As a Ryan White provider, Piedmont Care is considered essential by DHEC. Our team has worked diligently to adapt to the developing health crisis while remaining open and available for our clients and the communities we serve.

Throughout this challenging year, Piedmont Care has evolved the way we work and the way we serve our clients. As the pandemic spread through America this spring, we acted swiftly to develop a sound internal plan to ensure continuity of services during COVID-19 and limit the risk of transmission to staff and clients. We also launched an FDA-approved at-home, self-administered HIV testing option, since traditional HIV testing services may be interrupted due to COVID-19.

Each year, we ask you to consider a donation to Piedmont Care to help support our HIV prevention efforts. Now more than ever, Piedmont Care requires much-needed funds to provide life-saving medical and prevention services. Due to COVID-19, we were unable to hold our Dare to Care fundraising event. We ask this: In lieu of your Dare to Care 2020 ticket, please consider a financial gift to strengthen Piedmont Care’s prevention program. Every dollar makes an indelible impact as we work to serve our neighbors in Spartanburg, Cherokee, and Union counties.

To make your donation, you may use the enclosed donor envelope, visit our web site, or contact our office for other options.
In Memoriam

Tomeka Pierce

September 15, 1977 – August 2, 2020

This year, Piedmont Care and the Spartanburg community lost a champion – the indomitable, courageous, and kind Tomeka Pierce.

As one of our most active Board Members, she made a lasting impact on our mission. Always looking forward and envisioning a better future, Tomeka inspired and coached us. Always a consistent and passionate advocate for our clients and our operational values, she took the time to get to know the staff and her fellow Board Members and demanded excellence from herself and others.

We are all better for knowing Tomeka. We send our deepest condolences to her family and friends. She shined bright, lived fully, and loved many.

“I was privileged enough to work closely with Tomeka over the last three years as co-chairs of Dare to Care. She was really the brains, and I was a lost, scared mess without her. We bonded over shared health struggles. She made me brave. She made me laugh. She gave me strength. She most certainly made the world a better place, and I miss her every day.”

Melissa Cunningham-Sereque
Former Board Member and Dare to Care 2019 co-chair

“It was a privilege to know Tomeka, to work with her on the board of Piedmont Care, and to dance with her on the floor of Club South 29. I expected many more steps with her. This planet will miss her energy and commitment to each and every endeavor she set her mind to.”

Tracy Regan
Board Member

“Tomeka was one of the hardest-working board members with whom I have had the pleasure of working. She was always looking for ways to fundraise for those causes near and dear to her huge heart or improve on processes for events. Tomeka always offered suggestions and really cared about the clients, her fellow board members, and all of the staff at Piedmont Care. She will be greatly missed by so many.”

Kristi Ward
Board Member
We are proud to announce the launch of our FDA-approved at-home, self-administered HIV testing option!

HIV testing is key to controlling the transmission of HIV. In addition to on-site testing, we are also offering a new at-home test that makes it easier than ever to know your status safely and conveniently.

Piedmont Care’s at-home HIV test uses technology that is confidential, safe, and effective. It is also FREE thanks to your generous donations. Pilot project support is provided by Walgreens, the Kaiser Family Foundation, and the Mary Black Foundation.

The at-home HIV test requires no blood and offers results in 20 minutes. People qualifying for the at-home testing option will also have access to a 24/7 call center and video guide to get answers quickly.

As part of our at-home HIV testing program, the Piedmont Care team will also provide:

- Linkage to care services for people living with HIV
- Follow-up planning and resources
- Condoms and other HIV prevention tools

Piedmont Care’s at-home HIV testing program is part of the national Ending the HIV Epidemic: A Plan for America (EHE) campaign. This cross-agency initiative leverages critical scientific advances in HIV prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and outbreak response by coordinating highly successful programs, resources, and infrastructure for many Health and Human Services agencies and offices.

To see if you qualify to receive an at-home HIV test kit, please visit this link: https://bit.ly/2GSJoJw or our web site, www.piedmontcare.org.

This is a great time to introduce at-home HIV testing to our community. Due to COVID-19, people at risk for HIV infection may be wary of visiting HIV testing locations. The traditional public health care system is stretched to the limit during this pandemic. The at-home HIV test option helps Piedmont Care continue to address the urgent need for HIV testing and treatment in our community while being responsive to both community and public health needs.

– Tracey L. Jackson, Executive Director

Offering at-home HIV testing is a creative way for Piedmont Care to increase access to a vital HIV prevention service beyond our current options.

