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From Executive Director Scott Blades

Remembering the Importance of Our Mission, and the Impact of Your Care



Shortly after a recent Poz Cafe, I received the following note from one of our CarePartners living with HIV who is relatively new to Tucson and was amazed at TIHAN's success in bringing together faith communities and people living with HIV.

"I have been living with AIDS for about 20 years and I would like to take the time to thank Scott Blades and all of the TIHAN staff and volunteers and the different [congregations] involved for the great things you are all doing for people like myself who are living with HIV/AIDS. It means a great deal to know that there are people like you that care.

I know it means a great deal to me. I thank God everyday that I have people like you there for me. It means a lot. Where I'm from, people just don't care and some are afraid to be around people with AIDS. Some of my own family are like that.

I just want to say thank you for all you do for me and others like me. The staff and volunteers are like family to me more than my own family.

May God bless each and every one of you for your great work.

Again thank you very much."

I share this letter to remind you that TIHAN's work is groundbreaking and still too rare in our society.

When you support TIHAN, you are providing hope and healing and making a difference in the lives of those living with HIV/AIDS.

Win \$1,000 Cash in our Treasures Raffle

Tickets: \$5 each (or 5 tickets for \$20)

Buy them now, in person, or on our website

If you would like to help sell tickets to your friends, family, colleagues, and congregations, please contact us. You could be giving someone the winning ticket for a \$1,000 cash prize (and TIHAN's programs and services will benefit, too!)



Saturday, May 22
4:00-7:30pm
Doubletree Hotel at Reid
Park

Tickets

In advance: \$40 each, or two for \$70
(on the day of the event, tickets will be \$50 each)

- * great food * fun entertainment *
- * festive decorations *
- * great items to bid on *
- * mix and mingle with wonderful people *
- * no host cocktails *
- * silent auction * live auction *

Here is a sampling of some of the great auction items that have been donated for you to bid on and raise funds to support people living with HIV/AIDS:

Dinner for two at Azul at the Westin La Paloma Resort
Tickets to theatre, sporting events, concerts, and more
Round of golf for 4 at the JW Marriott Star Pass Resort/Spa
Hard-carved pottery vessel by Lawrence Namoki
Elegant brunch/dinner for 8 people in your home
Beautiful handcrafted leather shoulder bag
Woodcarving "Sacred Songs for All My Relations"
Handmade quilt — "Place I Belong"
One-week vacation at a Nantucket Island cottage
Hand-built ceramic totem by Molly Heizer
A three-hour painting party for six people
Hand-blown art glass vase, signed by Louis Via
and hundreds more treasures—something for everyone!

To volunteer your time, talents, or treasures, please contact Scott Blades at (520) 299-6647 or scott@tihan.org

Help Make Wishes Come True



Small things make a big difference at TIHAN. Here are some items that we need. Can you help make our wishes come true?

Nametags for Poz Cafe
Highlighters in multiple colors
Four-drawer locking file cabinet (with key)
Long distance telephone calling cards
Postage stamps
Easel
Meat thermometer
Can opener
Food-quality busing trays
Large chopping boards (~12"x18")
Two small ladles (2 oz.) with long handles
Brush for cleaning vegetables
Printer cartridges for HP printers
Certificate frames (8.5 x 11)
Rolls of paper towels
Toilet tissue
Digital camera

If you can contribute an item on our list, or if you have any questions or need more information, please contact serena@tihan.org or call us at (520) 299-6647.

Building Coalitions to Address Health Disparities

In Pima County, 1 in 10 people living with HIV/AIDS is an African American person. In March, over 100 people came together for the Black Church Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS in Tucson. Throughout these events, community members and clergy stressed the need for HIV/AIDS education, addressing underlying issues, and keeping the message going throughout the year.

Thank you to our participating faith communities:

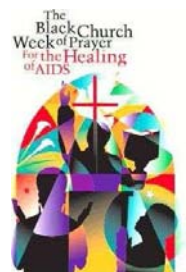
*CrossRoads Church
Gideon Missionary Baptist Church
Grace Temple Missionary Baptist Church
Living Water Ministries
Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church
Mt. Zion Lutheran Church
New Destiny Church International*

*New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church
New Life Worship Center
Revelation Baptist Church
Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church
Shield of Faith Christian Center
Siloam Freewill Church
West Side Church of God*

TIHAN is grateful to these faith communities and our other partners who helped make possible The Black Church Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS:

*Arizona Department of Health Services
Coalition for African American Health & Wellness
COPE Community Services, Inc.
KXCI Community Radio*

*Pima County Health Department
SAAF
Tucson NAACP
Tucson Urban League*



A Mission to Build Knowledge and Skills To Serve

TIHAN has a mission to ensure to our CarePartners and faith communities that we offer competent and knowledgeable volunteers. We offer a variety of trainings throughout the year, including Volunteer Orientation, Care & Support Training*, Speakers' Training, and Continuing Education.



