



Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network NEWSLETTER

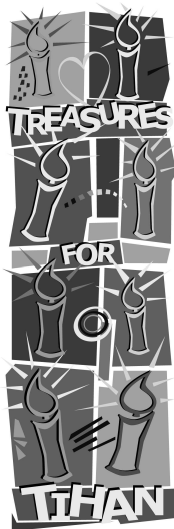
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**Saturday
April 28, 2007
6:30pm
The Pavilion at
La Paloma Resort**

Join us for
live and silent auctions,
great food, cocktails, and
festive entertainment
Attire: urban chic
Tickets: \$65
(\$32 of each ticket is tax-deductible)
Raffle Tickets: \$5 each



Our Special 10th Anniversary Benefit Auction!

"Treasures for TIHAN," the signature fundraising event for the programs and services of TIHAN, celebrates its 10th anniversary on Saturday, April 28 at The Westin La Paloma.

Join co-chairs **Richard Bolanos and Kim Talerico** for a sparkling evening of great music, fantastic food, and wonderful auction items. We are grateful to the evening's **presenting sponsor Keegan, Linscott & Kenon, PC, certified public accountants**, along with other sponsors including Barbara Kaller-Cohen and Kenny Cohen, CODAC Behavioral Health Services, Community Partnership of Southern Arizona, Dean Groth, AHM Mortgage/Yvette Villamana, Desert Diamond Casino, Dr. Kevin Carmichael and Dr. Tejal Parikh, BNC Insurance Alliance of Arizona, and Braun, PC.

Tickets for the event are \$65 (\$32 is tax-deductible), and can be purchased by calling 299-6647 or online at www.tihan.org.

TIHAN is happy to highlight just a few of the auction items that have been donated so far:

- * an **amazing collection of wines** (many in large formats), including a special **"A Bottle of Wine a Week!"** package, a **52-bottle collection of diverse fine wines** that you can bid on!
- * great vacation getaways to **Mexico, Palm Springs**, and a variety of Loews destination properties, including **Loews Vanderbilt (Nashville), Loews Lake Las Vegas Resort**, and **Loews Ventana Canyon Resort**, an oasis right here in our Catalina Foothills.
- * beautiful and fascinating **Native American, African, Mexican, and Middle-eastern masks, kachinas, pottery, woven baskets, rugs**, and other items.
- * a wonderful **jewelry selection**, featuring exquisite pieces from **Lindi's Boutique, Pierini Designer Jewelry, Laurie and Lisa Designs, Grey Dog Trading Company**, and **Laura Gibson Designs**.
- * Like to dine out? Bid on gift certificates to **Tucson's finest restaurants**, including **The Grill at Hacienda del Sol, Pastiche, Gavi Italian Restaurants, PF Chang's China Bistro, J Bar, Colors**, and **Vivace**.
- * **Southwest Interiors, The Art Company, American Home Furnishings, People's Imports, Walter Gaby's Rug Resource, Colonial Frontiers, Explorations**, and many other businesses and individuals are contributing **furniture, textiles, rugs, home furnishings, antiques**, and art items.
- * beautiful **artwork**, including items from some of Tucson's best known artists such as **Louis Via, Jon Lightfoot, Joseph Birdsong, Diana Madaras, Tom Kerrigan, Barbara Smith Ott, Daria Sandburg, Margo Barnes, John Martin, Louise Serpa, Deanna Thibault, John McNulty, Maurice Grossman, Jack Eggman, Eric Galbreath, Tom Philabaum**, and many more.

Late-Breaking News!

TIHAN is excited to announce that **The Esther Fund** has offered to **MATCH** (dollar for dollar) any tax-deductible donations that we receive by April 11.

Give now, and your \$25 donation will become \$50. Your \$250 donation becomes \$500!

The Esther Fund, a donor-advised fund of the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona, is offering this match as part of TIHAN's email appeal that features personal stories from people living with HIV/AIDS, and TIHAN's impact on their lives.

If you are not receiving emails from TIHAN, please let us know (scott@tihan.org) and we will send you our recent series of four emails with personal stories, and a link to our website, where you can make a donation that will be **DOUBLED**. **Act now and make a donation so it can be matched!**



CareTeams: Transforming Shared Burdens Through Hope

by Juanita Molina, Director of CarePartner Support

Martin Luther once said, “Everything that is done in the world is done by hope.” When I think of the incredible work performed every day by the caring community that is TIHAN and the difference that it makes for so many people, I have to say that hope is alive and well in Tucson.

