In January 2010, AFC said goodbye to its President/CEO Mark Ishaug who stepped down to take the helm at AIDS United, a new Washington, DC-based national organization formed as a result of a merger between the National AIDS Fund and AIDS Action.

The AFC Board and staff thank Mark for his incredible 20-year service to the organization, including 12 years as President/CEO. Under his leadership, the scope and reach of AFC greatly expanded, allowing AFC to reach tens of thousands of people each year with HIV prevention, care, awareness, and advocacy programs.

Without missing a beat, the Board of Directors announced the appointment of David Ernesto Munar as AFC’s new President/CEO, effective February 1, 2011.

“David is a highly respected local and national leader in the fight against HIV/AIDS, and we are confident in his abilities to continue Mark’s excellent stewardship of AFC’s trailblazing work,” said Aaron Baker, Chairman of the AFC Board of Directors. “We are also incredibly grateful for Mark’s many years of service to AFC and continued commitment to the cause nationally where his many talents and skills will be put to immediate good use.”

Munar has worked at AFC since 1991. Prior to his appointment as President/CEO, he served as the organization’s Vice President, with oversight and management of its $16 million portfolio of care, prevention, and policy programs and services.

“I am truly honored by this opportunity and humbled by the many challenges our city and nation face to improve the health and lives of the millions affected by the HIV crisis at home and abroad,” Munar said. “I also applaud the creation of AIDS United and know Mark will motivate partners across the U.S. to build a more vibrant, powerful, and united AIDS advocacy movement.”

Throughout his career, Munar has worked in collaboration with colleagues locally and nationally to nurture innovative responses to the HIV/AIDS pandemic. In 2007, Munar helped found the Coalition for a National AIDS Strategy, which mobilized thousands of individuals and organizations to advocate for a national plan of action against HIV/AIDS. With President Barack Obama’s announcement in July 2010 of the nation’s first HIV/AIDS Strategy, Munar and colleagues are now advocating with government officials for its full implementation.

“As a Latino gay man living with HIV, I know firsthand the fear and isolation of an HIV diagnosis and the service gaps that persist in communities of color and for disproportionately affected populations,” Munar said. “But I’ve also benefited from world-class social support, information, and medical care—life-changing experiences that should be accessible to all, not just a few.”

In 2010, the International AIDS Society selected Munar to serve on the 2012 International AIDS Conference Coordinating Committee. POZ magazine named him one of its 100 most influential AIDS advocates, and Mayor Richard M. Daley inducted him into the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame.

“I bring to my work a passion for social justice and commitment to improve the quality of life for everyone, regardless of their social status, obstacles, or circumstances,” Munar said. “Faith that we can do better and compassion for others are the values that will continue to guide my work...”

— David Ernesto Munar

Munar is the fourth chief executive of the AIDS Foundation of Chicago in its 25-year history. Marcia Lipetz served as AFC’s first chief executive from 1986 to 1991; Karen Fishman led AFC from 1991 to 1998; and Mark Ishaug led the organization from 1998 to 2011.
**THE FOURTH DECADE**

Message from Board Chair, President/CEO, and SPC Chair

“Make no little plans; they have no magic to stir men’s blood and probably themselves will not be realized. Make big plans; aim high in hope and work.” — Daniel H. Burnham (1846-1912)

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Dear Friends:

On June 5, 1981, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) published the first official mention of the appearance of a mysterious illness among a cluster of gay men.

The obscure citation in the equally arcane *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report* is often referred to as the “beginning of AIDS.”

Since then, AIDS has claimed the lives of more than 25 million people worldwide, including 600,000 Americans. In the early days, no one could have imagined that a disease that begins with three letters and ends with four — HIV/AIDS — would become one of the most destructive in recorded history.

Three decades later, the U.S. is on the cusp of groundbreaking advances. Thanks to grassroots mobilization, medical breakthroughs, and national health care reform, activists can envision ways to reverse the epidemic.

In 2010, President Obama released the first-ever National HIV/AIDS Strategy—derived from substantial input from AFC and thousands of others across the country—to chart a course of action against HIV/AIDS. The Strategy underscores what activists have been saying for years: thirty years of scientific inquiry and practical application reveal the essential tools and know-how needed to combat HIV/AIDS. The question remains whether our society will do what is necessary to stop this communicable disease.

In the U.S., more than 56,000 individuals become infected with HIV each year, and more than 1.2 million are living with HIV/AIDS. And while medical advances have substantially increased survival, some 17,000 HIV-positive people perish annually.

These sobering statistics orient our moral compass. In short, we can and indeed must change the story about HIV/AIDS in our city and nation.