Upcoming events to help build your knowledge and skills:

May 15	Volunteer Orientation
June 3	Continuing Education: Local Resources
June 12	Speakers' Training
July 15	Volunteer Orientation
August 5	Continuing Education: Older Adults and HIV
August 7	Care & Support Training
September 16	Volunteer Orientation
October 2	Speakers' Training
November 6	Care & Support Training

If you would like to attend or assist with any of these events, please contact Natalie Brown at natalie@tihan.org or (520) 299-6647.

* Care & Support Trainings are offered collaboratively with SAAF.





15 Years of Education and Advocacy

15 Years of Service and Support

15 Years of Compassion and Action

In recognition of TIHAN's 15 years of service, please consider making a contribution to support our ongoing work:

\$15/Month Donor

- *A Care Package for someone living with HIV/AIDS
- *Sponsor a Volunteer to Attend our Orientation and Get Involved

\$150 Benefactor

- *Poz Cafe Meals for someone living with HIV/AIDS
- *Sponsor An AIDS Awareness Presentation

\$1,500 Humanitarian

- *CareTeam Support for someone living with HIV/AIDS
- *Sponsor a Training or AIDS Awareness Event

\$15,000 Visionary

- *Sponsor one of TIHAN's programs and services (CareTeams, Poz Cafe, Link Specialist, Faith Community AIDS Education, Congregational Liaisons, Volunteer Trainings)

To explore these or other giving options in support of TIHAN's programs and services, please contact Executive Director Scott Blades at (520) 299-6647 or scott@tihan.org



At TIHAN's Annual Meeting, a host of volunteers, donors, and partners were honored for their outstanding contributions, including the CarePartner Support volunteers pictured above (Wayne Johnson, Tami Arthur, Richard Long, Jenny Hartung, Georgeannie Llamas, Anthony Martinez, Pat Small, and Kim Talerico).

Additional honorees include:

Randy Decker
Grace St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Stephanie Hanson
Michael Kling
Noel Matkin
Steve Rinehart

Melinda Sims
TinaMarie Smith
Wingspan
Woody's
David Zinke

TIHAN's Orientation for New Volunteers

TIHAN's next Volunteer Orientation will take place on Thursday, May 15th from 1:00-5:00pm at the TIHAN office. Volunteer Orientation is a great way to learn more about TIHAN, our volunteer opportunities, HIV/AIDS, and how you can help make a difference in our community. It is also your first step to becoming a volunteer with TIHAN.

If you are interested in attending, or if you would like more information, please email volunteercoordinator@tihan.org or call us at (520) 299-6647.



Drop-In Volunteer Night at TIHAN
Every Tuesday 5:30pm-8:00pm:
Make Friends, Have Fun, and
Make a Difference!

Stop by any Tuesday evening from 5:30pm to 8:00pm for TIHAN's drop-in volunteer night. "Tuesday Nights at TIHAN" is a great opportunity to come out and meet new people, or better acquaint yourself with the ones you already know!

Unlike many of our other volunteer opportunities, no training is required for individuals who want to volunteer at TNT. Feel free to bring friends and family who want to help out with some simple projects.

If possible, call (520) 299-6647 and let us know that you'll be coming so that we can be prepared!

To view TIHAN's
2009 Annual Report
 with its fresh new look and photos,
 visit
www.tihan.org
 then click on "Newsletters & Annual Report"

"It is not how much we do, but how much love we put into the doing. And it is not how much we give but how much love we put into the giving. To God there is nothing small." — **Mother Theresa**



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Help TIHAN Go Green

We at TIHAN are going green – and saving a little green in the process. We would like to start sending our quarterly newsletters via e-mail, rather than sending a paper copy through the post office.

Do you have e-mail? Please call (520) 299-6647 or e-mail our Administrative Assistant, Serena Turley, at serena@tihan.org to let us know your e-mail address.

