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by Tracey L. Jackson, Executive Director

I often say that what we do at Piedmont Care isn't magic. We work hard, play by the rules, apply reason, and focus on clients. But the truth is – it is magical. Magical in the way that is beautiful, extraordinary, and unique. Each year, Piedmont Care serves people who oftentimes are addressing radical changes in their life, and we are there to provide opportunities, support, and life-saving treatment.

This year we enrolled our 1800th care client. That's how many people our Ryan White programs have positively impacted since 1994 and how many people our excellent case management team has helped. We leveraged resources to provide nearly 200 care clients with access to health insurance coverage, giving them even more access to health and wellness services. Our flexibility has allowed us to provide not just flu shots for our clients but COVID-19 vaccines and MPX/V (monkeypox) vaccines to our clients and the community. Our medical practice has fully implemented a rapid entry system resulting in new care clients having immediate access to case management, medical care, and medications.

Our HIV prevention programs have changed as part of a nationwide response to cutting-edge science. We recently served our first PrEP client. PrEP itself is almost magical in how effective it is in preventing HIV. HIV self-testing, rapid entry, and an expanded condom distribution program make knowing your HIV status and preventing HIV easier than ever before.

I am stunned at what we are capable of, yet I remind myself that we strive to put our organization in the position to be magical and extraordinary.



Piedmont Care is a recipient of the GuideStar Silver Seal of Transparency, which allows potential funders and donors to make educated decisions.

Good Governance

As part of good governance, Piedmont Care is committed to regular strategic planning to review and discuss information related to various aspects of the organization.

Piedmont Care undertook a planning process from November 2021 through May 2022 to develop a plan for guiding the organization through 2025. The process was led by Executive Director Tracey Jackson, Board Chair Jonathan Walker, and members of the Board of Directors. It was facilitated by Angela Kemper of Hunter Kemper Consulting. Throughout this planning process, the Board identified strengths and challenges/opportunities, reviewed and refined the mission and vision statements, and developed goals and potential next steps.

Based on input from staff, board members, and stakeholders, the strategic plan was developed, and it was reviewed and refined by the Executive Committee on April 11, with final approval on May 10, 2022.

One of the items that came out of this planning was a working diversity and equity statement, which we continue to operationalize:

Piedmont Care, Inc.'s mission is to coordinate and provide medical, social, and psychological services for individuals and families affected by or at risk for HIV.

In alignment with our mission, we commit to removing systemic barriers so that all people we serve have access to HIV education, care, and advocacy.

We strive to sustain an inclusive environment where individual differences are valued, and all people are treated with dignity and respect.

As part of our strategic planning process, the consultant engaged various stakeholders, including community partners and donors, in confidential phone or video interviews to share their insights on Piedmont Care, its programming and future needs, and the community. Here's what a few of them had to say about Piedmont Care's greatest strengths:

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The leader of the organization who works tirelessly to get the word out.
All staff that I've met seem equally as passionate about spreading the word.

Being true to their mission in a culture that is not necessarily supportive of their mission.

They are a strong, passionate organization about bringing awareness to how to **prevent further spread of HIV.**

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Their commitment to service and confidentiality and treating their clients with respect.

Sometimes their partners have an implicit bias against a client walking through the door.

They provide quality care.
Their clients appear to be satisfied;
their staff appears to be very caring.
I absolutely believe that they have
their clients' best interest at heart,
and I believe in their leadership.

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HIV Prevention Program Milestones

Piedmont Care expanded in 2004 to include HIV prevention services. Since that time, we have continued to match services with community need through needs assessments, focus groups, and surveillance data review. It is crucial that HIV prevention programs mirror trends in the HIV epidemic, including target populations and the latest prevention technology. That is why Piedmont Care pivoted again to provide HIV self-testing and PrEP (pre-exposure prophylaxis). PrEP, when taken as prescribed, is highly effective in preventing HIV infection.

Your financial and in-kind gifts help us continue to meet community need in innovative and accessible ways.

Here are just a few of our HIV prevention program milestones:

2008 First year of providing free HIV testing & counseling services

2017 Served 1,000 HIV testing and counseling clients

Executive Director Tracey Jackson and Prevention Coordinator Loree
Bishop appeared on WSPA to promote National HIV Testing Day,
resulting in record HIV testing attendance (up 250% from 2018)

2020 Expanded free HIV testing availability with a home HIV self-testing program. The program was the first and only of its kind in the state when implemented and allows those meeting eligibility requirements to request a free HIV self-test kit through our website









Mark Your Calendar

World AIDS Day

Thursday, December 1, 2022

Get tested and 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 for World AIDS Day 2022

Thursday, December 1, 2022 from 8:30 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Piedmont Care, 101 N. Pine Street Suite 200, Spartanburg (*Pine and Main Building*) Free and confidential. Walk-ins welcome. Appointments encouraged.

Extended HIV Testing Hours for National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

Tuesday, February 7, 2023 from 8:30 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Piedmont Care, 101 N. Pine St. Suite 200, Spartanburg (*Pine and Main Building*) Free and confidential. Walk-ins welcome. Appointments encouraged.