I am blessed to witness daily the accomplishments of our CarePartner Support volunteers. These people weave their devotion to the HIV community into their everyday lives and serve as stepping stones to hope and possibility.

One example is our CareTeam volunteers, who do an amazing job of supporting people living with HIV/AIDS. I am so proud to have Scott McManus, this year’s winner of our Empowerment Award, working on a CareTeam.

Scott told us, “When I and TIHAN intern Uppie first visited with our CarePartner Patrick, I could tell he would never hesitate to make his wants and needs clear to me. Patrick knew his decisions were his to make; he based them on his life experiences. Patrick is one of those individuals who always make you feel good about being with him. He still possesses his wit and wisdom despite the setbacks he encountered this year, and he always pulls through. When Patrick chose to move to St. Louis to join his daughter and family, he asked if this was a burden on any of us. With wry love, Patrick gave us all a new meaning to the word ‘burden’ when he stepped into the picture.”

Patrick’s daughter has an appreciation of Scott as well. “Scott McManus has been a wonderful bright light in my father’s life the last six months,” she said. “My father has a knack for having only the best of people

surrounding him, and Scott quickly went near the ‘top of the list.’ Scott never hesitated to help when my dad would reach out, and if he wasn’t able to accompany him to an appointment, Scott would arrange for my dad to fulfill his needs without ever causing my dad to lose his dignity and grace or feel that he was a burden. Simply put, he was a true friend.”

Interested in Volunteering?
Upcoming Volunteer Orientations:
May 10
July 12

As shown by Scott and Patrick's mutual appreciation and respect,

the support and connection established through the CareTeam program transforms our everyday reality. Other, similarly life-enriching experiences are shared by all of our teams. Even as they hold on to their independence, our CarePartners are supported in their choices as their lives change.

Currently, we have a list of people waiting for a CareTeam, so we need more volunteers to provide this service. If you are interested in participating in this program, please call Juanita at 299-6647.

TIHAN Speakers and Media Training

WE NEED YOU! More than ever before, TIHAN is getting more requests for presentations. In 2006, TIHAN provided AIDS education to over 7,000 people! Now is the time to get trained to help with our education efforts. We have two upcoming trainings, May 19th and July 21st. We cover public speaking, how to tell your story about living with HIV (whether you are affected or infected), how to present an HIV 101 overview, and learning how to give effective media interviews. We hope that you will join us for our Speakers and Media Training.

Strength for the Journey is a retreat for persons living with HIV, sponsored by the United Methodist Church. This year’s retreat at Pine Canyon Camp in the Chiricahua Mountains will be held on May 3-6 . For more information or to register, call 325-2775.

Staying Informed: Continuing Your Education

As volunteers who have completed TIHAN’s training, you know that it is impossible to cover everything in a short amount of time. Since there is so much more that we want to cover to help you respond effectively, we have created monthly Continuing Education presentations. This is an opportunity for you to learn about HIV/AIDS and related issues so that we can better serve people living with HIV. We have experts from the community come to present on a variety of issues (issues that in your evaluations you have requested to learn more about). The continuing education workshops are the first Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm and the locations vary. Please call the TIHAN office to sign up for these education opportunities and for more information.

Upcoming Continuing Education for Volunteers

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| May 3 | Mental Health and HIV |
| June 7 | HIV Medications |
| July 5 | Boundaries |
| August 2 | Substance Abuse |



So What *Is* Planned Giving?

by Timothy Olcott, Esq.

It seems that so often we see the term “planned giving” in various publications from all sorts of nonprofit organizations. So how does planned giving differ from annual giving, for example? Usually, planned giving is defined as the making of charitable gifts that are deferred, and these gifts are usually made from a donor’s assets rather than current income. Here are some examples of planned gifts that might be a part of your estate plans:

1. Include a gift to TIHAN in your will or trust agreement.
2. Name TIHAN as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy.
3. Name TIHAN as a beneficiary of an IRA or other qualified plan.
4. Name TIHAN as a beneficiary of a transfer-on-death (TOD) or payable-on-death (POD) account.
5. Consider creation of a charitable remainder trust under which you retain a stream of income for the term of your life, with the remainder distributed to TIHAN.
6. Consider retaining the use of your home, ranch or farm real estate during your life, but upon death, having the real estate distributed to TIHAN.

When including TIHAN in your estate planning documents, you should refer to TIHAN by its full name---“Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network, Inc., an Arizona nonprofit corporation.”

