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Our Gratitude for Your Holiday Gifts and End-of-Year Generosity

TIHAN and those we serve were blessed by your generosity during the holiday season.

We are grateful for the gifts that individuals and congregations donated for the children of those we serve, as well as for our CarePartners living with HIV/AIDS.

We are grateful for the volunteers who helped organize the party for families, wrapped the gifts, prepared the food, assisted the kids with crafts, and helped the children—and parents—have a great holiday event.

We are grateful for the congregations and their volunteers who helped create a special holiday Poz Café dinner that served a record-setting 184 people.

We are grateful for the organizations and businesses with whom we partnered to maximize resources and be able to serve more people living with HIV.

We are grateful for the donors who stepped forward with leadership and offered the incentive to provide matching gifts for those who made a donation to TIHAN. And to the many individuals, groups, and congregations who responded to that challenge and made contributions to TIHAN, taking advantage of the matching opportunity.

Although it was a challenging year and our overall donations were down 17%, we are grateful to the staff and volunteers who worked hard, with reduced resources, to sustain our programs and services. We are hopeful that the outpouring of generosity in December is a promising sign for 2010.

Thanks for making the December holidays--and every day of the year--brighter for those we serve. Together, we join hands, expand minds, open hearts, touch lives, and move from a world darkened by ignorance, fear, and stigma into a new place lighted by candles of hope. giving and love.

Annual Meeting and Appreciation Party



Monday, February 22nd

Reception begins at 5:30pm

6:00pm-7:00pm: Slide Show / Awards Presentation

St. Michael's and All Angels Episcopal Church
602 N. Wilmot (corner of 5th Street and Wilmot)

This event is a great way to get to know all the people who work so hard at TIHAN, acknowledge TIHAN's dedicated volunteers, and reflect back on our accomplishments in 2009 while indulging in good food and good company!



A PARTY FOR YOU!

Featuring hors d'oeuvres,
our annual slide show highlighting
the people and events of 2009,
a presentation of the 2010 Board of Directors,
and our volunteer recognition awards.

Free—all are welcome!

RSVP to (520) 299-6647

come join the party
meet our staff, board, and volunteers,
and help us recognize outstanding contributions.

Top 10 Volunteer Opportunities

- * Front Desk Receptionists *
- * File Auditors *
- * Data Entry Team Members *
- * Event Facilitators *
- * "Treasures for TIHAN" Auction Volunteers *
- * Grant Writers and Grant Research Volunteers *
- * Fundraising Volunteers *
- * Link Specialists *
- * Faith Community Liaisons *
- * Education Committee Members *

For more information about these volunteer opportunities, contact Katelyn at 299-6647 or katelyn@tihan.org

Wow! Do You Know What Happened in the 4th Quarter of 2009? It's Quite Amazing...

Here are just a few of the things that happened:

Member faith communities talked about HIV/AIDS/TIHAN during worship or other regular services, reaching more than 1,100 people

2,300 people learned about TIHAN's services and volunteer opportunities through information tables at community events

7,210 faith community newsletters and bulletins contained TIHAN announcements or HIV/AIDS facts

TIHAN participated in several community events, including National Latino AIDS Awareness Day, AIDSWALK, and World AIDS Day

Contact Natalie Brown, TIHAN's Director of Education and Community Relations, natalie@tihan.org or 299-6647, to get resources to keep your faith community connected to TIHAN. All TIHAN's presentations and educational material are provided free of charge.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

February 22	Annual Meeting and Volunteer Appreciation Event
March 7-13	Black Church Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS
March 9	Education Committee Meeting
March 11	Orientation for New Volunteers
March 12	Gospel Concert (free)
March 18	Poz Cafe
April 1	Continuing Education: Spirituality and HIV
April 15	Poz Cafe

Update: Exploration of Collaboration Possibilities with SAAF and Wingspan

Over the past several months, TIHAN has been exploring possibilities for further collaboration with two agencies with whom we already partner: Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) and Wingspan.

