

THE FRONTLINE

POSITIVE RESOURCE CENTER

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Dear Friend,

I would like to direct your focus to the importance of Tuesday, April 18 – [National Transgender HIV Testing Day](#). For far too long our healthcare system has been behind the times in competent treatment and services for our transgender and gender non-binary citizens. It is long past due for that to change. By making HIV testing accessible for everyone, especially for anyone underrepresented, we take one more step forward to ensuring the health and well-being of our community.

I hope that you will also join me and Positive Resource Center this Thursday, April 20 for Give OUT Day. It is the only national day of giving for the LGBTQ community – a 24-hour online fundraising event that unites donors and nonprofit organizations from across the country to raise critically needed funds. You can read more about the [ways to help us on Give OUT Day here](#).

On behalf of all of us at Positive Resource Center, thank you for your continued support!



Brett Andrews
Chief Executive Officer

DONATE TODAY

Give OUT Day – Thursday, April 20

Please join us in improving your community by helping its most vulnerable members through a donation of just \$10 or more on Give OUT Day. [Join our fundraising team or make your pledge today!](#)

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national day of giving for the LGBTQ community – a 24-hour online fundraising event that unites donors and nonprofit organizations from across the country to raise critically needed funds.

Your gift will provide people affected by HIV/AIDS, substance use or mental health issues integrated legal, social, and health services. You can help them stabilize their housing, secure public benefits, overcome health issues, and find employment. And, most importantly, by giving them hope and a path to new opportunities!

You can make an even greater impact on the lives of our clients by becoming a **PRC fundraiser** for Give OUT Day. Let your friends and family know about this incredible day of giving and how they too can help us on Thursday, April 20.

[Click here to become a PRC fundraiser for Give OUT Day!](#)

It doesn't matter how much you give,
or what you give, only that you give.

GIVE **OUT** DAY

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MAKE A DONATION
BECOME A FUNDRAISER

Funder Spotlight: AIDS Walk San Francisco

AIDS Walk San Francisco began in 1987, making this their 31st year. Many people participate because they lost friends and family members, and the Walk is one of the ways that they honor their loved ones on an annual basis. The biggest change this year is that they intend to directly confront the new administration's actions to dismantle, stifle, and roll back lifesaving progress in the fight against AIDS.

In the face of the gravest threats to people living with HIV/AIDS since the Reagan era, AIDS Walk San Francisco is pushing back hard to say "Not in the Bay Area. Not on our watch," and "Respond, Resist, and Register for AIDS Walk." This is a community of caring people with an extraordinary history of activism, who are not going to sit idly by as the health and well-being of women, immigrants, people with chronic diseases, and so many others are threatened, healthcare is rolled back, and safety nets are slashed.



"Positive Resource Center's effectiveness in helping clients access government benefits, stable housing, and emergency assistance falls right in line with what is needed today, as we face the uncertain future of healthcare and cuts to other social services." – AIDS Walk San Francisco

The most important and challenging effort for them is that of galvanizing the community to raise funds and recruit their friends and family to join them. While they certainly make use of all the modern outreach tools available, their essential methods would be familiar to grassroots organizers in any decade: fostering relationships, providing participants with the resources that they need to fundraise, and reaching out with compelling messages that speak to what their hard-earned fundraising efforts are doing to help people. And, of course, they strive to make sure the work of the community culminates in a meaningful and memorable experience at the event itself.

[Read the full Q & A with AIDS Walk San Francisco here](#)

Join PRC and AEF for the SF AIDS Walk!

Sunday, July 16, 2017

9:00am - 1:00pm

Sharon Meadow

Golden Gate Park

San Francisco

Join Team PRC for AIDS Walk San Francisco and enjoy a day in Golden Gate Park with our staff to help raise vital funds for our programs. Funds raised by our team come back to PRC to support our work with people affected by HIV/AIDS or mental health disabilities. AIDS Walk San Francisco is 10 kilometers (6.2 miles) and the Walk begins and ends in Sharon Meadow and usually takes about 2.5 hours to complete.

Joining the team is easy!

