All Together Now

During this season of giving, our staff and board of directors give thanks for each of our friends and supporters. Because of you, Piedmont Care continues to give people in our community who are affected by HIV/AIDS the resources they need to live full, healthy lives.

It’s true that the statistics are dire. South Carolina ranks 10th in the nation for AIDS case rates. 50,000 people are infected with HIV each year. 16% of people with HIV in the U.S. do not know they are infected. It is obvious that no community is immune to the impacts of this virus. That is why we’re here, working together. Our best weapon against the spread of HIV/AIDS is an informed community.

Piedmont Care’s HIV prevention program is 100% funded by you. Every gift is tax-deductible and allows us to maintain and expand access to life-saving HIV prevention messages and tools. 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 crucial HIV prevention services. If you have not made your contribution to Piedmont Care this year, please consider a gift.

Your generous donation is a vote of confidence in Piedmont Care's mission – and for that, we give thanks.

Jonathan Walker, President
Staff News

By: Tracey Jackson
Executive Director

Trista Anderson has been promoted to Case Management Supervisor. She served as our HIV Prevention Coordinator for 3 years and has been recognized by the Health Services Department of USC Upstate as an Outstanding Community Partner. Congratulations, Trista!

Noelle Parris has been promoted to Lead Case Manager. Noelle has more than 15 years of case management experience. Congratulations, Noelle!

Rhysa Ratti joined Piedmont Care as a Medical Case Manager in April 2015 and brings more than 5 years of case management experience to our team. She has a BA in Psychology from USC Upstate and previously worked at the Charles Lea Center. Welcome, Rhysa!

Tracey Jackson has been named the 2015 Alumna of the Year by USC Upstate. She will give the Commencement Address at December graduation. Congratulations, Tracey!

Our HIV Prevention Coordinator position is open. Please visit piedmontcare.org or facebook.com/piedmontcare for the position description. Resumes will be accepted until the position is filled.

In the words of our clients....

I want to tell you that part of the discussion was how much the case managers are appreciated. The clients said they realized what a stressful job it would be. Also, one client openly talked about how much the therapy through Piedmont Care had helped her.
– Support Group Facilitator

I think Piedmont Care is an awesome place to get tested and get knowledge about HIV. Nobody made me feel uncomfortable or ashamed. I am going to recommend this place to all of my friends.
– HIV Testing Client

I found out that it is not a complicated test. It is confidential and you get your results in a timely manner. I learned about supplies for safer sex. I left knowing the answers to the knowledge test such as how HIV is spread...And, I talked to my daughters about Piedmont Care, the confidentiality, and the easiness of getting service.
– HIV 101 Student & HIV Testing Client

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Hours of Operation: 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. • Monday - Friday
Location: 101 North Pine Street, Suite 200 • Spartanburg, SC 29302
Several years ago, my husband Chris and I were introduced to Piedmont Care and to the incredible work that this organization is doing in our community. This introduction ultimately led to a commitment from us to support this organization in a number of ways. We believe that Piedmont Care is carrying out some of the most compassionate, immediate, and important work in the Upstate. Piedmont Care’s mission of care, prevention, and advocacy is saving lives – period.

As a supporter and volunteer, I know this, but I would have never imagined that it would hit so close to home for me as it did recently. My best and oldest friend, a nurse who has lived with HIV for over 30 years, fell on hard times. Sick, unemployed, uninsured, and facing eviction from his home, he had no idea where to turn for help.

Because I know about Piedmont Care and the work that they do, I knew that there would have to be sister organizations in the large metropolitan area where he lives. Just some simple searching led me straight to them, and I was immediately able to put him in touch with the help that he needed. Thankfully, because of that intervention, he has a doctor, he has medicine, and he has rent assistance as he works to stabilize his life. Without my relationship with Piedmont Care, I wouldn’t have known what to look for or who to reach out to in order to help him, and the consequences could have been dire.

