

Annual Report 2007

- Supporting people living with HIV/AIDS
- Educating faith communities to address the stigma and encourage compassion
- Privately funded by the community, allowing flexibility to respond
- Working collaboratively with other providers
- Offering the largest regular gathering place in Southern Arizona for and with people living with HIV/AIDS
- A compassionate interfaith response, free of prejudice or proselytism

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2007 was a year of major accomplishments for the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN), building upon the foundation established over the previous 13 years of our existence.

TIHAN provided **support services to 270 people living with HIV/AIDS** and their families, an increase of 11% over the previous year. Poz Cafe, named in 2004 as one of the most innovative programs among Tucson nonprofits with a budget of \$300,000 or less, **served a record-setting 1,401 meals** to people living with HIV and their guests, a 5% increase over 2006. In addition to the critical nutrition and socialization components of Poz Cafe, this program also provided a **hands-on AIDS education and service experience for more than 120 volunteers from 30 congregations** and groups. In 2007, Poz Cafe celebrated several milestones, including:

- the 100th edition of this popular lunch program,
- serving our 500th person living with HIV, and
- surpassing 8,500 meals served since the program's inception.

TIHAN's **Poz MarketPlace provided 773 care packages** filled with needed toiletry and personal items for those we serve.

In 2007, we continued our efforts to bring attention to and address the HIV crisis within the African-American community. In the Spring, TIHAN again coordinated the

local commemoration of the Black Church Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS, a national week of AIDS awareness organized by the Balm in Gilead, with seven local Black churches participating in events attended by 334 people. In 2007, TIHAN helped coordinate an HIV focus as part of **MLK Day** events, and also co-sponsored an **important "Call to Action" community forum on HIV/AIDS** in Black communities. We also co-sponsored the local commemoration of **National Latino AIDS Awareness Day**.

In 2007, TIHAN **recruited and trained 59 new volunteers, 20% of whom are people of color**. In honor of our volunteers' outstanding contributions, we initiated a **BONKERS! Award**, given to an outstanding volunteer each month.

Overall, **TIHAN's 2007 AIDS education and awareness programs reached 757 young people and 2,009 adults with presentations about HIV. Information displays reached 1,141 people**. Over 23,000 faith community bulletins and newsletters with information about TIHAN and

HIV/AIDS were distributed in Tucson's faith communities, conveying our message of AIDS awareness, care, and support!

We held **seven volunteer orientations, five trainings for volunteers wanting to do direct service, and three trainings for educators and speakers**. We also held 12 continuing education programs for our volunteers.

We hosted events and forums focused on the importance of responding to AIDS on both local and global levels, for both lay people and clergy/spiritual leaders. **TIHAN participated in seven collaborative community events** related to HIV awareness. Local media continued to highlight the need for AIDS education and support, as well as TIHAN's response, including **11 articles in local media** and a feature story on **KUAT's acclaimed Arizona Illustrated news program**.

One of the major developments in 2007 was the establishment of our Link Specialist program, in which volunteers were available in the TIHAN office to help connect CarePartners with support services provided by TIHAN and others. During the last six months of the year, these Link Specialist volunteers devoted more than 319 hours and were responsible for providing support to 229 people living with HIV/AIDS. We are grateful to the **Community Foundation for Southern Arizona** for providing partial funding of this program.



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TIHAN's **CareTeam program**, in its thirteenth year of existence, continued to meet a vital need in the community. **Teams of congregational volunteers provided a host of non-medical support services to 22 persons living with HIV and AIDS**, providing in-home help, nursing home/hospital visits, transportation, social support, and more. Whether serving as a lifeline to help our CarePartners living with HIV regain their strength and independence, or as a vital support during end-of-life transitions, CareTeam volunteers continued to provide care and compassion, love and support.

The **Poz Breakfast program**, courtesy of Mother Hubbard's Restaurant, provided over **1,500 free breakfasts for people living with HIV in 2007**. This weekly breakfast program and TIHAN's monthly lunch program provided not just food and nutrition, but also opportunities for people living with HIV/AIDS to meet others for support and networking and to reduce the social isolation still facing many people living with HIV.

Other TIHAN services provided in 2007 included providing **emergency financial support and donated household items for 48 people** living with HIV/AIDS, as well as funding to help cover **burial and cremation expenses for three persons** who passed away; **extensive information, referral and advocacy support for 260 people** living with HIV; and working in collaboration with the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) to **brighten the holidays with gifts and an event for 47 parents living with HIV/AIDS (and their 72 children under the age of 18), along with a holiday party** for people living with HIV/AIDS. TIHAN also delivered full **turkey dinners for the holidays**, and provided **back-to-school supplies for our CarePartners with children**.

TIHAN's donors continued to be generous in supporting Arizona's largest privately-funded provider of support services to people living with HIV. However, due to

challenging economic times, **TIHAN saw a decrease in contributions in 2007**. Because of our sound financial management and cost-cutting, TIHAN was able to minimize the operating loss. Plans are being developed to seek additional donor support so that TIHAN can continue to serve, without having to reduce programs or our already bare-bones staffing levels.

