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AFC shares the numerous victories of 2003 with each of our friends who struggle in the fight against HIV/AIDS.
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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.

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

AFC will push for increased funding and support for innovative housing programs, such as the Chicago Housing and the Renaissance Care Network. These programs work to improve the health and quality of life of homeles 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 launch 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 HIV topical products called microbicides, and work to expand access to healthcare for HIV-positive people.

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In 2004, AFC will lead efforts to champion 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 its tradition of “bringing legislators, advocates, and community members around the table” 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 $1 million in private funds to community AIDS service providers and agencies 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 adapt 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.

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