[Register online](#) for Positive Resource Center and AIDS Emergency Fund's Team #0965.

Click the "Join Our Team" button to start your registration.

Or contact Cal Callahan at (415) 558-6999 x245 for registration help.

National Transgender HIV Testing Day

National Transgender HIV Testing Day, April 18, 2017, is a day to recognize the importance of routine HIV testing, status awareness, and continued focus on HIV prevention and treatment efforts among transgender and gender non-binary people.

[Click here to find your nearest HIV Testing Site.](#)



Love Life and Stop AIDS: Reflections on National Transgender HIV Testing Day

By Gayle Roberts

When I transitioned more than 16 years ago, I lost my job, some of my immediate family (including my long-time partner), and I struggled to find employment and acceptance. For years I internalized that rejection and my lack of self-confidence sometimes led me to look for love and belonging in ways that put me at high risk for HIV transmission. I routinely avoided healthcare examinations because of the trauma of having my body scrutinized by inexperienced doctors.

While trans people are becoming increasingly visible and acknowledged, particularly with more youth and children coming out at younger ages, a significant number of us are still being rejected by our families every year. We continue to face police profiling and incarceration simply for "walking while trans" on public streets. The backlash through the so-called "bathroom bills" across the country (which prohibit us from relieving ourselves in private) is the just most recent coordinated attempt to legislate away our existence.

Ultimately, I've discovered that living my life authentically, openly, and proud is the best thing I can do to protect and care for myself and others. So, it is no surprise I find myself now working at Positive Resource Center. At PRC, we help HIV-positive trans clients and others stabilize their housing, overcome substance and mental health issues, secure income and healthcare benefits, develop the skills to find and keep a job, and most importantly, give them hope and a path toward new opportunities.

[Read Gayle's full story here.](#)

Pride Brunch Tickets Now On Sale!

Gary Virginia and Donna Sachet's

19th Annual Pride Brunch

Saturday, June 24, 2017

11:00am - 2:00pm

Hotel Whitcomb

1231 Market Street

San Francisco

[Get your tickets here!](#)



Rated by many as their favorite event during SF Pride weekend, **Gary Virginia & Donna Sachet's 19th Annual Pride Brunch** honors the Grand Marshals of the SF LGBT Pride Parade and affords guests a rare

opportunity to meet and hear them speak. The three-hour, spectacular benefit starts with rousing musical entertainment by the **Dixieland Dykes +3**, hosted bars by **Barefoot Wine & Bubbly** and **Tito's Handmade Vodka**, and the Grand Ballroom festooned with rainbow bunting, balloons, and florals.

Take a chance on exciting raffle prizes or bid on dozens of tempting auction items while enjoying the unlimited gourmet buffet. Annually this sold-out event attracts City officials, LGBT movers and shakers, and a colorful crowd of revelers.

For more information on Pride Brunch, please [visit our Facebook page](#).



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Volunteer With Us

Join the cool kids and be a volunteer!

We are currently looking for weekday, daytime volunteers to help in the office. Please let us know if you are interested in either volunteer opportunity listed below:

Pride Brunch Silent Auction Committee

We are looking for 4-6 committed volunteers to help with various activities related to the Silent Auction of Pride Brunch 2017. Volunteer duties include verification of contact information via online research and phone calls, assistance with a large-scale mailing, follow up phone calls after mail solicitations, in-person solicitations in key neighborhoods like the Castro, Union Square, SOMA and Downtown, and tracking donations.

To volunteer for the Pride Brunch Silent Auction Committee, please contact Sean Greene directly at seang@positiveresource.org or 415.558.6999 x230.



Storage Clean Up

We are in need of many volunteers who are able to lift and move boxes and perform a number of duties related to organizing and tidying up our storage unit located South of Market in San Francisco. These shifts will be happening during the daytime work hours (Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm) in mid-May.

To volunteer for Storage Clean Up, please contact Cal Callahan directly at cal.callahan@aef-sf.org or 415.558.6999 x245.

If you are interested in other fun upcoming volunteer opportunities, meeting new people, and engaging the community, [sign up to volunteer here](#).



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