With the assistance of independent consultant Laura Alexander and Associates (through funding from the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona), TIHAN's board, staff, and key volunteers participated in an internal assessment of our strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and readiness/willingness to collaborate.

One of the outcomes of this process is a commitment to enhance communication and familiarity between the staff and boards of TIHAN, SAAF, and Wingspan, and to plan gatherings of program staff, as well as some administrative staff, to explore possibilities for further collaboration in key areas.

Stay tuned for further updates over the coming months as we explore how we can be the best stewards of our mission and resources. As always, if you have feedback about this process or collaborative possibilities, please contact Scott Blades, TIHAN Executive Director, at scott@tihan.org, or TIHAN's Board representatives Tom Muller at mullert@email.arizona.edu or Dave Fredricks at mdfredricks@gmail.com

gratitude

"The comfort of knowing there are folks there to help if I need it is a huge burden lifted. I can focus on being as healthy as possible without stress. God bless you all--all the TIHAN family!!"

—a person living with HIV, from our anonymous CarePartner satisfaction survey

Volunteer Impact Reports

Please remember to turn in your volunteer impact report at the end of each month. The form is available on our website www.tihan.org and can be submitted via e-mail (katelyn@tihan.org), fax (784-0620), mail, or in person (1011 North Craycroft #301, 85711).

"Treasures for TIHAN"—A Benefit Auction

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



Become an event sponsor

If you or your business/group wants to be a sponsor for "Treasures for TIHAN," please let us know.

Sponsorship levels begin at \$500, and each level offers you a host of benefits, including free tickets, publicity, and great karma! Come on board and help us make this another grand event!

Tickets:

\$40 each, or two for \$70
(\$50 at the door)

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

*This year we will be honoring
"10 Mothers We Treasure"*

We are now accepting donations of auction items—artwork, travel, fine dining gift certificates, textiles, antiques, jewelry, rugs, unique gift items, ceramics, event tickets, trips, hotel/condo/bed & breakfast stays, massages, or other items for our auction.

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

Win \$1,000 Cash in our Treasures Raffle

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

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

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"[TIHAN Link Specialists] are very quick to attend to my needs. Very, very helpful."
—a person living with HIV, from our anonymous CarePartner satisfaction survey



Remembering Maurice Grossman

Maurice Grossman, a longtime donor and volunteer with TIHAN and a true icon in our local arts and social justice communities, passed away on January 21. Maurice lived life so fully, and his smile would always light up the room. Every year, Maurice donated his amazing ceramics for our Treasures for TIHAN auction, and he made sure to solicit artwork for our event from his many art students and colleagues. He was also passionate about GLBT issues, progressive politics, voter registration, and the arts. TIHAN is proud to be among the many organizations to which Maurice dedicated his time, talents, and treasures. He was a colorful man and a great soul, and TIHAN and all of us are better because of Maurice.

Black Church Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS

African American people represent a disproportionately large percentage of people living with HIV/AIDS. As part of our commitment to addressing this disparity, TIHAN is proud to lead the annual commemoration of the Black Church Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS, an important series of awareness-raising events, from March 7-13, 2010.

It will be a powerful interdenominational week of prayer, education, and action.



Tuesday, March 9
Clergy Luncheon
11:00am
Rising Star MBC
(private event for clergy only)

Thursday, March 11
Family Night
6:00pm
Siloam Freewill Church
628 East Adams Street
Free Admission

Saturday, March 13
Gospel Concert
7:00pm
Grace Temple MBC
1019 East 31st Street
Free Admission

Contact Natalie Brown, natalie@tihan.org or 299-6647, for more information or to get involved.