10th Annual Twisted Trivia

The premier adult trivia event in town!

Friday, March 24, 2023 from 7:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m.

1881 Event Center, Spartanburg

Tickets: \$40 at www.eventbrite.com



Extended HIV Testing Hours for National HIV Testing Day

Tuesday, June 27, 2023 from 8:30 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Piedmont Care, 101 N. Pine St. Suite 200, Spartanburg (*Pine and Main Building*) Free and confidential. Walk-ins welcome. Appointments encouraged.



Extended HIV Testing Hours for National Gay Men's HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

Wednesday, September 27, 2023 from 8:30 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Piedmont Care, 101 N. Pine St. Suite 200, Spartanburg (*Pine and Main Building*) *Free and confidential. Walk-ins welcome. Appointments encouraged.*

SAVE the DATE

THE UPSTATE'S PREMIER ADULT TRIVIA
IS BACK FOR ITS 10TH YEAR!

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



TWISTED TRIVIA 2023 Friday, March 24 at 7pm | 1881 Event Center

Get your tickets, purchase a sponsorship, or make a donation through:

Eventbrite \$PiedmontCare PayPal or by contacting our office.





















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World AIDS Day

World AIDS Day (December 1) is a day of worldwide solidarity to unite in the fight against HIV/AIDS. Each year, Piedmont Care encourages people to wear a red ribbon on World AIDS Day to show support for efforts to end the AIDS pandemic.



Panel Discussion

HIV & Mental Health



Piedmont Care & Mental Health America – Spartanburg are partnering for a free panel discussion on HIV and mental health in our community.

Wednesday, November 30, 2022 | 6-7:30pm

Spartanburg County Libraries Headquarters | Harvey Room 151 S. Church Street, Spartanburg

Coffee Talk

Want to meet the Piedmont Care team? Have questions about HIV, condoms, or health care? Need a red ribbon to wear?

Here's your chance. Buy a coffee and let's chat! Thursday, December 1, 2022 | 7:30-9am



Blue Moon Specialty Foods 130 S. Church St. Spartanburg

The Red Ribbon

The red ribbon is a symbol of both loss and hope for a world without AIDS.

This World AIDS Day, wear your red ribbon to demonstrate compassion for those living with HIV and AIDS and their loved ones. The ribbon also shows your support for education and research towards effective treatments and ongoing efforts to find a vaccine and a cure.

Extended HIV Testing Hours

About 1 in 8 people in the U.S. living with HIV do not know they have the virus. Knowing your HIV status puts you in control of your health and gives you powerful information to help you stay healthy. Free and confidential. Ask about the COVID-19 and Monkeypox vaccines while you are there. Appointments encouraged, so call us at (864) 582-7773.

The Best Team in the Business

Piedmont Care has an interdisciplinary team of experienced case managers, health educators, volunteers, administrative professionals and clinical providers to best serve our community. Meet the newest members of the best team in the business.

Pauline Crosby Patient Access Representative

Pauline joined Piedmont Care, Inc. in October 2021. She has a BS in Business Administration from Johnson C. Smith University and more than 10 years of experience in healthcare. Welcome, Pauline!

Ashley Dunn, LPN

Ashley joined Piedmont Care, Inc in May 2022. She earned her nursing license in Saint Petersburg, Florida. She has 20+ years' experience in corrections, substance abuse clinics, home health, and managing assisting living facilities. One day Ashley hopes to advance her education and become a nurse practitioner. She moved to Spartanburg from Tampa, Florida in April 2022. Welcome, Ashley!

Atienne Redd Specialized Medical Case Manager

Atienne joined Piedmont Care, Inc. in February 2022. She has a BA in Psychology from University of Colorado and recently completed her Master's degree in Public Health at the University of New England. She comes to Piedmont Care with 2 years' experience previously working at DHEC. Welcome, Atienne!

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They did a

REALLY GOOD JOB

at cleaning up

confusion about

Covid-19.

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I love that they can provide transportation for people.

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Communication is very strong.

They remind me about my appointments!

Great
education!
Great testing!

A few words from our clients & community!

Case workers are very

unbiased & caring.

I LOVE BEING ABLE TO TEXT MY CASE MANAGER.

My relationship with her is very important to me.