– Loree Bishop, HIV Prevention Coordinator

According to the CDC, an estimated 250,000 Americans are unaware of their HIV infection.

South Carolina is targeted as one of 7 states that have a substantial rural HIV burden with over 75 cases & 10% or more of diagnoses in rural areas.
Impact by the Numbers

SERVED MORE THAN 1700 PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV AND AIDS SINCE 1994

65 COMMUNITY CONDOM DISTRIBUTION PARTNERS

115 CLIENTS RECEIVED 1380 MONTHS OF HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE

108 CLIENTS RECEIVED 1260 MONTHS OF HEALTH INSURANCE COPAYMENTS

95% OF HIV TESTING AND COUNSELING CLIENTS REPORTED A BEHAVIOR CHANGE AS A RESULT OF THE COUNSELING COMPONENT

Dare to Care 2019 raised

$20,000 for our HIV prevention programs.

Thank you to everyone who supported this event.

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Twisted Trivia 2020 supported our HIV prevention program!

SAVE THE DATE!
The Upstate’s premier
ADULT TRIVIA
is back for its 9th year!
Get your crazy costume -
and your twisted mind - ready for:
TWISTED TRIVIA 2021
Friday, July 16
1881 Event Center | 7:00 p.m.

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Thank you to everyone who participated.
Virtual Literary Event  
**Monday, November 30, 2020 (Time TBD)**  
Join us as we Zoom with Carter Sickels, author of *The Prettiest Star*. This stunning novel about family and redemption shines a light on an overlooked part of the AIDS epidemic when men returned home to their rural communities to die. Carter will read an excerpt and answer questions. This event is free and open to the public. In partnership with Hub City Press.

World AIDS Day  
**Tuesday, December 1, 2020**  
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 2020  
**Tuesday, December 1, 2020 from 8:30 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.**  
Piedmont Care, 101 N. Pine Street Suite 200, Spartanburg *(Wells Fargo Building)*  
*Free and confidential.* By Appointment Only.

Red Ribbon Coffee Talk via Zoom  
**Tuesday, December 1, 2020 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:30 a.m.**  
That’s right, it’s virtual coffee or tea or whatever you have on hand. Let us know if you can join us and we will send you the link!

National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day  
**Sunday, February 7, 2021**

Extended HIV Testing Hours for 
National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day  
**Thursday, February 4, 2021 from 8:30 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.**  
Piedmont Care, 101 N. Pine St. Suite 200, Spartanburg *(Wells Fargo Building)*  
*Free and confidential.* By Appointment Only.

National HIV Testing Day  
**Sunday, June 27, 2021**

Extended HIV Testing Hours for 
National HIV Testing Day  
**Thursday, June 24, 2021 from 8:30 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.**  
Piedmont Care, 101 N. Pine St. Suite 200, Spartanburg *(Wells Fargo Building)*  
*Free and confidential.* By Appointment Only.

9th Annual Twisted Trivia  
*The premier adult trivia event in town!*  
**Friday, July 16, 2021 from 7:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m.**  
1881 Event Center  
**Tickets: $40 at www.eventbrite.com**
Staff News

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

Kelly Proffitt, Driver, joined Piedmont Care, Inc. in December 2019. Kelly assists with transporting clients to needed medical, mental health, dental, and support group appointments. Clients love it when Kelly comes to pick them up. Welcome Kelly!

Dawn Querin, Practice Administrator, joined Piedmont Care, Inc. in September 2019. She has over 20 years of proven experience in private and public healthcare organizations. Dawn is a graduate of Wofford College where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Biology and has been working in healthcare administration since 2006. Welcome Dawn!

Derrick Wood, Medical Case Manager, joined Piedmont Care, Inc. in June 2020. Derrick holds a BS degree in Business Administration from Lander University and a MA degree in Management and Leadership from Webster University. Derrick has worked in the Human Services field for the last 10 years. Welcome Derrick!

Julia Campuzano, Medical Case Manager, joined Piedmont Care, Inc. in June 2020. Julia earned a BA in Early Childhood Education from USC Upstate and Master of Education Degree in Family and Community Services. She comes to Piedmont Care with 11 years of experience in Early Intervention and Case Management Services. Welcome Julia!

Craig Metcalf, Registered Nurse, joined Piedmont Care, Inc. in July 2020. Craig holds a Master of Science in Nursing through Western Governors University. He has completed his HIV Prevention Certified Provider (HIV PCP) Certification through HIV Health. Welcome Craig!