Change it from one of inevitability to one of end-ability. Where today’s infection rate—another person infected with HIV every 9 ½ minutes—becomes a thing of the past. The type of change envisioned in the National HIV/AIDS Strategy: “The United States will become a place where new HIV infections are rare and when they do occur, every person, regardless of age, gender, race/ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity or socio-economic circumstance, will have unfettered access to high quality, life-extending care, free from stigma and discrimination.”

Changing the story means working together to end HIV/AIDS in every neighborhood, every town, every state. It means joining a movement with others who are lending their time, voices and support to turn the tide of the epidemic, which is now described by the CDC as a “winnable battle.”

The story of the AIDS Foundation of Chicago (AFC) has steadily evolved since its inception in 1985 to respond to current conditions and court change. With our individual, community, and government partners, we’ve brought resources and hope to devastated communities, developed and supported innovative programs making a difference, and empowered people to fight for their dignity and rights.

In this annual report, we highlight our recent accomplishments and how we’re working to change the story.

As the above quote from renowned Chicago architect Daniel H. Burnham suggests, we should make no small plans in our mission to end AIDS.

Your continued support will help us write the next chapter of progress, and get us one step closer to making the fourth decade of AIDS the last.

Sincerely,

Aaron Baker, Chair, Board of Directors
David Ernesto Munar, President/CEO
Kenneth Burnett, Chair, Service Providers Council

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Aaron Baker (center)

David Ernesto Munar

Kenneth Burnett (left)
direct2housing.org is AFC’s real-time information portal on housing services.
HOUSING
Promoting stability for homeless people disabled by AIDS

Working with our partners, AFC has built a system of affordable housing that addresses the prevention and care needs of people with HIV/AIDS and other chronic medical illnesses.

In 1997, Melanie Paul was an HIV-positive homeless woman who rode the Red Line “L” day and night to stay warm from the cold streets.

A year later, the mother of two sought treatment for substance abuse and eventually moved into Vision House, a South Side apartment complex that provides a full continuum of care to those affected by HIV/AIDS.

“Having that roof over my head was the anchor. I could really focus my energy on staying clean, finding employment and reconnecting with my kids,” says Melanie, who got married during her two-year stint at Vision House.

Today, Melanie is a testament to the life-changing local system of HIV/AIDS services and her own determination to survive and thrive. A passionate advocate and former case manager, Melanie coordinates four AFC supportive housing programs that work to provide that same “anchor” for highly vulnerable homeless populations, including HIV-positive pregnant women and formerly incarcerated men.

AFC collaborates with housing agencies, hospitals, prisons, emergency shelters, and interim housing programs to provide rental subsidies with case management and other essential services to more than 1,000 HIV-positive individuals and their families.

Any given day finds Melanie and AFC Accounting Manager Arisbel Cruz-Lewandowski processing case management services and rent subsidies, a behind-the-scenes procedure that generates a life-sustaining result: an average of 550 rents paid each month for low-income people disabled by AIDS and other chronic illnesses who would otherwise be homeless. Each rental payment represents another month of shelter and stability for clients – a fact not lost on Melanie.

“When we process rent subsidies, I’m always thinking about how that would affect me if I were still in supportive housing. I’m always trying to be a voice for the client.”

Supportive housing coordinator Melanie Paul (right) touches base with AFC colleague Doug Nichols.
The inquiring phone calls that arrive daily at the desks of Angela Jordan and Maria Flores provide a window into the challenges of life with HIV. “I’ve lost my health insurance, how do I obtain medical care?” “I ran out of meds. Where do I go?” “I’m unemployed and falling behind in my rent. Can you help me find low-income housing?”

As trained Intake and Referral Specialists, Angela and Maria answer questions (in both English and Spanish), link people to vital services and make referrals to case managers. “It’s a good feeling to know that I am linking them to someone who will help,” says Maria.

Adds Angela: “I have genuine passion for the work that I do. I can only imagine the courage it takes for someone to call and disclose their diagnosis and personal information to only a voice on the other end of the line.”

Improving health care access for people with HIV/AIDS is at the core of AFC’s mission. We educate government officials, the media and the public about the need to expand programs such as Medicaid and the AIDS Drug Assistance Program. But we also listen to those most impacted and answer their calls for help.

The survey sample consisted of 74 percent men, 66 percent African American, 88 percent U.S.-born, with a mean age of 40. Among the results: African Americans were significantly more likely to have negative attitudes and beliefs about medications. African Americans also reported being nearly twice as likely to “avoid getting treatment because someone might find out” compared to Whites (19.7 percent vs. 10.6 percent).