I am truly grateful for Piedmont Care for so many reasons, not the least of which is the knowledge base it has provided me about the breadth and scope of services available to our community. I firmly believe that this knowledge helped me to help save someone I love.
Memories from 2015
On Tuesday, October 21, 2014, we celebrated 20 years of fighting HIV and AIDS in our community with our Milestone Party. This event—which combined our 20th anniversary with the 10th annual Jam for Care—was held at the Cleveland Park Event Center, with over 130 of our generous friends and supporters in attendance. At the end of the night, nearly $19,000 was raised for Piedmont Care’s community HIV prevention efforts.
On Tuesday, October 13, nearly 100 Piedmont Care supporters gathered at Wild Wing in downtown Spartanburg for the 11th annual Jam for Care to fight HIV/AIDS in our community. Thanks to generous sponsors, lovely silent auction items, and live music from locals Teresa Degeer, Missing Monday, and Dirk and Catherine Schlingmann, we raised more than $10,000 to directly benefit our HIV prevention efforts.

Jam for Care is critical to the sustainability of our prevention programs – including our free, confidential HIV testing, which is a key weapon in the battle against HIV/AIDS.

Special thanks to the following for their particular support of this year’s Jam for Care:

- Tom Barnet
- Rodney Bogan
- Joe Boscia
- Teresa Degeer
- Ray Dunleavy
- Melinda Moretz
- David Rice
- Matt Roper
- Catherine & Dirk Schlingmann
- Henry Stein
- Scott Williams
What has costumes, a drag queen emcee, and has been called the “Upstate's Premier Adult Trivia?” It’s Twisted Trivia, our hilariously inappropriate and wildly entertaining fundraiser to support Piedmont Care’s HIV prevention efforts.

On Friday, April 17th, over 130 people filled downtown Spartanburg’s Indigo Hall for the 3rd annual Twisted Trivia, the most unique and fabulous fundraiser in the Upstate.

Teams competed for the Twisted Trivia crown by answering risqué (and educational) questions while enjoying hors d’oeuvres, cash bar, and the laugh-out-loud antics of the self-proclaimed “Yard Sale with Legs,” Miss Patti O’Furniture. Prizes were also awarded for best costume and best table decorations.

Because of your support, over $11,000 was raised to directly benefit our HIV prevention programs, which are critical in the fight against HIV/AIDS in our community.

SAVE THE DATE!

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

**TWISTED TRIVIA**

Friday, April 15, 2016

Cleveland Park Event Center

8:00 p.m.

$40

Buy tickets now at: Eventbrite.com

Twisted Trivia 2015 photos by Chris Ebert

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- **Susan Floyd**
- **Mixed Company Salon**
- **MLC Findings**
World AIDS Day
Tuesday, December 1, 2015
Wear a red ribbon to show your support for efforts to fight HIV and AIDS and in recognition of those lost to the disease.

Extended HIV testing hours:
8:30 a.m. until Noon and 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Remembrance Service
Sunday, November 29, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.
Honoring those whose lives have been affected by HIV and AIDS.

Unity Church of Greenville
207 E. Belvue Road, Taylors, SC 29687

Featured Participants: Pride of Greenville Choruses, AID Upstate, and Piedmont Care

Venus Pie & Piedmont Care present - Let’s Fight HIV and AIDS Together
Tuesday, December 1, 2015 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

Venus Pie
400 East Main Street, Spartanburg, SC
Pizza, drinks, music, and camaraderie to discuss, recognize, and honor the fight against HIV and AIDS.

Coffee Talk hosted by Piedmont Care and Friends
Tuesday, December 1, 2015 from 7:30 a.m. until 9:00 a.m.

Starbucks
805 N Pine St., Spartanburg, SC
Join us as we celebrate those working in the fight against HIV and AIDS.

National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day
Sunday, February 7, 2016
Extended HIV testing hours:
Thursday, February 4, 2016
8:30 a.m. until Noon and 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Twisted Trivia 2016
The premier adult trivia event in town!
Friday, April 15, 2016 from 8:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m.
Doors open at 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland Park Event Center
141 N. Cleveland Park Drive, Spartanburg
Tickets: $40 at www.eventbrite.com

National HIV Testing Day
Monday, June 27, 2016
Extended HIV testing hours:
8:30 a.m. until Noon and 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.
Thank You!!

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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*