center. Welcome, Mystress!

Carmen Blanco, Director of Finance, joined Piedmont Care in March 2019. She received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Accounting and her Master of Science Degree in Accounting from Herbert H. Lehman College at The City University of New York. She was an accountant for Trelleborg Coated Systems, Inc. prior to joining Piedmont Care. Welcome, Carmen!

Tenesha Cross, Medical Case Manager, joined Piedmont Care in March 2019. She earned her B.S. in Psychology with a minor in Children’s Advocacy from USC Upstate. She is currently working on her M.S. in Human Services Counseling with a concentration in Marriage and Family Therapy. She has a background in child protective services, nonprofit, and working with the homeless population. Welcome, Tenesha!

Chris Nalley, Medical Case Manager, joined Piedmont Care in March 2019. Chris completed his Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Prior to joining the Piedmont Care team, he worked with vulnerable and at-risk populations as a case manager for Child Protective Services. Welcome, Chris!

A few words from our clients...

“I’m so thankful for this service that is provided for me and my health needs. Living with HIV is hard, but knowing I have a place where I can come and get help makes things a little easier.”

“Everyone at Piedmont Care keeps getting better and better at helping us.”

“Piedmont Care rocks!”

“There is nothing but good things to say about the Piedmont Care team and everything they do for me.”

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Broadway Backwards 3: Valentine’s Edition

On Thursday, February 14th, we teamed up with the Spartanburg Little Theatre for an evening of heartfelt and hilarious musical moments – with a twist! Back for its third consecutive year, Broadway Backwards features an eclectic collection of Broadway love songs that are “gender-switched” (performed by singers of the opposite gender for which they were originally written).

This event raised more than $4,000 to benefit Piedmont Care’s HIV Prevention program.

Piedmont Care Completes Groundbreaking Prevention Needs Assessment

This year, Piedmont Care completed the first ever Prevention Needs Assessment and Landscape map. Our groundbreaking assessment describes the current HIV epidemic, makes comparisons with similar communities, and identifies the prevention services available in Spartanburg, Cherokee, and Union counties. Piedmont Care will use this information to develop programs, improve services, and identify barriers and opportunities. The assessment was based on research by the Metropolitan Studies Institute (MSI) at USC Upstate.

Impact by the Numbers

Piedmont Care’s services for people living with HIV are free and funded through the Ryan White Care Act, Housing Opportunities for People Living with AIDS, and other federal and local sources.

- Served more than 1,600 people living with HIV and AIDS since 1994
- Provided more than 1,500 people with free HIV testing and counseling since 2004
- Increased off-site HIV testing opportunities by 40%

93% of HIV testing clients reported an improvement in their HIV and AIDS knowledge because of Piedmont Care
Twisted Trivia 2019 raised over $20,000 for our HIV prevention program!

SAVE THE DATE!
The Upstate’s premier
ADULT TRIVIA
is back for its 8th year!

Get your crazy costume - and your twisted mind - ready for:

TWISTED TRIVIA 2020
Friday, March 13
1881 Event Center | 7:00 p.m.

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Downtown Deli & Donuts, 147 E. Main St., Spartanburg

National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day
Thursday, February 6, 2020
Extended HIV testing hours from 8:30 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.
Piedmont Care, 101 N. Pine St. Suite 200, Spartanburg (Wells Fargo Building)

8th Annual Twisted Trivia
The premier adult trivia event in town!
Friday, March 13, 2020 from 7:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m.
1881 Event Center
Tickets: $40 at www.eventbrite.com

National HIV Testing Day
Thursday, June 27, 2020
Extended HIV testing hours from 8:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.
Piedmont Care, 101 N. Pine St. Suite 200, Spartanburg (Wells Fargo Building)
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Our Mission

The mission of Piedmont Care, Inc., an educational and advocacy organization, is to coordinate and provide medical, social, and psychological services for individuals and families affected by or at risk for HIV.

Care Services

HIV knows no boundaries. HIV can infect men, women, and children of any age, race, or ethnicity. With the development of treatments and increased knowledge, more people living with HIV/AIDS will live longer and fuller lives. Piedmont Care is best known for providing essential, life-saving services to people living with HIV/AIDS in our community. Since 1994, we have served more than 1600 people living with HIV/AIDS and their families in Spartanburg, Cherokee, and Union counties.

If you or someone you know is living with HIV/AIDS and needs help or more information, please call us. All information is strictly confidential.

- Case Management
- Dental Care
- Food & Personal Care Pantry
- Health Education & Risk Reduction
- Health Insurance Premiums & Copays
- Language Services
- Medication Assistance
- Mental Health Counseling
- Outpatient Medical Care
- Support Group
- Transportation

Funding for our care programs is mostly through the Ryan White HIV/AIDS program.

The Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program provides a comprehensive system of care that includes primary medical care and essential support services for people living with HIV who are uninsured or underinsured. The Program works with cities, states, and local community-based organizations to provide HIV care and treatment services to more than half a million people each year.

- Health Resources and Services Administration

More Than a Donation

Fighting HIV and AIDS takes the help of generous supporters like you. So, what exactly does your tax-deductible donation do? Here are a few examples:

- $4,600 Provides HIV Test Kits For 1 Year
- $3,000 Provides HIV Medication For 1 Client For 1 Month
- $1,000 Provides Client Transportation For 1 Month
- $750 Provides 5 Community Education Sessions
- $125 Provides 1 HIV Testing Session
- $30 Provides 1 HIV Test Kit

Your support makes a difference!