A few words from our clients…

“When I walk in the door at Piedmont Care, the people are friendly, respectful and kind. All of the case managers are wonderful. It’s a really good vibe when I’m there.”

“The caring hearts at Piedmont Care is absolutely awesome. I trust Piedmont Care.”

“OMG I got tears in my eyes. You don’t know how much this means to me. Definitely lifted a weight off my shoulders. I’m astounded. Thank you so much.”

“In 29 years being positive, having lived in urban area with large populations of HIV+ patients, Piedmont Care continues to be the best, most efficient, and genuinely caring team I have known. They exceed expectations in every way.”

“I enjoy giving to agencies that I know need the supplies and are appreciative of the donations. I know they will be put to good use.”
Thank You!!

1 Thumb Pottery
A2 Holdings
Matthew Ablon
Access Health Spartanburg
Action Printing
Acupuncture Center of Spartanburg
Alan Christopher Antiques
American Exchange
Brooks Amick
Dan Anderson
Arnie Applebaum
Blaine Alexander
Arkwright Foundation
Art Lounge
John Ashley and Justin Hyder
Steven Ashley
Atheist Alliance of Spartanburg
Jay Ault
Avita Pharmacy
Awakening Energies
Paula and Stan Baker
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Joan and Tom Barnet
Charlie Bass
Jim and Terry Batchler-Smith
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The Bethlehem Center
BHG Recovery Center
Dr. Dawn and Dr. Marc Bingham
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Chapman High School Class of 1995
Jeannie and Traci Chapman
Clean Cutz Barbershop
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Connect Spartanburg
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Converse College Health Services
Andrew Cooke
Tiffany Cooke
Nancy Corbin
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Janice Gelband
Gender Benders
Gotcha Covered Boat and Marine
David Grayshock
Michael Greene
Phillip Greene
Kathy and Jeff Gregory
Nurice Gregory
Susan Griswold and John Norton
Growler Haus
Holly and Danny Gulledge
Helen Gumbert
The Hair Loft
Carol Hanbury
Michael Hanford
Thank You!!

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Meredith Hardwicke-Jensen and Doug Jensen
Darryl Harmon
Amy Harper
Octavia Harrison
Hugh Harvey
Kelly Harvey
Andrea Hayes
J. Mark Hayes, II
The Healing Place
Healthy Smiles of Spartanburg, Inc.
Nikki Hicks
Weslie Higdon
Hispanic Alliance
Sarah Hollis
Anne Homer
Hope Center for Children
Hope for Families Recovery Center
Jessica Hoshall
Housing Authority Youth Build
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Heather Hulsey
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Kink Club
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Marsha and Dr. Tom Moore
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NARFE- Chapter 560
Kris and Michael Neely
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New Day Clubhouse
New Groove Artisan Brewery
New Hope Chapter #651
Newport Apartments
Eric Nolley
Nurse Family Partnership
Patti O’Furniture
Jennifer O’Shields
Jenny Ostremecki
Jane Ovenden
Hutch Owens
Crystal Pace
Samantha Packard
Frazer Pajak
Hamilton Parks
Zach Parks
Amy Pascoe
Dwight Patterson, Jr.
Pat Patterson
Stacy and Olin Patterson
Bud Perrault
PFLAG Spartanburg
Phase I Barbershop Greer
Thank You!!
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Phase II Barbershop
David Phillips
Tomeka Pierce
Pinnacle Hospitality
The Point Teen Health Center
Nancy and Steve Pope
Cass Posey
Sabrina Prazak
John Price
Proud Mary Theatre Company
Diana Purvis
PwC
Q Cuts
Eileen Radleigh
Rainbow Support Group SC
Nancy Raley
Nancy Raylon
Mark Reddaway
Tracy and Tony Regan
ReGenesis Health Care
Reggie’s Unique Cuts
Dianne Rencsok
Amy Richards
Rose Mary Ritchie
Sonja Robbins
Sara Robinson
Rev. Carson Rogerson
Roper Music
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SAFE Homes Rape Crisis Coalition
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Seize Your Space, LLC
Eden Sereque
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Wet Paint Syndrome
Dr. Brad Whitney
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Wofford College-Health Services
Wofford College-Student Life
Diana and Randy Wright
Elsie Wright
Amara Zayne
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 1700 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!