Gifts Made to TIHAN in Memory and In Honor of Loved Ones

(includes gifts received by TIHAN between October 1 and December 31, 2009)

In memory of

Ralph Anderson	Myron Morris
Stephen Andre	Myron Morris
Art	Myron Morris
Gary Baker	Myron Morris
Jethro & Mabel Battle	Myron Morris
Paul Blades	Myron Morris
Joanne Grose Blohm	Myron Morris
Steven Boyer	Myron Morris
Bob & Helen Brink	Myron Morris
Bob & Helen Brink	Stuart Naidich
John Cannell	Frank Omregcik
Jeffrey Chapman	Kristin Rahn
David Cohn	Kristin Rahn
Bill Craven	Ray
Jim Crouch	Ronald Schuyler
David	Frank Smith
Carl Lewis Druckman	Craig Snow
Rita Fortin	Jim Valiton
Penny Geror Danks	Jim Valiton
Jim	Mike Vining
Eric Lavers	Mike Vining
Lacey Laws	John Voytas
Lacey Laws	Peter Vom Lehn
Bill McManus	David & Anita Wade
Betty Miller	Laurie Webster
Myron Morris	James W. Wohlwend
Myron Morris	The Yard Dog

In honor of

David Scott Allen & Mark Sammons	Tina MacBeth
Ann Baldwin	Sharon & Larry Malcolmson
Janet Bardwell	Kris Marsh
Luis Barraza	John Martin
Beth	Noel Matkin & Jim Sincox
Gerry Blades	Terry McCormick
Scott Blades	Katelyn McDonald
Scott Blades	Annie McGreevy & Quentin
Scott Blades	Lewton
Scott Blades	Scott McManus
Scott Blades	Doris Morris
Scott Blades	Norman & Sandy Morris
Scott Blades	Phil Moul
Jackie Blue	Tom & Cheryl Muller
Phil Bossenbroek	Tom & Cheryl Muller
Dave Braun	Tom Muller
Natalie Brown	Tom Murray
Eunice & Bill Carlson	Loraine Nordlinger
Barbara Cohen	Tim Olcott
Robert Crabtree	Lisa Oyler
Cathy Davis	Harry Parratt & Richard Weber
Jim Doherty, Nikki Westra, & Corey	Jane Perri
Noel Floresca & Jon Stetson	Sarah Pratt
Greg Foraker	Linda Ronstadt
Dave Fredricks	Bridget Ruiz
Friends at St Andrew's	Melinda Sims
Bunny Fufu	Pat & Shelby Small
Linda Girard	Janet Smith
Linda Girard	Walter Stackman
Troy Goodwin	Mike Steinberg & Alan Taylor
Aimee Graves	Kalyn Stith
Brad Hart & Jay Jones	The Stith Family
Jenny Hartung	Ken Sullivan & Jerry Geller
Soozie Hazan	Dean R. Taylor
Joseph Heller	Kim & Dan Talerico
Audrey Holland	TIHAN's Board of Directors
Leslie Johnson	Tim & Matt
Barbara Kaller-Cohen & Kenny Cohen	Steve Trujillo
Ari Kelly	Serena Turley
Tom Kerrigan	Deb Van Sant
Allen Kinzey	V
Lora & Michael King	Peggy Williams
Clyde Kunz	Steve Zack
Lindi Laws	David Zinke
Lindi Laws	

Surveying our CarePartners and Volunteers

To help assess how we are doing and how we can improve, TIHAN is sending out satisfaction surveys for CarePartners and for volunteers.

Please take a few moments and complete the survey. Your feedback is very important to us. Thank you!

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"You are essential in my life."

—a person living with HIV, from our anonymous
CarePartner satisfaction survey

TIHAN Orientation for New Volunteers

TIHAN's next Volunteer Orientation will take place on Thursday, March 11th from 5:15pm-9:15pm at the First Congregational UCC (1350 N. Arcadia Avenue). 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 contact Volunteer Resources Coordinator Katelyn McDonald at (520) 299-6647 or katelyn@tihan.org

gratitude

"TIHAN helps me appreciate what I have, and brightens my day. You let me know there are people out there that understand."

—a person living with HIV, from our anonymous CarePartner satisfaction survey



Scott Blades Receives Rainbow Keshet Award

The LGBT Jewish Inclusion Project, Temple Emanu-El, and the Israel Center presented their first-ever Rainbow Keshet Awards to local community activists and leaders who have made a difference in Tucson's LGBT Community and whose gifts of service to the community exemplify the Jewish values of: performing tzedakah and tikkun olam (to do righteous acts that repair the world).

