

# **AIDS Foundation OF CHICAGO**

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## **AFC Awards \$11 Million for HIV-Related Community Services**

CHICAGO – The AIDS Foundation of Chicago (AFC) concluded its 2008 fiscal year in July with the award of more than \$11 million in grants and contracts for hundreds of valuable projects and services advancing HIV prevention, care, housing, and advocacy goals.

“Thanks to the generosity of our public and private partners and literally thousands of individual contributors, the AIDS Foundation of Chicago is making a measurable impact in the fight against HIV/AIDS in the region and nationally,” said Mark Ishaug, AFC President/CEO. “Despite a successful year, local HIV prevention and care programs struggle to sustain essential services and address the growth in the epidemic, which is why generous private giving remains so important.”

AFC awarded a total of \$400,000 to 56 local organizations for one-year grants through its competitive grants cycle. AFC distributed another \$1.3 million in privately-raised revenue in designated grants for a variety of innovative collaborations and partnerships, including innovative housing programs, global AIDS initiative awards, and proceeds raised by agencies themselves through the *2007 AIDS Run & Walk Chicago*.

AFC raised and distributed more than \$445,000 in public funds for a range of innovative HIV prevention and care initiatives serving women at risk for HIV, post-incarcerated populations, injection drug users, and gay men. Another \$9.1 million in federal funds provided thousands of HIV-positive individuals in metropolitan Chicago with case management, primary care, transportation, emergency assistance, housing, and other vital services at 59 delegate agencies.

“We are honored to support so many innovative and responsive agencies having a direct impact in the lives of literally thousands of people living with and at risk for HIV/AIDS,” said Cynthia Tucker, AFC Director of Prevention & Community Partnerships.

A full list of AFC’s 2007-08 awards can be viewed online at [www.aidschicago.org](http://www.aidschicago.org).

Founded by community activists and physicians in 1985, AFC is a catalyst for local, national, and international action on HIV/AIDS.

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