The findings have local and national significance to help reduce the estimated 50 percent of HIV-positive people not in regular medical care. As part of the IN-CARE project, AFC will incorporate the findings into ongoing research to develop better ways to identify individuals at high risk of dropping out of care so enhanced assistance can be provided to them. Through these and other methods, AFC is striving to increase the number of people with diagnosed HIV who gain access to and remain engaged in their HIV care.

March 2010
AFC supports HIV-related health care for 600 patients at eight clinics with Ryan White CARE Act funding provided by the Illinois Department of Public Health.

May 2010
AFC-led Project IN-CARE was recognized at the White House as part of a dialogue on the role of public-private partnerships in the Obama Administration’s National HIV/AIDS Strategy.

July 2010
AFC lobbying efforts convince Governor Quinn to allocate state funding to avoid cuts and a waiting list for AIDS Drug Assistance Program recipients.
Almost all callers (99%) indicated a need for case management. Other important needs included dental services (73%), food and other basic needs (60%), housing (58%), and transportation (55%).

Other interesting findings from the first phase of the survey:

Hispanics and Whites are 2.7 times more likely to disclose their HIV status to all of their friends and 1.7 times more likely to disclose to all of their family members than African Americans.

When asked about their beliefs about HIV medications, AFC found that among participants not on HIV medications, African Americans are 3.6 times more likely than Whites and Hispanics to “never want to take HIV medications.”

AFC will initiate Phase 2 of the telephone survey in April 2011. During Phase 2, AFC’s Research, Evaluation, and Data Services team will conduct follow-up telephone surveys with callers. The follow-up surveys will gather information about case management, service needs, and barriers to engaging in HIV care.

Percentage of surveyed callers from June to October 2010 who reported needing these HIV-related services.

Providing appropriate assistance

As part of a new project called IN-CARE, AFC intake and referral specialists conducted a telephone survey of 412 HIV-positive callers to identify their most pressing needs, shown below in red.
AFC maintains direct2food.org to help low-income families—including those affected by HIV—find accessible food and nutrition services.
porting an AIDS awareness pin on her blouse, Cynthia Tucker, AFC Director of Prevention and Community Partnerships, arrives at the University of Illinois at Chicago to meet with epidemiology professor Lawrence Ouellet about a new study for a population that is out of sight: inmates with HIV.

Funded by the National Institutes of Health, the innovative study aims to create a system-wide approach to identify and treat HIV infections in correctional settings. Services begin when a person enters jail, continue through prison, and extend into the community after release from jail or prison.

The system involves Cook County Jail, the Illinois state prison system, UIC, the city and state health departments, South Side Help Center, and AFC, which administers housing, case management and other services across metropolitan Chicago.

Each year, an estimated one in seven individuals infected with HIV passes through a correctional facility, which suggests that these facilities are key sites for public health interventions targeting HIV/AIDS, according to Ouellet, a principal investigator of the project.

The planned study will be the first to prospectively evaluate opt-out HIV testing in a large urban jail and the first to evaluate telemedicine as a means to provide HIV specialty care to state prison inmates. Using confidential, interactive video teleconferencing, a physician at UIC will perform a complete history and physical exam and eliminate the need for prisoners to be transported to remote locations for care.

AFC works closely with behavioral scientists, prevention practitioners, and concerned community members to advocate for these kinds of science-based HIV prevention policies and programs. AFC also funds local, community-based prevention projects through our private grantmaking program and, with our Service Providers Council (SPC) Prevention Committee, offers prevention agencies training and support.

“We can change the course of HIV by applying all that we know to be effective in HIV prevention and care,” Cynthia says. “Routine and voluntary HIV testing, followed by client-centered linkage services, must become a new standard to which we devote our resources and efforts in all communities.”

AFC’s cutting-edge prevention work continues locally, nationally, and globally in 2011 through the Chicago Female Condom Campaign, the HIV Prevention Justice Alliance (HIV PJA), the International Rectal Microbicide Advocates (IRMA), and other projects.

Prevention methods based on science — not ideology — are our best hope for reducing new HIV infections.
Each month, AFC mobilizes thousands of AIDS advocates like Arick Buckles and Joann Montes to ensure government leaders at the local, state, and federal levels of government do all they can to respond to the epidemic.

Arick has been living with HIV for 14 years; Joann, 11. Both have struggled to obtain health insurance to pay for medication, which can cost more than $20,000 a year.

Arick and Joann are among the more than 4,200 Illinoisans who rely on the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP), which provides HIV medications to low-income people with HIV/AIDS who cannot afford the costly treatments. ADAP addresses the most basic need shared by all people living with HIV: life-extending medications that slow the progression of HIV disease and keep them healthy.