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AccessHealth Spartanburg

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Art Lounge

John Ashley and Justin Hyder

Jay Ault

Avita Pharmacy

Awakening Energies

Barbara Barnes and Terry Mitchell

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Jim and Terry Batchler-Smith

BB&B Barbershop

Dan Becker

Belue Farms

BHG Recovery Center

Marc Bingham

Birth-Matters

Diane and Russ Blackburn
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and David Sereque

Diane Daane

Michael Darnell

Ginger Davis and Lynn Jordan

Kara and Robbie Davis

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Delaney's Irish Pub

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Elliott & Painter, LLP

Epsilon Nu of Omega Psi Phi Eubanks Center-Peer Living Room

Richard Everhart

Beth Fann

Phyllis Fann FAVOR Upstate

Fernwood Baptist Church

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First Citizens Bank First Horizon Bank

Andrew Fischer

Susan Floyd

Ford & Harrison LLP

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Mel Fritsche

Janet Gelband

Gender Benders

Gotcha Covered Boat and Marine

Michael Gowan

Greenville Church without Walls

Susan Griswold

Jennifer Gryle

Derrick Gunter

Andy Hall

Meredith Hardwicke Jensen and Doug Jensen

Joyce Harrison

Betty Hawkins

Headquarters Barbershop

Hope Center for Children

Hope for Families Recovery Center

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Phillip Hudson

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Linda Jackson

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Jeanette Keepers

Connie Keller

Casey Kilgore

Wendy King

Bonnie Landers

Jack and Kathleen Lawrence

Susan and Patrick Lea

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Brandy, Callie, and Lowe Lindsey

Little River Roasting Company

Thank You!!

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Walter Lundy and Mike Parker

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Market on Main

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Blanche McLaughlin

Meghan Meier

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Mental Health America of Spartanburg County

Ray Merlock

Stan Miller

Weston F. Milliken

MLC Findings Jewelry

Mark Monaghan

Marsha and Tom Moore

Steve Morris

Brandi Mullinax

Christian Myers

Sabrina and Lonnie Myers

Markeisha Nesbitt

New Day Clubhouse

Newport Apartments

Jackie Nowell

Nurse Family Partnership

Martha and George Nixon

Frazer Pajak

Dwight Patterson, Jr.

Ann Patterson

Pat Patterson

Elizabeth Perkins

Jimmy Pettit

PFLAG Spartanburg

Phase I Barbershop

Phase II Barbershop

Physician Services of SC, LLC

Susan Plemmons

Nancy and Steve Pope

Marcus Porter, Sr.

Cass Posey

Proud Mary Theatre Company

Q Cuts

Jo Anne and L. Stephen Quatannens

Steve Ouerin

Rainbow Support Group

Nancy Raley

Tracy and Tony Regan

Regenesis Healthcare

Reggie's Unique Cuts

Dianne and Charles Rencsok

Gregory Retsinas

Amy Richards and Evan Krauter

Rose Marie Ritchie

Kesha Robinson Family

Sara Robinson

Gloria Rogers

Nicole Ross

Sacred Traditions and Rituals (STAR)

of Central United Methodist Church

Jes Sdao

Linda Shackley

Margot Simpson

Jessica Smith

Lee and James Snell

Jean Snipes

Spartanburg Area Mental Health Center

Spartanburg County Health Department

Spartanburg Methodist College

Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System

Spirits, Inc.

Tammy and David Stokes

SWITCH

Kristin Taylor

Wanda Teague-Foster

The Kindred Spirits

Candi Thompson

Sarah Thompson

Steven Thompson

Today Light Outreach Ministry

Town of Carlisle

Transitions Therapy

Chris Thomas

Truth-N-Art Tattoo and Art Gallery

Union County Commission on

Alcohol and Drug Abuse

Union County Housing Authority

Uplift Outreach Center

Upstate Fatherhood Coalition

Upstate Food Not Bombs

Upstate ITS, LLC

Upstate PRIDE

USC-Union

USC-Upstate Health Services

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Angela Viney

Melissa Walker and Chuck Reback

Jonathan Walker

Kristi Ward and Brandi Dice

Travis Watson

Lindsay Webster

Brad Whitney

Willdyne-Chord, LLC

Janet Wilson

Marsha Wingo-Brown

Heather Witt

Wofford College-Health Services

Wofford College-Student Life

Elsie Wright

GET THE FACTS.

- As of 2019, 13% of people with HIV did not know they were HIV positive. *KFF, June 2022*
- There are more than 35,000 new HIV infections in the U.S. each year. KFF, June 2021
 - South Carolina ranks 9th in the nation for HIV case rates. *SC DHEC, 2021*
 - Of the 30,635 new HIV diagnoses in the U.S. and dependent areas in 2020, 51% were among adults and adolescents in the South. *CDC*, 2020

Impact by the Numbers

198 CLIENTS RECEIVED 2200 MONTHS OF INSURANCE COVERAGE

CONDOM DISTRIBUTION PARTNERS CONFIRMED

100%
OF HIV TESTING AND COUNSELING CLIENTS REPORT POSITIVE BEHAVIOR CHANGE AS A RESULT OF THE INTERVENTION.

ASSISTED WITH MORE THAN

5000

PRESCRIPTIONS
IN THE LAST YEAR

53 PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV SERVED BY SUPPORT GROUP

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.



Diversity Statement

In alignment with our mission, we commit to removing systemic barriers so that all people we serve have access to HIV education, care, and advocacy. We strive to sustain an inclusive environment where individual differences are valued, and all people are treated with dignity and respect.

Care Services

- 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

Prevention Services

- Condom Education and Distribution
- HIV Testing & Counseling
- HIV/STI Education & Awareness

More Than a Donation

Generous supporters like you help make these services possible.

- \$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





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