2010 Rainbow Keshet Award Recipients

Ivy Schwartz MD, Medical Director of Compass Health Behavioral Care

Michael Mandel, Director of Transitional Housing for Primavera Foundation

Scott Blades, Executive Director of Tucson Interfaith HIV / AIDS Network

Jennifer Hoefle, Program Director for LGBTQ Affairs at the University of Arizona

The awards were presented by Arizona State Legislator Matt Heinz (State Legislative District 29) at a pre-show VIP Reception prior to the Habanot Nechama concert at Temple Emanu-El.

The award winners are pictured above along with Rep. Heinz and event organizers Lori Riegel (Temple Emanu-El Religious School Director) and Marc Paley (Director of the LGBT Jewish Inclusion Project at the Jewish Federation of Southern Arizona).

Does TIHAN Have Your Accurate E-mail Address?

One of our New Year's resolutions for 2010 is to streamline our donor acknowledgement process. We will be sending our donor acknowledgements via e-mail for donors who have an e-mail address on file. This will help us save money on printing and postage. Plus, it will help us thank our donors in a more timely fashion.

If you would prefer to receive an electronic thank you letter for your financial support of TIHAN, please contact Serena Turley, Administrative Assistant, to make sure that we have an accurate e-mail address on file for you. Email her at serena@tihan.org, or call 299-6647.



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 Café 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 Café, 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 299-6647 or scott@tihan.org

Administrative Support: Great Volunteer Opportunities

Work in the TIHAN office, where you get to interact with other volunteers, CarePartners, donors, and friends of TIHAN. Share or hone your office skills. Some of the volunteer opportunities available include:

Receptionist: Answer phones, greet visitors, use the computer, and perform other office tasks. Schedule is variable, depending on TIHAN's scheduling needs.

Data Entry: Use your accurate typing skills to enter data from hand-written documents; work as many hours per week as you like.

For more information about these openings, contact Serena Turley, Administrative Assistant (serena@tihan.org), or to sign up for one of our Volunteer Orientation sessions, contact Katelyn McDonald, Volunteer Resources Coordinator (katelyn@tihan.org), or 299-6647.

So What Does TIHAN Need?

TIHAN publishes a "Wish List" of items we encourage people to donate as "in-kind" gifts to TIHAN. This list currently includes:

Office equipment and furnishings, such as a locking two-drawer filing cabinet and a desk chair with adequate back support.

Office supplies, such as Avery 5160 address labels for laser printers, a digital camera, and reams of multi-purpose letter-size paper.

Items for Poz Cafe, such as a meat thermometer, can openers, and food-quality busing trays.

Items for care packages for CarePartners, such as toilet tissue, toothpaste, paper towels, soap, and household cleaning supplies.

To learn what is on our current Wish List, visit our website, www.tihan.org and click on the word "Donate" in the blue bar at the top of the page. Or call our office at 299-6647 and ask the receptionist volunteer to mail or fax you our wish list.

For more information, contact Serena Turley, Administrative Assistant, at 299-6647 or serena@tihan.org

What You Might Miss If You Don't Read TIHAN's Monthly E-newsletter:

Bonkers!—each month, we choose a volunteer that we are "bonkers" about and have a photo of this honored volunteer along with Bonkers, our TIHAN monkey!


Volunteer spotlight—learn a little more about that TIHAN volunteer that you see from time to time but have never had a chance to sit and talk with. TIHAN has a plethora of fascinating and colorful people, and our volunteer spotlight gives you the rest of the story behind a different volunteer each month.

HIV test question—check your knowledge of HIV with our monthly question. Whether it's question about HIV transmission, treatment, law, or demographics, research, or some new HIV development, our test question aims to keep you current and informed.

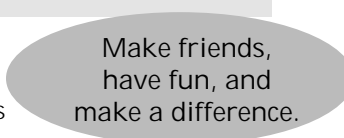
Late-breaking updates about local events, and last-minute reminders about things coming up.