“I've been a participant of the program on and off. I wish that I didn't need it, but I do, and I am not the only one that's in these shoes,” says Arick, a community outreach worker at the Ruth M. Rothstein CORE Center.

ADAP enrollment is increasing dramatically across the nation and in Illinois, creating a fiscal crisis for the program. A number of states have cut individuals from the program or instituted waiting lists. ADAP cuts and waitlists interrupt or delay HIV treatment, causing deadly health risks for people with HIV. And the need for additional emergency ADAP funding spurred dangerous funding gaps for HIV prevention services, which kept ADAP operating but risked spikes in new HIV infections.

Arick and Joann are fighting to save ADAP, not only for themselves, but for lives like their own.

“In 2010, we saw huge steps forward in our fight to save ADAP and other essential services,” Arick says. “Illinois, however, is still dangerously close to starting an ADAP waiting list for new clients. We have to continue to fight for revenue to keep ADAP afloat, and to educate lawmakers.”

When major federal health reform provisions take effect in 2014, most ADAP recipients will transition to Medicaid or subsidized private insurance, which will lessen the financial pressure on the program.

Until then, however, AFC and its allies will continue the intensive advocacy needed to encourage expanded state and federal investment in the program.

See YouTube testimonies of Arick and Joann at: aidschicago.org/adap.
Learn about current Chicago-area HIV news, events and discussions at AFC’s community website, aidsconnect.net.
GRANTMAKING

AFC concluded its 2010 fiscal year awarding $14.8 million in grants and contracts to hundreds of valuable projects and services advancing HIV prevention, care, housing, and advocacy goals. Despite this milestone, local HIV prevention and care programs struggle to sustain essential services amid growth in the epidemic, which is why generous private giving remains vitally important.

The 2010 grantmaking tally includes $250,000 AFC awarded to 28 local organizations for one-year grants through its 2010 competitive grantmaking cycle; $50,000 to 12 organizations for AFC’s global AIDS initiative; and approximately $1 million in designated, private grants for a variety of innovative collaborations and partnerships. This includes innovative housing programs, prevention projects, advocacy initiatives, and AIDS Run & Walk Chicago proceeds raised by CommunityDirect partner agencies to sustain their own vital services.

Public revenue sources comprised the majority of AFC’s 2010 awards, which totaled $13.5 million in federal and state funds for HIV-related case management, primary care, transportation, emergency assistance, housing, and other services, as well as a range of innovative HIV prevention and care initiatives serving women, post-incarcerated populations, injection drug users, and gay men at risk for HIV.

In total, AFC funded 126 organizations in addition to direct emergency assistance to hundreds of individuals through our case management and housing networks.

In difficult economic times, AFC grants provide critical support to community-based organizations that serve populations living with and at risk for HIV.

FUNDING FY2010

2010 ALLOCATION BY REGION

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ORGANIZATION TYPE (BASED ON DEMOGRAPHICS OF GOVERNING BOARD)*

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* Target population varies based on scope of grant awards.
## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

### Statement of Revenues and Expenses

#### Year Ended June 30, 2010

Out of every dollar you contribute, **92 cents** goes to AFC’s HIV/AIDS Programs and Services

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**Total Revenue**  **$22,102,360**

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**Total Expenses**  **$22,102,360**

### CHANGE IN NET ASSETS

- Cash Flow for Subcontracting Agencies: **$681,523**
- Fund for the Future (board restricted): **$561,404**

**Total Expenses**  **$22,102,360**
With her purple stethoscope in tow, family nurse practitioner Norma Rolfsen makes the rounds at Mercy Hospital, where she is the program director of the Care Program for people living with HIV disease.

She is also chair of AFC’s Medical Advisory Group, which includes AFC Director of Care and Quality Improvement Alicia Bunton and Dr. Hal Fuentes, PsyD, from the division of adolescent medicine at the Ruth M. Rothstein CORE Center.

The advisory group’s frontline clinical insights, along with the input from clients, are helping AFC map the future of HIV/AIDS case management in response to recommendations from the federal government.

By braiding together multiple funding streams, AFC maintains the region’s HIV/AIDS case management system, a national model which serves HIV-positive people who struggle with homelessness, mental illness, addiction, poverty, and other health concerns. Nearly 5,000 clients across metropolitan Chicago are served by 155 case managers working at 31 agencies.

The multi-faceted system tailors case management to the needs of the client, offering intensive services for HIV-positive pregnant women, recently incarcerated, or homeless individuals; medical case management for those who are newly diagnosed or seeking medical assistance for the first time; and support case management for medically stabilized clients to assist them with other vital needs. Every day, the interaction between client and case manager affects whether an individual or family accesses and remains in primary medical care.

