

# AIDS FOUNDATION OF CHICAGO

## 2003 ANNUAL REPORT

Dear Friends,

Community Support Makes a Difference. Since our founding in 1985, the AIDS Foundation of Chicago (AFC) has marshaled private and public support to care for people living with HIV/AIDS and to prevent the further spread of the epidemic. The relationships we have developed with donors, volunteers, advocates, policymakers, local businesses, and partner agencies are key to our collective success in securing critical policy and funding victories for those living with and at risk for the disease. AFC's Service Providers Council (SPC)—a unique coalition of more than 135 service providers—has also been instrumental in the fight against AIDS. As the only coalition of its kind in the country, the SPC helps identify gaps in services, sets AFC's grantmaking priorities, and organizes public forums and workshops for those on the frontlines of HIV/AIDS. We are grateful to have a strong community of partners who are dedicated to the fight against AIDS. It is because of this support that we were able to accomplish so much in 2003. And it is with this support that we will have the fortitude, passion, and creativity to meet the challenges and opportunities ahead.

Sincerely,



Thomas J. Feie  
President



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## 2003 VICTORIES

### SYRINGE ACCESS BILL PASSED

On July 25, 2003, Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich signed landmark HIV prevention legislation allowing adults to purchase and possess syringes without a prescription. AFC staff worked tirelessly with numerous legislators—including State Representative Sara Feigenholtz and State Senators Steve Rauschenberger and Donne Trotter—and other community organizations to help pass the bill.

The governor's action was backed by more than 40 scientific studies that show syringe access helps slow the spread of HIV and other blood-borne diseases without increasing drug use. The passage of this bill represents one of the most significant improvements in HIV prevention in the state's history.

### NATIONAL AIDS MARATHON TRAINING PROGRAM LAUNCHED

In 2003, the National AIDS Marathon Training Program made its successful debut in Chicago, where more than 550 participants completed the program and finished the LaSalle Bank Chicago Marathon or the Dublin Marathon. The program netted approximately \$550,000 for AFC, as well as raised AIDS awareness and brought thousands of new donors and supporters to the fight against AIDS.

### HIV PREVENTION FUNDING APPROVED

In 2003, Governor Blagojevich and the Illinois General Assembly restored \$3 million in state funding for HIV prevention in communities of color. This was a top legislative priority for AFC, as people of color represented 70% of all AIDS cases in Illinois in 2002.

AFC also spearheaded a year-long campaign to increase City of Chicago funding for HIV prevention. Thanks to the hard work of AFC's policy staff and community advocates—as well as the leadership of Aldermen Tom Tunney, Ed Smith, and Walter Burnett, Jr.—Mayor Daley increased funding for HIV prevention services in 2004 by \$600,000.

### SPECIAL EVENTS RAISED PRIVATE FUNDS

Not only do our special events provide much needed funding, they are also great parties! Our 13th annual *Not Just Song & Dance* netted more than \$420,000 and also received a 2003 Pressie Award from the *Chicago Free Press* as the Best Gala of the year. *Dance for Life* netted approximately \$165,000 to benefit AFC, Test Positive Aware Network, and the Dance for Life Fund, and gave partygoers an incredible showcase of some of Chicago's most talented dance companies. And in just its second year, *A World of Chocolate*, our holiday event commemorating World AIDS Day, raised more than \$90,000 while attracting a record 800 chocolate enthusiasts.

### CHICAGO HOUSING FOR HEALTH PARTNERSHIP UNDERWAY

AFC and community partners launched the Chicago Housing for Health Partnership (CHHP), an innovative three-year demonstration and research project that will provide permanent housing for chronically, medically ill homeless individuals. CHHP is the first-ever national study of healthcare service usage, costs, and outcomes related to homeless people with HIV, cancer, diabetes, and other chronic health conditions.

### SPC CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS HIV PREVENTION ISSUES

In 2003, AFC's Service Providers Council (SPC) responded to a new CDC initiative called "Advancing HIV Prevention." The initiative has vast implications for AIDS-related medical and social services, AIDS organizations, and people with and at risk for HIV. The SPC analyzed the likely impact of the program, convened meetings of prevention organizations, and organized participants for a local meeting with CDC officials. The SPC also hosted a conference called "The Politics of Prevention" to share information and strategy among adolescent health, reproductive rights, and HIV prevention advocates.

### PERINATAL HIV PREVENTION ACT SIGNED

In August 2003, the governor signed the Perinatal HIV Prevention Act, which requires prenatal healthcare providers in Illinois to ensure that pregnant women are provided with HIV counseling and offered HIV testing. AFC had long advocated for this legislation, which will reduce the incidence of mother-to-child transmission while protecting a woman's right to informed consent to HIV testing.

