It’s a word that you will hear a lot from our organization. This year, we served our 900th HIV testing client and expanded our off-site testing opportunities. We opened a new office in Cherokee County – with a Union location in the works – in order to further extend our prevention reach to our mission areas. We provided condoms and other prevention materials through more than 60 distribution partners. Prevention is essential to the fight against HIV/AIDS, and we want to do all we can to share knowledge and resources to win that fight.

100% of Piedmont Care’s community HIV prevention program is funded by generous supporters like you. If you have already given to Piedmont Care this year, THANK YOU. Your gift makes it possible for thousands of people each year to access HIV prevention services like HIV testing and counseling, prevention tools, and education.

So far this year, Piedmont Care has served more than 550 people living with HIV/AIDS in Spartanburg, Cherokee, and Union counties by providing critical services like medical care, medication assistance, case management, mental health care, and oral care – just to name a few. These services give people living with HIV/AIDS the tools they need to live long and productive lives.

Without your support, we cannot continue the battle against HIV/AIDS. If you have not made your contribution to Piedmont Care this year, please consider a gift.

Sincerely,
Jonathan Walker, President
Staff News

By: Trista Anderson, Case Management Supervisor

Loree Bishop joined Piedmont Care as HIV Prevention Coordinator in May 2016. Loree graduated from Converse College with a Business degree and previously worked with Access Health in Spartanburg. We are happy to have her on our team. Welcome, Loree!

Michele Smith joined Piedmont Care as Administrative Assistant in June 2016. Michele earned her Associates Degree in Administrative Office Technology from Spartanburg Community College and is currently attending USC Upstate to obtain her BA in Business Administration. Welcome aboard, Michele!

A few words from our partners and clients…

Thank you for coming out and doing this. This is so needed in our community. People are just scared to get tested.
– Community Testing Event Organizer

My uncle passed away from AIDS in New York, and it is so important that there are agencies like you. Thank you.
– HIV Testing Client

We love being able to support Piedmont Care clients and help out in any way that we can.
– Food Pantry Donor

AIDS Memorial Quilt displayed at the 2016 U.S. Conference on AIDS

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Location: 101 North Pine Street, Suite 200 • Spartanburg, SC 29302
More Than a Meeting

By: Trez Clarke Support Group Facilitator

Imagine walking into a room where the main commonalities are a shared diagnosis and unconditional affection. The group is formed of different races, faiths, genders, sexual orientations, and backgrounds. Yet there is a bond – a strong one.

The Piedmont Care Support Group has met for the past eight years for one hour once a month. That one hour is full of conversation, lots of laughs, some tears, and often moments of insight. The conversation varies greatly. Though a topic of discussion is presented each month, participants often bring their own questions, thoughts, concerns, and experiences to discuss. For a group comprised of such diverse individuals, there are often common threads of thought.

The variety of Piedmont Care’s services is often discussed. Clients reference the counseling made available to them through Piedmont Care. Because of this discussion, other clients in the group decide to take advantage of these counseling services. The one shared feeling regularly expressed among the group is huge appreciation for the staff of Piedmont Care.

It has been my privilege to facilitate this group for the past eight years, and I look forward to our time together each month. I am touched when a client comes to the meeting excited about a thought or experience or challenge he or she wants to share with the group. The empathy and grace shared in the group are moving.

If you are a Piedmont Care client, we invite you to join us. You will always be welcomed. If you are a supporter of Piedmont Care, thank you for all you do to make sure this group receives much-needed services.

Year In Review

SERVED OUR 900TH HIV TESTING CLIENT

PROVIDED CONDOMS & OTHER PREVENTION MATERIALS THROUGH MORE THAN 60 CONDOM DISTRIBUTION PARTNERS

LESS THAN 8% OF FUNDS WENT TO ADMINISTRATION

MORE THAN 550 PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV AND AIDS RECEIVED OUTPATIENT MEDICAL CARE AND MEDICATION ASSISTANCE

Provided health insurance to more than 40 people living with HIV and AIDS through the Affordable Care Act

Thanks to you, 2016 continues to be an impactful year for Piedmont Care and our clients.
Missing Monday helped us raise essential funds for our HIV prevention programs.

**Prevention Spotlight:**

Upstate Fatherhood Coalition

Piedmont Care would like to recognize the **Upstate Fatherhood Coalition** as one of our most successful and productive prevention partnerships. The Coalition is a non-profit organization serving low income, noncustodial fathers seeking to establish or rekindle positive relationships with their children.

Together we provide off-site testing and counseling, HIV/STD education, along with condom education and distribution. Our collaborative efforts empower motivated fathers to make more positive and informed choices, thereby enhancing the services provided by both agencies.

*Thank you to the Upstate Fatherhood Coalition for allowing us to serve and educate your clients.*

**Website:** scfathersandfamilies.com/programs/upstate_fatherhood_coalition
The Upstate’s premier
ADULT TRIVIA
is back for its 5th year!