“The National HIV/AIDS Strategy calls for a seamless system from HIV diagnoses to clinical and non-clinical care, but delivering this vision on the ground will take even more concerted coordination to bridge testing with ambulatory care providers, case management, and wrap-around services. How can we strengthen the integrated care model leveraging the expertise of multiple providers at multiple agencies? How can we ensure clinical indicators inform the care individual clients receive? These are some of the questions AFC’s Medical Advisory Group is helping to answer,” Alicia explains.

Strengthening connections between medical and non-medical agencies is a key concern of the advisory board, which is striving to ensure every person living with HIV—regardless of income or insurance status—gains access to high-quality and continued care and support services.

AFC leads a system of coordinated HIV/AIDS case management, helping clients throughout the region access high-quality medical and social services.
Too many people mistakenly believe that HIV has gone away. But the truth is that every 9 ½ minutes someone in America is infected with HIV.”
— David Ernesto Munar

AWARENESS
Changing the course of the epidemic is possible

Disseminating accurate and timely information about trends in the epidemic is an important way AFC builds public and private support for the fight against HIV/AIDS. We inform the public about HIV/AIDS policy news, statistics, and upcoming events through our comprehensive websites, publications, and community outreach. We also help members of the media develop local coverage to broaden HIV/AIDS visibility.

To mark its 25th year of service, AFC launched a public awareness campaign to refocus attention on HIV/AIDS, a disease that has largely fallen from the headlines, and inspire individual and community actions against it. AFC worked with the Chicago-based ad agency Substance (isubstance.com) to design the public education campaign called “Change the Story” (aidschicago.org/changethestory).

“Too many people mistakenly believe that HIV has gone away, that it no longer touches close to home,” said AFC President/CEO David Ernesto Munar. “But the truth is that every 9 ½ minutes someone in America is infected with HIV. That’s a story we have to change.”

The ads evoke the look and feel of a daily newspaper, mimicking the format of the sports, arts, and business sections. But instead of baseball scores, theatre reviews or market reports, the headlines feature provocative news about HIV/AIDS in Chicago followed by a call to action: “Become a force for change.”

The “How are you healthy?” campaign was born out of a five-year gay men’s health collaboration between AFC, Center on Halsted, Howard Brown Health Center, and Test Positive Aware Network. It is the first social marketing campaign in Chicago to take a positive approach to gay men’s health, rather than a “you better not do this or else” approach. In 2009, the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) nominated the campaign for its inaugural Media Awards in Advertising.

The ultimate goal of the campaign is to encourage health promotion — highlight the accessibility of healthy living, encourage gay/bi men to assess how they are living healthily, maintain and increase their efforts to do so, and talk about healthy living with each other. The campaign invites gay and bi men to share their methods for staying healthy on the LifeLube blog (lifelube.blogspot.com). New posts answering the question, “How are you healthy?” are featured every week.

AFC and its partners in the Austin neighborhood on Chicago’s West Side create and unveil an AIDS awareness mural to promote HIV awareness and testing.

AFC releases results of its HIV/AIDS issues questionnaire of 28 candidates seeking statewide office.

AFC President/CEO David Ernesto Munar appears as sole guest on Chicago Tonight (WTTW Channel 11) to mark World AIDS Day.

May 2010

October 2010

December 2010
At withbecomesacure.org, AFC invites individuals to share their inspirations for fighting HIV/AIDS.
Doseofchange.org is AFC's local and national portal to share best practices in AIDS advocacy.
Three decades into the HIV/AIDS epidemic, the U.S. is on the cusp of ground-breaking changes, including improved outcomes in the fight against the disease thanks to national health care reform and implementation of the National HIV/AIDS Strategy.

But the challenges ahead are formidable and demand strategic thinking, creative advocacy, and broad community engagement.

Enter Julie Davids and Keith R. Green, the newest members of AFC’s policy team. Julie is National Advocacy and Mobilization Director, while Keith serves as Director of Federal Affairs. They work from different parts of the country (Julie from Rhode Island; Keith, Illinois), but are bound by technology and a belief that a paradigm shift in prevention is needed that addresses the key social drivers of HIV: poverty, lack of stable housing, LGBT marginalization, and mass imprisonment.

As coordinator of the HIV Prevention Justice Alliance, Julie champions a national network of more than 80 groups working to build a unified movement that advocates for effective and just HIV prevention policies. The network is united at the intersection of HIV/AIDS, human rights, and struggles for social, racial, gender, and economic justice.

“AFC has a reputation for stepping outside of the box and getting to the core of the problem.”
– Keith R. Green

Our efforts informing and engaging government officials on HIV/AIDS remain crucial, as does the need to strengthen relationships with foundations, corporations, and government agencies.