If you have any interest in learning more about including a planned gift to TIHAN in your estate plans, please contact Scott Blades or your attorney, accountant, or other tax advisor.

AIDSWalk Reminder!

October 14th is AIDSWalk and we want you and your congregation to participate. If you are interested in helping coordinate a walker team from your congregation, and/or you want to help with “Team TIHAN,” please contact Jess at jess@tihan.org



Why do I volunteer at TIHAN? – by Vicki Myers

When I was asked to write about why I volunteer at TIHAN, I thought it would be a simple topic to write about and should not take long. I was wrong!

After many false starts, I finally let my heart do the talking. When I was looking for an organization to “give of myself,” my son suggested TIHAN. He said it was a fantastic organization that would greatly appreciate my volunteer efforts. I made the call, visited, and signed up for orientation. Jess did a great job as facilitator, the speakers who shared their stories were humbling, and I also learned a great deal about HIV/AIDS and TIHAN.

As is so often the case, I have gotten more out of my volunteer efforts than I possibly could give to this wonderful organization. The staff at TIHAN is professional, caring, respectful of others, and passionate about what they do.

When I am at TIHAN, I try to help as much as I am able. The work is fulfilling, keeps me busy, and hones my professional skills. The camaraderie is great to see in a business environment, and the hugs are nice too. TIHAN offers hope, joy, and a non-judgmental and safe atmosphere for all. I am touched and impressed with all the volunteers and visitors, and the commitment of all who walk through the doors.

Dear Volunteers and Friends,

It has been my honor and privilege to work with such an amazing group of people at TIHAN. Your dedication, energy, commitment, and compassion have inspired me. I am sad to be leaving the TIHAN family in mid-May. My husband and I are moving to Minneapolis to join our families. This past year of working with TIHAN has taught me so much and reaffirms my faith. I know that because of our dedicated volunteers and amazing staff, TIHAN will thrive. I have enjoyed every minute of my time here, and I will miss each of you greatly.

During my tenure at TIHAN, we have accomplished so much. The faith community liaisons have a new direction and very creative ideas for outreach in congregations. The Education Committee has tackled event after event and still had time to restructure our volunteer orientations and trainings. Clergy participation is growing. Last year alone, we educated over 7,000 people! The Black Church Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS was a huge success and we are doing the work that needs to be done. I know that a new Director of Education and Community Relations will come in full of energy and excitement and continue to help TIHAN succeed.

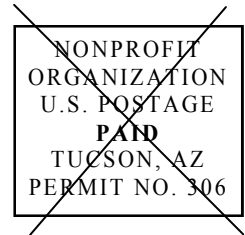
I wish that I could personally tell each of you how much you have meant to me and the work that we do here. And if you ever have any doubts about the importance of your involvement, I am just a phone call or email away. I know that all of you will help the new staff person find his/her way and show them why TIHAN is so fantastic!

Bless each of your hearts and thank you for touching my life.

Jess Knutson, Director of Education and Community Relations



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Poz Cafe Celebrates Milestones

On April 19, we will be commemorating the 100th edition of Poz Cafe! This year ushers in two other milestones for our monthly lunch program for people living with HIV/AIDS: at Poz Cafe we have served our 500th person living with HIV, and we have exceeded 8,500 meals served since this program began in 1999!

National HIV Testing Day!

June 27th is National HIV Testing Day. TIHAN encourages **everyone** to get tested, either at a testing site or at your doctor's office. HIV does not distinguish among race, religion, age, sexual orientation, or gender, so it is important for everyone to be tested. The Centers for Disease Control recommends that everyone be tested for HIV every year as part of your annual physical exam. Doing so will help people who are HIV-positive find out early so that they can monitor their immune system, learn about the disease, and reduce the likelihood of spreading HIV. Take the test, and take control of your future.

Win a Trip to Las Vegas!

Raffle tickets only \$5 each
(or 5 tickets for \$20, or 15 tickets for \$50)

Buy a chance to win one of **10 great prizes:**

**3-day/2-night hotel stay in Las Vegas, and
airfare for two persons from Tucson**

**\$100 gift certificate for fantastic dining at
PF Chang's China Bistro**

**\$100 gift certificate for clothing and
accessories at Lindi's Boutique in Plaza
Palomino**

\$50 gift certificate to SavOn Flowers

And **six more prizes** — including artwork,
jewelry, massage, and gift certificates for dining

**Purchase your raffle tickets online at
www.tihan.org or call 299-6647**

"Treasures for TIHAN" Raffle

Sponsored by PF Chang's China Bistro