SAVE THE DATE!
Get your crazy costume - and your
twisted mind - ready for:

TWISTED TRIVIA
Friday, March 31, 2017
Spartanburg Marriott
7:00 p.m.
$40
Buy tickets now at: Eventbrite.com

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MLC Findings

Rodney Bogan
I was diagnosed with HIV in 1991 when I was 37 years old. I became infected through drug use, unsafe sex, and other risky behavior. I went to the hospital with tuberculosis and the doctor asked me to take an HIV test. I did - and found out that I was HIV positive. When the doctor told me the news, I remember telling him that Magic Johnson was just like me, and that I was going to beat this.

It is important to have support from your family and friends when you are faced with a diagnosis like HIV. At first I didn’t tell my family I was positive, but now I don’t mind letting people know my status. There's no shame in my game. It's also very important to take care of yourself and take medications like you are supposed to in order to live a healthy, productive life.

Piedmont Care has been a great support system for me. They always take the time to talk to me when I need someone. They provide transportation to my medical appointments and offer case management for my other needs. I also love my doctor. Dr. Carney has taken such great care of me and has always been honest and upfront about my condition.

I write this in memory of my brother who saved me from an overdose in December 2000.
Documentary Showing: *Wilhemina’s War*
Monday, November 21, 2016
Reception: 6:00 p.m. / Movie: 6:30 p.m.
Spartanburg County Libraries Headquarters
Discussion and Q&A to follow
FREE Admission

*Wilhemina’s War* is the story of Wilhemina Dixon, an uneducated daughter of sharecroppers who becomes a force in helping her granddaughter survive the health risks and social stigma of living with HIV in the South, where HIV/AIDS is the leading cause of death among black women. The film bears witness to the resilience and determination of the human spirit in the face of tremendous adversity.

**Annual South 29 Thanksgiving Fundraiser**
Wednesday, November 23, 2016 from 10:00 p.m. until 2:00 a.m.
Proceeds from admission and tips benefit Piedmont Care’s prevention program.
Club South 29 located at 9112 Warren H. Abernathy Highway, Spartanburg

**World AIDS Day**
Thursday, December 1, 2016
*Wear a red ribbon* to show your support for efforts to fight HIV and AIDS and in recognition of those lost to the disease.

**National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day**
Tuesday, February 7, 2017
Extended HIV testing hours:
8:30 a.m. until Noon and 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

**National HIV Testing Day**
Tuesday, June 27, 2017
Extended HIV testing hours:
8:30 a.m. until Noon and 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

**Coffee Talk hosted by Piedmont Care & Friends**
7:30 a.m. until 9:00 a.m.
Starbucks
210 W. Blackstock Rd., Spartanburg

**Extended HIV Testing Hours**
Piedmont Care located at 101 N. Pine St., Suite 200, Spartanburg (Wells Fargo Building)
8:30 a.m. until Noon and 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

**Healing and Remembrance Service** 6:30 p.m.
*Honoring those whose lives have been affected by HIV and AIDS*
St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church
101 Saint Matthews Lane, Spartanburg
Reception to Follow.

**5th Annual Twisted Trivia**
The premier adult trivia event in town!
Friday, March 31, 2017 from 7:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m.
Spartanburg Marriott
299 N. Church Street, Spartanburg
Tickets: $40 at www.eventbrite.com

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1. **Get tested.** Encourage anyone you know who is sexually active to consider testing.

2. **Give** to Piedmont Care. Our HIV prevention program is 100% funded by your generous community gifts.

3. **Volunteer.** Ask Piedmont Care how you can offer your time and talents to serve those affected by HIV/AIDS.

4. **Practice safe(r) sex.** Make healthy decisions about your sexual health, and protect yourself against potential infection.

5. **See the Quilt.** The AIDS Memorial Quilt (aidsquilt.org) commemorates over 48,000 lives of those with HIV/AIDS.

6. **Wear the Red Ribbon** to show your support for people with HIV/AIDS and their caretakers, and for education and research leading to effective treatments, vaccines, or cures.

7. **Use the Virtual Red Ribbon** on your website or email signature. Ask Piedmont Care for yours.

8. **Be a friend.** If you know someone living with HIV/AIDS, make the commitment to celebrate your friendship.

9. **Lobby your senators or representatives** for increased funding for HIV/AIDS programs.

10. **Attend** a World AIDS Day event.

11. **Talk about it.** The best way to de-stigmatize HIV/AIDS is to encourage people to share their experiences and fears, and share information on safe(r) sex and personal protection practices.


13. **Know the facts** about HIV/AIDS. Piedmont Care offers free trainings!

14. **Invite Piedmont Care** to speak to your organization to share facts about HIV/AIDS.

15. **Start a blog.** Write about your efforts and activities, and invite others to share their stories.

16. **Donate** personal care items and individually packaged food to Piedmont Care’s emergency pantry.

17. **Organize** an event to raise funds for Piedmont Care.

18. **Purchase greeting cards and gifts** from organizations like the United Nations and AmFAR (The Foundation for AIDS Research) who donate to support the HIV/AIDS community.

19. **Lend a hand.** If you know someone living with HIV/AIDS, offer to rake leaves, mow the lawn, paint a room, or walk the dog.

20. **Remember the holidays** by donating gifts to children affected by HIV/AIDS.

*Modified from The New York Times, December 1, 2006*