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“AFC has a reputation for stepping outside of the box and getting to the core of the problem,” says Keith, who serves as co-chair of the Chicago Black Gay Men’s Caucus. “I am privileged to be involved in creating change on the individual, community, and structural level for not just Black gay and bisexual men, but for all populations disproportionately impacted by this epidemic.”

Some of AFC’s strongest partnerships have been forged with city, county, state, and federal officials. AFC played a central role in persuading the Obama Administration to develop the National HIV/AIDS Strategy, which charts a course of action to begin to end the HIV/AIDS crisis. In 2011, AFC will work closely with federal and local officials to seek full implementation of the strategy.

March 2010
President Obama signed into law the Affordable Care Act, which promises to transform the fight against HIV/AIDS. AFC leads local and national efforts to advocate for national health reform as a structural intervention to end HIV/AIDS.

July 2010
The Obama Administration releases the National HIV/AIDS Strategy, a blueprint for reducing new HIV infections, improving the health of people with HIV, and reducing health disparities. AFC was instrumental in efforts to advocate for the strategy.

October 2010
The Australasian HIV Society for Medicine invites Jim Pickett, AFC Director of Prevention Advocacy and Gay Men’s Health, to deliver the keynote address at its 22nd annual conference in Sydney, Australia.
“I’m a testimony to the fact that there is life beyond HIV.” — Angela McLaurin

PRISONS & JAILS
Helping HIV-positive ex-offenders re-enter their communities

In partnership with housing and social service providers, AFC links recently released HIV-positive individuals to the housing, medical, and transitional services they need to stay healthy, independent, and out of trouble.

Angela McLaurin describes it simply as “the wake-up call” — that moment in 1995 when she tested positive for HIV while in prison. Upon her release, Angela used an HIV services directory to link herself to resources, but she knows that a booklet of information is no substitute for individual assistance.

That’s why Angela and Tawon Dale — both members of AFC’s Community Advisory Board — agreed to appear in an AFC-produced educational video that promotes re-entry services for post-incarcerated individuals living with HIV. The four-minute video will be shown inside the walls of Illinois prisons and used by discharge planners to encourage inmates to access HIV/AIDS services upon release.

“I’m a testimony to the fact that there is life beyond HIV,” says Angela, a motivational speaker and educator. “Early detection is key because what I’m seeing is that people don’t get tested until it’s way too late. And it’s sad because the help is out here.”

AFC works with the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) and a variety of public and private partners, including housing agencies, case management providers, and other correctional facilities to link individuals living with HIV/AIDS to the services they need. The AFC model aims to create a seamless continuum of services and care for this hard-to-reach and transient population by improving linkages between correctional facilities and community agencies.

“When I got out of the penitentiary, I didn’t know what I was going to do,” says Tawon. “But what I did know was that I was gonna call the AIDS Foundation [of Chicago].”

Upon his release, Tawon was connected to a case manager at the South Side Help Center. The agency helped him get housing, access to medication, and job training through Sweet Miss Givings, a bakery and jobs program for people living with HIV.

Rev. Doris Green, AFC Director of Correctional Health and Community Affairs, has worked for years to bring HIV education into Illinois prisons and jails. Green made production of the video possible through her work as liaison between AFC and IDOC.

View the video at aidschicago.org/corrections.
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SUMMER 2011

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AIDS Run & Walk Chicago, October 1, 2011

Scores of teams are gearing up to make this year’s Run & Walk the most successful ever. In 2010, more than 7,000 participants raised $450,000 net for community HIV/AIDS services.

Get the latest on AFC’s special events at aidschicago.org.
In 2010, AFC’s endurance training program TEAM TO END AIDS (T2) trained hundreds of ordinary people to complete extraordinary events (marathon, half marathon, triathlon) and raise more than $350,000 net to fight AIDS. Want to join them? Register today at: TEAM2ENDAIDS.com and sign up for one of five great events: a 100-mile bike ride, the Honolulu Marathon, the Chicago Triathlon, the Bank of America Chicago Marathon, or the Chicago Half Marathon.

Dance for Life, Saturday, August 20, 2011

The stage is set for the 20th anniversary of Dance for Life at the Auditorium Theatre, 50 East Congress Parkway. WGN-TV entertainment reporter Dean Richards will emcee this gala evening of spectacular performances by Chicago’s top professional dance companies—all to support the local fight against HIV/AIDS.

World of Chocolate, Thursday, December 1, 2011 (World AIDS Day)

Feast on gourmet chocolate, fine food, and great entertainment at the sweetest spot in town. The 2010 rundown: 25 chocolate vendors, 140 volunteers, $175,000 raised to fight AIDS.