Stay in the loop by getting a once-a-month email newsletter from TIHAN.

To sign up, email serena@tihan.org or visit www.tihan.org then click on "Newsletters & Annual Report."



* TNT * Tuesday Nights at TIHAN!



Make friends,
have fun, and
make a difference.

Spend an hour or two with us at TIHAN.

Every Tuesday Night from 5:30-8:00pm

We have a variety of projects—feel free to bring friends and family

No Training Needed.

"To love and be loved is to feel the sun from both sides."
~David Viscott

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1011 N. Craycroft Rd #301

(near Speedway and Craycroft)

Rincon Congregational
United Church of Christ
members Patty Angiulo,
Minta Keyes DVM, and
Randy Decker *present a check*
to TIHAN Executive
Director Scott Blades



**Rincon Blesses TIHAN's
CarePartners with
Funds to Assist with
Food and Hunger Issues**

TIHAN has received a gift of \$5,000 from Rincon Congregational Church (United Church of Christ) to assist with our food programs.

The gift, made possible by the Dunham Trust Fund at Rincon, was awarded by the Justice and Witness Ministries Committee of the church. "As a congregation concerned about social justice and the needs of those in our community facing difficult challenges, we were very happy to have received this gift from the Dunham family, offering their legacy to help feed the hungry and address the needs of the disabled and the homeless. We are grateful to pass it on and help address those critical needs in our community," said committee co-chair Minta Keyes.

The funds will be used to support TIHAN's programs focusing on addressing hunger and nutritional support for people living with HIV/AIDS. Nutritional support plays a key role in the health and well-being of people living with HIV/AIDS, and this donation will greatly increase TIHAN's ability to provide good healthy meals and nutritional support to those we serve.

Thank you, Rincon!

About Rincon Congregational United Church of Christ:

Rincon Congregational United Church of Christ prides itself on being a welcoming and progressive Christian community that believes in a God who is more about grace than judgment. For more information about Rincon Congregational United Church of Christ, visit www.rinconucc.com



Pledge Forms Available Online

To let us know of your plans to support TIHAN in 2010, please complete a pledge form. Forms are available on our website www.tihan.org, then click on the tab "Donate" and download our 2010 pledge form. Thank you!

gratitude

"Great idea having a luncheon and social time for people living with HIV/AIDS. Great job...good food, great cooks and volunteers at Poz Café. I'm very grateful for all your help, support and understanding through compassion."

—a person living with HIV, from our anonymous CarePartner satisfaction survey

Faith Communities & Liaisons

Each year, we ask our faith community liaisons to fill out an action plan of their ideas to keep their faith community involved in TIHAN. Popular action items in 2009 were:

1. Help co-sponsor at least one Poz Cafe
2. Have your liaison attend at least three quarterly meetings
3. Publicize TIHAN volunteer trainings in your bulletin/newsletter
4. Have a representative from your community attend TIHAN's Annual Meeting
5. Include TIHAN insert in a bulletin or newsletter
6. Conduct at least one drive for toiletry items for Poz MarketPlace

Way to go! Thank you to our faith communities and liaisons for increasing compassion and decreasing stigma for people living with HIV in our community.



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Amazing people, great events, important programs!

gratitude

"TIHAN is a good organization because it makes us people living with HIV feel loved and needed in society. In every help and support you offer, I greatly appreciate it."

—a person living with HIV, from our anonymous CarePartner satisfaction survey

Save the Dates!

Monday, February 22, at 5:30pm
Annual Meeting and Volunteer
Appreciation Party

Saturday, May 22, at 4:00pm
"Treasures for TIHAN" Benefit Auction

Join Us on Facebook!

Did you know that TIHAN is on Facebook? Join the TIHAN Facebook group to get the latest news on upcoming events and volunteer opportunities. The group is private, and our membership list is visible only to other group members to protect the confidentiality of everyone involved. Log onto www.facebook.com, do a search for TIHAN, and find out what this social networking thing is all about!