In addition to grants from supporting foundations such as the **Community Foundation for Southern Arizona, Long Realty Cares Foundation, Morris A. Hazen Family Foundation, Abbott Laboratories, Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS, The Esther Fund, and Until There's A Cure Foundation**, the majority of TIHAN's 2007 income came from individuals, businesses, congregations, and fundraising events. Under the leadership of co-chairs Kim Talerico and Richard Bolanos, the 10th annual **"Treasures for TIHAN" auction was once again our biggest fundraising event, raising over \$95,000 to support our programs and services**.

In honor of longtime major donors and one of TIHAN's founders, in 2007 we honored **Barbara Kaller-Cohen and Kenny Cohen** by giving their name to our beautiful newly-furnished conference room.

Our amazing team of volunteers continued to dedicate their time and talents to provide AIDS education and awareness, and to provide support services to people living with HIV. **In 2007, an**

astounding 484 volunteers dedicated their time and energy through TIHAN, and for that we are tremendously grateful.

TIHAN's team **of staff in 2007 coordinated the efforts of our volunteers**. We celebrated the second year of faithful service by our Administrative Assistant **Leslie Johnson**. In the Spring, Director of Education and Community Relations **Jess Knutson** moved to Minneapolis to be with her family, and was replaced by **Ari Kelly**, who had previously served as a volunteer.

Our Director of CarePartner Support **Juanita Molina** completed two years of overseeing TIHAN's support services for people living with HIV. After two and a half years as our part-time Poz Cafe Kitchen/Menu Supervisor **Leanna Stetson** left to take a full-time position, and we were fortunate to recruit **Jackie Blue** to join our staff to take over the position. Thanks to a **generous gift from Sharon and Larry Malcolmson**, TIHAN was able to maintain a half-time Volunteer Coordinator, a position that was filled by **Kim Talerico** after she successfully served as volunteer co-chair of Treasures for TIHAN. TIHAN's founding Executive Director **Scott Blades** continued in his 13th year of service to TIHAN. Because of the staff vacancy, Scott did double-duty for the last three months of the year, overseeing all of TIHAN's direct service programs for people living with HIV/AIDS, in addition to his Executive Director responsibilities.

TIHAN Invited to Provide Keynote Address at the HIV/AIDS session at the May 2007 White House Conference on Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, held in Phoenix



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TIHAN is a member of the national Faith in Action Network

With support from these staff, TIHAN's **volunteers continued working towards fulfilling the mission of the organization:** *fostering awareness and education to prevent the spread of HIV infection and to decrease the level of fear and stigma, providing care and support for all of us infected and affected by HIV/AIDS, and catalyzing the religious community towards a compassionate response to this crisis affecting our families.*

2007 also saw TIHAN continue its role as a **collaborator with other agencies in the HIV/AIDS community in Southern Arizona.** Working together with SAAF, TIHAN worked to ensure coordinated care and support for many persons living with HIV/AIDS, as well as advocacy where needed. Collaborative

programs and events with SAAF, COPE, the Coalition for African American Health and Wellness, Wingspan, and other groups provided opportunities to share TIHAN's message of a faithful, compassionate response to the AIDS crisis. TIHAN continued to be involved with other community HIV programs, including the Pima County HIV/AIDS Consortium, a coalition of organizations working to address HIV service issues in Southern Arizona.

TIHAN's unique coalition of congregations continued to make inroads towards de-stigmatizing HIV/AIDS and fostering awareness and compassion within our religious community, bringing more people and more resources into the fight against AIDS.

TIHAN continued to provide referrals to HIV-sensitive clergy who, upon request, make pastoral visits, provide the sacraments, and conduct memorial services. And through a series of interfaith worship services focusing on healing and hope, persons infected and affected by HIV/AIDS received the embrace of the community.

In 2007, TIHAN continued to take the lead in Southern Arizona:

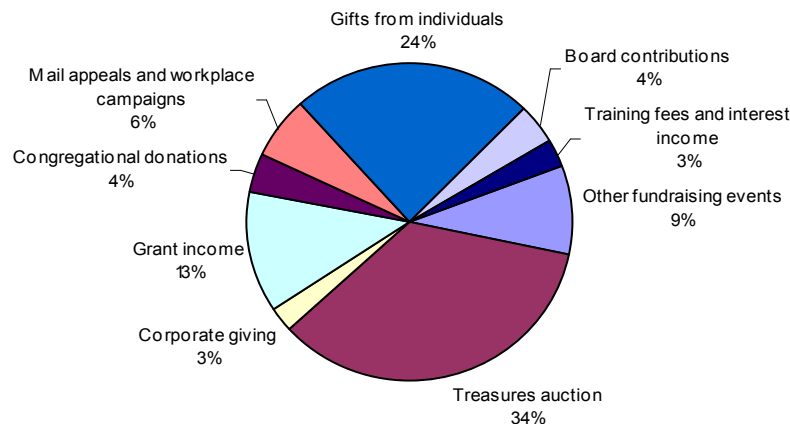
- * offering HIV awareness and education programs within religious communities and congregations
- * providing volunteer-based non-medical support, socialization, and nutrition programs for people living with HIV
- * recruiting, training, coordinating, and supporting congregational volunteers to serve persons living with HIV/AIDS
- * forging partnerships between local congregations, people of faith, AIDS service organizations, and people living with HIV/AIDS

Thank YOU for making all this possible!

