

HIV Edmonton & Pride 2007

HIV Edmonton is all about community development and recognizing those members of community whose efforts and selflessness have contributed greatly to our spirit and mosaic. It is to this end that HIV Edmonton is pleased to announce our sponsorship of the **2007 Annual Pride Awards** being held at **Edmonton City Hall** on **Friday, June 15th at 7:00 PM.**

HIV Edmonton is also proud to announce the creation of the **HIV Edmonton Youth Leadership Award** that is to be awarded at the Annual Pride Awards to a youth or person who has worked and/or volunteered with the LGBTQ youth community. The Youth Leadership Award includes a **\$300.00 bursary** for education. For more information on Pride Week events, please go to www.prideedmonton.org.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

HIV Edmonton Web Site

Strategic Intent: Our goal is to redesign the existing HIV Edmonton web site to accurately represent the mandate, philosophy, and services of the organization. The web site should be interactive, easily accessible to low literacy individuals with information in a relevant format. We require that our site also becomes a reference point for professional education, health and social service providers and easily linked to other HIV/AIDS service organizations and HIV/AIDS related web sites.

Proposals are to be sent to Robert Smith, *Research, Evaluation & Communication Coordinator* by **June 15, 2007**. Decision will be made known, in writing, by **June 22, 2007**.

For a full copy of the Request for Proposal, please call Robert at (780) 488-5742, ext 230 email men@hivedmonton.com

Become a member of HIV Edmonton!

HIV Edmonton is a community based organization that aspires to be accountable to the communities we serve. Our staff and volunteers provide resources and education promoting prevention; outreach and support to those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS; and actively fosters awareness and education around barriers like stigma and discrimination and their impact on community health and wellness. HIV Edmonton is currently involved in linking communities around HIV/AIDS and all that it impacts.

Being a member of HIV Edmonton gives you an opportunity to get involved in this exciting work through volunteering, sponsoring, donating resources and voting at our Annual General Meeting. For more information or to become a member of HIV Network of Edmonton Society (HIV Edmonton) please call Sue Ann at 488-5742, ext 221 or email reception@hivedmonton.com

Letter from Executive Director and Chair of the Board

Deborah Jakubec, Executive Director & Sarah Hayward, Acting Chair of Board of Directors

Our Vision

HIV Edmonton works with the whole community, in a global context, ensuring:

- **There are no new HIV infections.**
- **People living with HIV live longer, healthier lives, free of stigma.**
- **Everyone affected by HIV gets the services they need without barriers or discrimination.**

Our Mission

HIV Edmonton works with those infected with, affected by and at risk of HIV. We work collaboratively to provide education, support and advocacy.

The past year has been one of strengthening and renewal for the HIV Network of Edmonton Society (HIV Edmonton). Together, the board and staff have ensured a clear common vision, welcomed and celebrated our partnerships, and provided distinctive, relevant services to Edmonton and the Capital Health area communities.

We take pride in staying on the cutting edge of HIV/AIDS prevention, education and support, so that our programs for people living with HIV/AIDS continuously improve and respond quickly to new trends and research. This means that we pay attention not only to what services we deliver, but how we deliver them.

Having involved our stakeholders and communities in an evaluation of our organizational effectiveness, we developed a strategic plan to guide HIV Edmonton's actions over the next 3 years. Our renewed vision and mission express our ongoing commitment to help those infected with, affected by or at risk of HIV, and our conviction that the problems of HIV and AIDS are community problems that will take the collaborative efforts of many partners to alleviate. We recognize that the challenges faced by people living with HIV/AIDS result as much from stigma as from illness. This too is a challenge for our whole community, and HIV Edmonton is committed to working together with all people concerned.

We are proud to work with many partners to address the challenge of HIV/AIDS. The needs of each community are different, and

we are a small agency. As we continue to work in ways that meet the specific needs of specific groups, we will focus on collaboration with other agencies to extend our reach and to integrate HIV services across many aspects of health care and social care.

We are also very proud of HIV Edmonton's outstanding staff of dedicated experts, who devote their lives to the cause of HIV/AIDS prevention and care. This year, our Counseling team provided support to a diverse group of individuals living with HIV and those at risk, offering a safe space for many people, especially those newly diagnosed. Our Community Development team continued our strong push for education of youth by expanding our training to include **Triple Threat: Slick, Sexy & Smart**, a youth-to-youth program funded by the Wild Rose Foundation.

Our Peer Program trained seven people from diverse backgrounds to provide peer support to others, and assisted in the planning of the **Alberta Positive Voices Conference (APVC)** held in March. We are delighted that funds from the conference will help develop a provincial Positive Peer Network throughout Alberta, through the Alberta Community Council on HIV.

Our fundraising and awareness events have matured and expanded. This is the third year of **Spring for Life**; through which we sold 1,200 bunches of gerbera's at a variety of venues. This year demonstrated that Spring for Life is destined to become a signature event each year. Our long-established **Walk for Life** continues to provide the community and our partners with an opportunity to come together in support of our work, and that of other community agencies, against HIV/AIDS. This time-honored fall event joins us in solidarity with those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS, here and around the world, and signals to the greater community that we will work together until the pandemic ends.

We would especially like to thank HIV Edmonton's committed and energetic Board of Directors, every one of whom has given freely of time, expertise, wisdom and insight this year. Through this commitment, HIV Edmonton has revitalized the agency's operations, strengthened its purpose, and assured good governance. We look forward to our continued work throughout the community of Edmonton.