PRESIDENT’S LETTER

As you’ll see in this newsletter, Piedmont Care has worked tirelessly over the past year to increase our prevention services. And with help from landscape maps and needs assessments, the staff and board have taken great measures to identify gaps in services and fill these needs, including helping people living with HIV and AIDS get back into care.

But without your support, we cannot continue the battle against HIV/AIDS. 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 necessary testing, counseling, prevention, and education. If you have not made your contribution to Piedmont Care this year, please consider a gift.

As the 2017 World AIDS Day campaign says: “Let’s end it.”

Sincerely,
Jonathan Walker, President

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Staff News

By: Trista Anderson, Case Management Supervisor

Piedmont Care has recently added two new staff members.

Amy Knight joined Piedmont Care as Medical Case Manager in November 2016. Amy earned her Master of Social Work from the University of Tennessee. She received her BA in Sociology and Women’s Studies at the University of North Carolina in Asheville. Amy has been previously employed in a variety of healthcare settings and community-based non-profits. Welcome, Amy!

Lennel Assan joined Piedmont Care as Specialized Medical Case Manager in July 2017. Lennel earned her Master of Health Administration from Saint Louis University. She received her BA in Psychology from Dartmouth College. Lennel’s background is in specialty pharmaceuticals and mental health. Welcome, Lennel!

A few words from our clients...

“Thank you for helping me in so many ways. I know I can always count on my case manager to be there when I need them.”

“I have family living with HIV, and it is wonderful and comforting to know there are agencies like this that can help.”

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POZ 100 RECOGNITION

Executive Director, Tracey L. Jackson, was recently selected by POZ magazine for the 2017 POZ 100, which spotlights women (either HIV positive or negative) who are committed to ending the HIV epidemic. Tracey was chosen for her long-term work in the fight against HIV/AIDS, as well as her dedication to educating the public, lowering stigma, and banishing fear. As she says, “Public health should never be controversial.” Congratulations on this national recognition, Tracey!

Year In Review

SERVED OUR 1100TH HIV TESTING CLIENT

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

LESS THAN 5% OF FUNDS WENT TO ADMINISTRATION

MORE THAN 600 PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV AND AIDS RECEIVED OUTPATIENT MEDICAL CARE AND MEDICATION ASSISTANCE

PROVIDED HEALTH INSURANCE TO MORE THAN 70 PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV AND AIDS THROUGH THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

Thanks to you, 2017 continues to be an impactful year for Piedmont Care and our clients.
13th Annual Jam for Care once again featured the music of Missing Monday Catherine & Dirk Schlingmann
This event raised more than $6,000 for our HIV prevention program.

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Memories 2016 – 2017
Twisted Trivia 2017 raised more than $7,000 for our HIV prevention program.

The Upstate’s premier ADULT TRIVIA is back for its 6th year!

SAVE THE DATE!

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

TWISTED TRIVIA
Friday, April 20, 2018
Spartanburg Marriott
7:00 p.m.

$40
Buy tickets now at: Eventbrite.com

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Path to Prevention
In 2004, Piedmont Care created an HIV prevention program in response to identified community need. Since that time, our programs have grown in both impact and quality. Preventing the spread of HIV requires a comprehensive strategy that includes effective, sustained health education and health promotion programs.

Our Goal
To reduce the risk of individuals becoming infected with HIV or, if already infected, infecting others.

Prevention Services
- HIV Testing & Counseling
- Linkage To Care
- Partner Services
- Community Condom Distribution & Education
- HIV & STD Education
- Special Events, such as World Aids Day Recognition

These services are FREE and CONFIDENTIAL.

Volunteer Spotlight
Markeisha Nesbitt has been a Piedmont Care volunteer for almost a decade. She has coordinated and participated in youth educational events like BandAIDS, rallied groups to assemble goody bags and red ribbons, and been a voice for HIV/AIDS education and prevention throughout the community. Many of her efforts have resulted in learning opportunities for volunteers while helping us out in a huge way. Her donated time, efforts, and organizational skills have ensured that we have all the supplies we need for awareness and prevention. Thank you, Markeisha, for your dedication and invaluable assistance to Piedmont Care.
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Annual South 29 Thanksgiving Fundraiser
Wednesday, November 22, 2017 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

Positively AIDS – Discussion & Videos
Sunday, November 19, 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m
Barrett Room | Spartanburg County Libraries Headquarters
151 S. Church St. Spartanburg
Free and Open to the Public

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

Coffee Talk hosted by Piedmont Care & Friends
Friday, December 1, 7:30 a.m. until 9:00 a.m.
Downtown Deli & Donuts, 147 E. Main St., Spartanburg

Healing and Remembrance Service
Friday, December 1, 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.
Honoring those whose lives have been affected by HIV & AIDS
Unity Presbyterian Church, 750 Rainbow Lake Road, Inman
Reception to Follow

World AIDS Day
Friday, December 1, 2017
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
Wednesday, February 7, 2018
Extended HIV testing hours: 8:30 a.m. until Noon and 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.
Piedmont Care, 101 N. Pine St. Suite 200, Spartanburg (Wells Fargo Building)

Broadway Backwards 2
A Concert with a Twist, part of the Spartanburg Little Theatre Cares Series
Thursday, February 8, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.
Chapman Cultural Center, 200 E. Saint John St., Spartanburg
Proceeds benefit our HIV prevention program

6th Annual Twisted Trivia
The premier adult trivia event in town!
Friday, April 20, 2018 from 7:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m.
Spartanburg Marriott, 299 N. Church Street, Spartanburg
Tickets: $40 at www.eventbrite.com

National HIV Testing Day
Wednesday, June 27, 2018
Extended HIV testing hours: 8:30 a.m. until Noon and 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.
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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 1500 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 is greatly appreciated.