### \$1.2 MILLION IN GRANTS AWARDED

In June 2003, AFC awarded \$1.2 million in grant funding to 55 local HIV/AIDS programs for HIV/AIDS prevention, care, education, evaluation, and healthcare advocacy activities. Nearly half of the agencies funded in 2003 were organizations serving and governed by communities of color. More than one-third of all awards (39%) supported primary and secondary HIV prevention activities, including street outreach, needle exchange, and risk-reduction interventions for HIV-positive people.

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2004 GOALS

EVALUATE AND IMPROVE CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES

AFC will continue to comprehensively evaluate our current system of coordinated case management to address the changing scope of the epidemic and develop recommendations on how best to respond to clients' changing needs. In particular, AFC will identify existing gaps in services, examine the appropriateness of current client caseloads, and develop a plan to measure case management outcomes, including linkage to and retention in primary care.

EXPAND HOUSING OPTIONS FOR THE CHRONICALLY ILL HOMELESS

AFC will push for increased funding and support for innovative housing programs, such as the Chicago Housing for Health Partnership and the Renaissance Care Network. These programs work to improve the health and quality of life of homeless adults with chronic illnesses, including HIV, who are also dealing with substance use and mental health issues.

LAUNCH INTERACTIVE WEBSITE FOR AIDS-AFFECTED COMMUNITY

This year, AFC's Service Providers Council (SPC) will unveil a new collaboration tool: its community website. The website will allow area AIDS organizations and coalitions to share calendar listings; post discussions to its message board; and advertise jobs, volunteer, and internship opportunities. The website will carry on the SPC's tradition of "bringing communities together in the fight against HIV/AIDS." In addition, SPC committees will continue to provide a forum for AIDS workers and agency officials to learn new skills and work together.

ADVOCATE FOR EXPANDED PREVENTION AND CARE SERVICES

In 2004, AFC will lead efforts to champion fair state and federal funding for AIDS-related programs and services, and secure sound and responsive legislation on AIDS, including reauthorization of the Ryan White CARE Act and increased state funding for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program. AFC will also continue to educate legislators, advocates, and community members about the need for anti-HIV topical products called microbicides, and work to expand access to healthcare for HIV-positive people.

TARGET GRANTMAKING PROGRAM FOR GREATEST IMPACT

This year, AFC plans to distribute approximately \$1 million in private AIDS service providers to address the HIV/AIDS prevention, care, and advocacy needs in the community. We will effectively respond to changes in the service delivery system and client demographics and continue our commitment to strengthen services that reach communities of color.

INCREASE COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR AIDS RUN & WALK CHICAGO

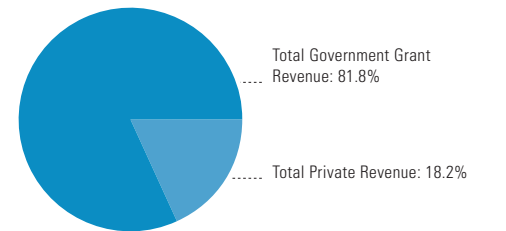
The fourth-annual AIDS Run & Walk Chicago will be held on Saturday, September 18 in Grant Park. In preparing for the event this year, AFC has invited people living with HIV/AIDS, service providers, advocates, and business professionals to join a Leadership Committee to generate strategies that will bolster grassroots support for the event. AFC is working closely with the committee to increase community participation and raise more funds for agencies that work on the frontlines of the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

Our goals for 2004 are many and the challenges great. AIDS is on the rise, as is complacency surrounding the epidemic. With your continued support, we will work aggressively for innovative prevention, care services, and advocacy initiatives that address the spread of the epidemic. Together, we can make a difference.

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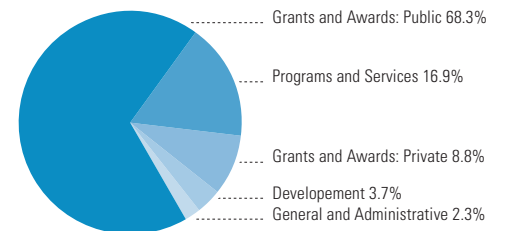
STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES  
 Year Ended June 30, 2003

SOURCES OF REVENUE:	AMOUNT
<b>Total Government Grant Revenue</b>	<b>\$11,170,127</b>
<b>Total Private Revenue</b>	<b>\$2,486,407</b>
Special Events (Net)	\$859,937
Direct Mail Campaign (Net)	\$173,747
Foundation & Corp. Grants	\$1,179,713
Individual Contributions	\$85,033
Interest	\$15,072
Other Revenue	\$172,905
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$13,656,534</b>



EXPENSES:

Programs and Services	\$2,247,122
General and Administrative	\$309,269
Development	\$496,178
Grants and Awards: Private	\$1,166,760
Grants and Awards: Public	\$9,073,494
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$13,292,823</b>



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