The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network

- ...providing HIV education and awareness to more than 2,700 people
- ...offering support to 270 people living with HIV/AIDS
- ...involving 484 volunteers to be part of the solution
- ...serving as a steward for the hundreds of donors in our community who invest in TIHAN as a means of building a healthier and more compassionate community
- ...providing a voice for people living with HIV/AIDS
- ...working to end the stigma of HIV within religious communities
- ...building bridges of hope and support

Sources of Income and Support: 2007*



*figures are not yet audited

Programs and Services

CareTeams

Groups of several volunteers (usually four or five) who are assigned to one CarePartner (a person who is living with HIV or AIDS). Team members take turns meeting with and supporting the CarePartner, providing non-medical support.

Poz Cafe and Poz MarketPlace

Once a month, volunteers from local Tucson congregations provide a nutritious lunch for people living with HIV. After lunch, participants go to our Poz MarketPlace and pick up a care package that is filled with donated toiletries and personal care items.

Poz Breakfast

Offering free weekly breakfasts for people living with HIV, courtesy of Mother Hubbard's Restaurant.

Memorial Fund

Assisting families with the costs of burial and cremation after the loss of a loved one due to the effects of HIV/AIDS.

Link Specialists

Working closely with other service providers and agencies to advocate for people living with HIV/AIDS, and to make sure that people living with HIV are aware of all their options for support.

CarePartner Support Programs

Providing emergency financial support to persons living with HIV/AIDS, and helping make the holidays brighter for those living with HIV/AIDS—through gifts and events for Thanksgiving and the December holidays.

Congregational Attainment

TIHAN started in 1994 as a coalition of 11 congregations committed to a compassionate response to HIV/AIDS, and that number has grown to 39 faith communities.

Congregational HIV Awareness and Displays

Providing HIV/AIDS education programs within the settings of faith communities to dispel the fear, stigma, and myths about this disease, and to provide visibility to AIDS as an issue important for faith communities to address.

Clergy HIV Awareness

Focusing specifically on providing accurate HIV information to clergy and to engage them in becoming active participants in our work.

Continuing Education Programs

Conducting continuing education programs throughout the year to keep people up-to-date on the latest news about HIV and an informed, compassionate response.

Volunteer Recruitment and Training

Providing volunteer recruitment, orientation, and training for prospective volunteers. After conducting outreach about TIHAN and the needs of people living with HIV and how volunteers can put their faith into action, TIHAN produces comprehensive full-day training sessions.

Interfaith Services of Healing and Hope

Conducting quarterly Interfaith Services of Healing and Hope which serve as memorials and means to remember and grieve as well as to inspire and renew the commitment to AIDS awareness and action.

Congregational Liaisons

In order to assure on-going communication between TIHAN and its member congregations, each faith community is asked to formally designate one of its members as a congregational liaison to TIHAN.

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2007 Member Faith Communities

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church
Bodhisattva Institute (Tibetan Buddhism)
Campus Christian Center
Casas Adobes Congregational Church (United Church of Christ)
Carondelet Health Care Corporation of Southern Arizona
Catalina United Methodist Church
Church of the Apostles (Episcopal Church)
Church of the Painted Hills United Church of Christ
Congregation Ner Tamid (Reform Judaism)
Congregation Or Chadash (Reform Judaism)
Cornerstone Fellowship
First Congregational Church (United Church of Christ)
Grace St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Green Valley Community Church (United Methodist)
Lutheran Church of the Foothills (ELCA)
Mosaic United Methodist Church
Newman Center/St. Thomas More Catholic Parish
Prince Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church (AME)
Our Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church
Our Saviour's Lutheran Church (ELCA)
Rincon Congregational Church (United Church of Christ)
Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church
Santa Cruz Lutheran Church (ELCA)
Shalom Mennonite Fellowship
Southside Presbyterian Church
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
St. Cyril of Alexandria Catholic Church
St. Francis in the Foothills United Methodist Church
St. Mark's Presbyterian Church
St. Mark's United Methodist Church
St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church
St. Philip's in the Hills Episcopal Church
St. Pius X Catholic Church
Temple Emanu-El (Reform Judaism)
Tucson Multi-Faith Alliance
Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Northwest Tucson
Unitarian Universalist Church of Tucson
Water of Life Metropolitan Community Church

Staff (as of December 2007)

Executive Director—Scott Blades

Director of Education and Community Relations—Ari Kelly

Director of CarePartner Support—open

Volunteer Coordinator—Kim Talerico

Poz Cafe Kitchen/Menu Coordinator—Jackie Blue

Administrative Assistant—Leslie Johnson



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