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legendary music icons the Bangles rocked AFC’s Not Just Song & Dance gala to commemorate the agency’s quarter-century of service. More than 1,500 guests including politicians, physicians, founding members and supporters, gathered at the Hilton Chicago on Saturday, May 1, 2010 to party with a purpose, raising $518,000 net for ongoing prevention, care and advocacy initiatives.

Notable attendees included Illinois Governor Pat Quinn, Attorney General Lisa Madigan, Congressman Mike Quigley, 44th Ward Alderman Tom Tunney, Illinois Senate President John Cullerton, and AFC founding member Dr. Renslow Sherer.

The inaugural Lori Kaufman Volunteer of the Year Award was presented to Lori Kaufman, who has dedicated more than 20 years of her life to fulfilling a promise to a dying friend in 1989. Kaufman explained, “My promise brought me to the doorsteps of AFC, and I know that he knows I will continue my work for as long as I am able. The amazing thing is we used to prepare people to die, but now we prepare them to live.”

Throughout the evening, guests mingled in the ballroom, sipping cocktails and savoring hors d’oeuvres. The center of attention was a massive punchboard manned by models posing as boxers. When guests purchased a number, a burly boxer punched it out to reveal a prize. Sponsored by the Hilton Chicago and American Airlines, prizes included a round-trip ticket to Beijing, a relaxing getaway to San Francisco’s Hilton, a sunny trip to the luxurious Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek Resort, a weekend getaway in New York and a weekend stay in a luxurious penthouse suite at the Palmer House Hilton.

The Bangles founders Susanna Hoffs and sisters Vicki and Debbi Peterson kept the crowd on its feet with a combination of new material as well as some classic 80s throwbacks, including “Manic Monday,” “Eternal Flame,” and the dance megahit “Walk Like an Egyptian.”

The 2010 gala was presented by Abbott Laboratories. Additional sponsors included Bristol-Myers Squibb, Bank of America, Walgreens, Harris Bank, The Chicago Cubs, Kehoe Designs, and BellLitho, Inc.

To view the 25th year video about the founding of AFC, visit: aidschicago.org/founding
**BY THE NUMBERS**

**HEALTH CARE**
6,000 individuals link to HIV-related medical care and other vital services each year thanks to AFC’s case management network

2,000 HIV-related medical visits occur each year as a result of grants to eight outpatient clinics

**HOUSING**
1,500 families receive HIV-related housing assistance each year

660 previously homeless and disabled individuals with HIV and other chronic conditions receive monthly rental subsidies

**SUPPORT SERVICES**
20,000 rides to medical care are coordinated each year by AFC-funded case managers

3,000 food vouchers are distributed to low-income people with HIV/AIDS

**PREVENTION**
1,500 voluntary HIV tests are performed each year with AFC funding to partner agencies and collaborations

40,255 female condoms are distributed by the Chicago Female Condom Campaign and various other AFC initiatives

10,857 harm reduction service encounters provided to approximately 4,322 individual injection drug users

**SYSTEMS COORDINATION**
$14.8 million awarded to more than 126 organizations in metro Chicago for HIV-related prevention, care, and advocacy activities

$1.5 million in direct landlord and vendor payments for HIV-related housing, home-based care, and other services

300 contracts negotiated on average every year with partner agencies

$1,500,000 owed by government entities to AFC at any given time for delegate agency payments made to sustain community services

**ADVOCACY**
8,000 Illinoisans participate in AFC’s statewide advocacy network

12,000 AIDS advocates participate in AFC’s national action network through the HIV Prevention Justice Alliance

**AWARENESS**
93,551 visits to aidschicago.org in 2010

100 million impressions generated by AFC’s award-winning public transit ads for the 2010 *AIDS Run & Walk Chicago*

**GEOGRAPHIC REACH**
250: the number of different zip codes where clients in AFC’s service network live. Top ten zip codes include:

60640 Uptown
60626 Rogers Park
60660 Edgewater
60649 South Shore
60619 Chatham/Greater Grand Crossing
60620 Auburn Gresham
60624 Garfield Park
60637 Woodlawn
60623 Lawndale
60647 Logan Square

40-50 Illinoisans become infected with HIV each week

10,000 Illinoisans don’t know they are HIV-positive

46,000 Illinoisans are estimated to be living with HIV/AIDS
1981 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports first cases of rare pneumonia in young gay men, which is later diagnosed as AIDS related.

1985 The first-ever blood screening test for HIV antibodies, developed by Abbott, is approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Actor Rock Hudson announces that he has AIDS and dies later this year.

