

AIDS TASK FORCE, INC.

Serving northeast Indiana since 1985

Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Huntington, Kosciusko, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, Wabash, Wells, Whitley

Report for the year ending December 31, 2012

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the AIDS Task Force, Inc. in northeast Indiana is to help improve the quality of life for men, women, and children with HIV and AIDS, to educate the community in order to decrease the incidence of HIV and STD infection, and to increase the public's understanding of and compassionate response to HIV and AIDS.

STATEMENT OF CORE VALUES

We believe that people who are HIV-positive deserve compassionate assistance in living full lives. We believe that public knowledge about HIV and AIDS can contribute to lower rates of infection, better understanding of the disease, and less discrimination against those who are HIV-positive. Finally, we believe that participation of diverse populations in all aspects of the organization improves the quality of service for everyone involved with the AIDS Task Force.

PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In 2012, the AIDS Task Force addressed two concerns that motivated its volunteer founders in 1985: care for those infected with HIV or living with AIDS and education about the prevention of HIV infection. The task force is the contracted AIDS Service Organization for the Indiana State Department of Health's Region 3, which covers eleven northeast Indiana counties.

The care coordination department helped HIV-positive individuals receive care and support to improve on their quality of life and to remain self-sufficient for as long as possible. In 2012, 419 clients accessed internal and external community resources that included insurance, housing and utility assistance, nutrition, medical care and treatment, legal help, education, support groups, and counseling. Care coordination services are enhanced by a Spanish-speaking care coordinator, support specialist for clients with substance use issues, and a housing coordinator. The task force owns and operates a 19-unit residence for persons living with HIV.

The outreach services department provided prevention education, awareness, and outreach to at-risk and underserved populations, as well as the general public. Specific prevention programs targeted youth, women, African Americans, rural residents, and other underserved populations. To raise awareness, staff members attended a number of health and community events and conducted street outreach. During the year, more than 7,500 residents of northeast Indiana gained new knowledge about HIV, AIDS, STDs, and viral Hepatitis.

Volunteers worked with professional staff in providing direct services to HIV-positive persons, assisted with client transportations, made educational presentations, and helped with office work, committee projects, and event planning.

In addition to work with HIV-positive people and ongoing educational efforts, the AIDS Task Force raised community awareness through public events like National Black HIV Awareness Day in February, National Day of Testing in June, National Latino HIV Awareness Day in October, and World AIDS Day in December.

To raise funds for its programs and to build AIDS awareness, the task force sponsored the 16th annual AIDS Walk or "Vive le Rouge" in May. In October the AIDS Task Force received funds raised by the gay and lesbian community at the 24th annual Lesbian and Gay Dinner Dance, for which the task force is fiscal agent and financial recipient of funds raised.

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The AIDS Task Force is a Partner Agency of the United Way of Allen County.*

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Indiana State Department of Health

Indiana Housing & Community

Development Authority

St. Joseph Community Health Foundation

United Way of Allen County

PHP Foundation

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Dinner Dance (food pantry)

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and on the task force web site, www.aidsfortwayne.org.*