AFC is founded by four local visionaries: Dr. Ron Sable, Dr. Renslow Sherer, Judy Carter, and William Young.

1986 President Reagan first mentions AIDS in public.

AFC creates the Service Providers Council to bring together community agencies in the fight against AIDS.

1987 The FDA approves AZT, the first antiretroviral medication for the treatment of HIV.

Marshall Field’s hosts Show of Concern and raises more than $500,000 for AFC’s grantsmaking program.

1989 AFC establishes the Northeastern Illinois HIV/AIDS Case Management Cooperative, a network of community agencies providing case management services to people with HIV/AIDS.

1990 Ryan White dies of AIDS. Congress enacts the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (CARE) Act, which provides federal funds for care and treatment services.

1991 Red ribbon is introduced as the international symbol of AIDS awareness and solidarity. NBA legend Earvin “Magic” Johnson announces that he is HIV-positive and retires from basketball.

AFC receives Ryan White CARE Act funds for case management and other critical support services.

1992 AIDS becomes the number one cause of death for American men 25-44 years of age.

AFC leads a successful campaign to prevent the state from closing a critical Medicaid program for hundreds of persons living with AIDS.

1994 Public Health Service recommends use of AZT by pregnant women to reduce perinatal transmission, showing up to 70% reduction in transmission rates.

AFC extends its case management and related services to beyond the city and suburban Cook County to McHenry, DuPage, Lake, Kane, Kendall, DeKalb, Grundy, and Will Counties.

1995 FDA approves first protease inhibitor for use in combination with other HIV drugs, or highly active antiretroviral therapy (HAART).

AFC publishes the city’s first-ever AIDS housing strategic plan, resulting in increased housing units for people living with HIV and improved coordination and collaboration among local providers.

1997 Annual AIDS-related deaths in the U.S. decline by more than 40% largely due to the advent of combination drug therapy.

AFC saves the Illinois HIV/AIDS Drug Assistance Program from collapse by convincing Governor Edgar and the Illinois General Assembly to increase state funding by $8 million.

1998 Minority AIDS Initiative created in U.S., after African American leaders declare a “state of emergency” and the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) calls on the Department of Health and Human Services to do the same.

1999 AFC funds initiative that links HIV-positive individuals returning to the community from correctional settings with health care services.

2000 13th International AIDS Conference (“Breaking the Silence”) convenes in Durban, South Africa. It’s the first such meeting in a developing nation, heightening awareness of the global pandemic.

2001 40 million people are living with HIV worldwide, according to the Joint United National Programme on HIV/AIDS.

AFC launches a new prevention program for people living with HIV, and expands evaluation and research programs linking local universities and community-based organizations.

2003 President Bush announces PEPFAR, the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, during the State of the Union Address; PEPFAR is a five-year, $15 billion initiative to address HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria primarily in hard hit countries.

AFC works with legislators and community organizations to help pass landmark HIV prevention legislation allowing adults to purchase and possess syringes without a prescription. The bill is signed into law by Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich on July 25.

2005 AFC commemorates its 20th year of service in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

2006 June 5 marks a quarter century since first AIDS case reported.

2007 AFC collaborates with state lawmakers to pass legislation expanding voluntary HIV testing while preserving patient rights to informed consent. The bill also allows for a more streamlined approach to HIV testing in medical settings.

2008 CDC releases new HIV incidence estimates for the United States, showing that the U.S. epidemic is worse than previously thought.

2009 The Obama Administration officially lifts HIV travel and immigration ban by removing the final regulatory barriers to entry.

An AFC-led program that provides housing and case management to homeless adults with chronic medical illnesses, including HIV/AIDS, is found to improve health outcomes and reduce hospitalizations and emergency department visits. Research findings are published in JAMA.

2010 Obama Administration releases first comprehensive National HIV/AIDS Strategy for the U.S.

AFC commemorates its 25th year of service  

2011 marks the 30th year of the first reported cases of what would later be called AIDS. To mark this unfortunate milestone, Windy City Times newspaper will run a special nine-month series of articles, essays and photos. AFC, a nationally recognized leader on AIDS issues, is the key editorial partner on this project.

Learn more at: http://bit.ly/aidshistory
THE AIDS FOUNDATION OF CHICAGO IS CHANGING THE STORY.

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» Advocate with and for people affected by HIV/AIDS.

» Fund and coordinate prevention, care, and advocacy projects.

» Cultivate the capacity and expertise of individuals and organizations dedicated to ending HIV/AIDS.

Together with our individual, government, and community partners, we reach tens of thousands of people in need each year and make our collective efforts better and stronger.

We are a source of hope—a force for change.
