



Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network

Helping People with HIV to Live Well

## NEWSLETTER

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The year's biggest fundraising event and party to support our programs and services!

### JOIN US:

- ◆ **Donations** of auction items are now being accepted!  
*Gift certificates, trips and travel, celebrity items, jewelry, gift baskets, textiles, event tickets, and more!*
- ◆ **Event sponsorships** available, at various levels, starting at \$500 (with lots of perks at each supporting level!)
- ◆ **Volunteer opportunities**—in advance, as well as on the day of the event.  
*Marketing, errands, event setup, silent auction monitors, and more!*
- ◆ **Event Tickets:** on sale for \$65 in advance or \$75 at the door—event tickets available online at [www.tihan.org](http://www.tihan.org)
- ◆ **Raffle tickets:** For only \$5, get a chance to win \$1,000 cash and other great prizes! (or buy 5 tickets for \$20, or 15 tickets for \$50) - raffle tickets available online at [www.tihan.org](http://www.tihan.org)

For more information or to support Treasures for TIHAN 2017, contact Scott at (520) 299-6647 ext 202 or [scott@tihan.org](mailto:scott@tihan.org)

### “Treasures for TIHAN” Event Volunteer Opportunities

*This may be a fun and gratifying opportunity for YOU!*

We're looking for 100 volunteers to make this event awe-inspiring! We have volunteer opportunities the day before, the day of, the day after Treasures – and even in the weeks ahead of the event, too. Come join the fun! It's easy to sign up – visit [www.tihan.org](http://www.tihan.org), click on the Treasures logo, then go to “How to Volunteer,” fill in the online form, and we'll put you on our list! You can also stop by our office for a paper form, or contact Dennis today at 299-6647 ext 206 or [VolunteerCoordinator@tihan.org](mailto:VolunteerCoordinator@tihan.org)

### Some Treasures You Can Bid On!

Great Dining Experiences at Blue Willow, Café Poca Cosa, North Italia, Hacienda del Sol, El Saguarito, Vero Amore, Noble Hops, Tavolino Restaurante Italiano, and more.

Travel and Outings including roundtrip tickets on Southwest Airlines, Tubac Golf Resort and Spa, lunch with Tucson Mayor Jonathan Rothschild, JW Marriott Starr Pass, Oro Valley Country Club, Verde Canyon Railroad, and many other trips and travel excursions around and outside of Arizona.

Jewelry by Laurie and Lisa Designs, Kendra Scott, Cloud Dancer Jewelry Studio, Sunrise Jewelers, and more great jewelers.

Services including massages, facials, swim lessons, portrait photography, Pilates, framing, storage, gym membership, estate planning, home appraisal, income tax preparation, photo montage, auto detailing, yoga, and lots more!

Tickets to sporting events in Tucson and Phoenix, plus museums, theatres, ballet, concerts, symphony, exhibits, and many other special events in our area. Plus lots more great items!

## Your Donations = Oral Health and Hygiene

Did you know that the Egyptians were the first people to use toothpaste, and that early toothpaste ingredients included items such as burnt eggshells, oyster shells, charcoal and bark?

It wasn't until the late 1800s when toothpaste actually became a paste, not a powder; and fluoride was only introduced in 1914.

We've come a long way since then, but toothpaste remains a key necessity for a great smile and good oral health. To ensure that each CarePartner living with HIV who visits the TIHAN office receives a tube of toothpaste in their CarePackage, we need at least 70 tubes donated each month.



Consider picking up a few tubes of ADA-accepted toothpaste on your next errand. Donations can be dropped off Monday-Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm, at the TIHAN office.

SHARE YOUR LOVE  
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

### Spread Your Annual Gift into Monthly Contributions

Most people find it easier to make smaller monthly contributions. \$10 a month translates into an annual gift of \$120. And \$50 a month adds up to \$600/year. To make it easy, you can set it up as an automatic charge to your credit card each month, so it's less work for you (and easier for us)!

Whatever amount you choose to contribute each month, it adds up to many blessings for people living with HIV.

\$10/month    \$25/month    \$100/month

Please visit [www.tihan.org](http://www.tihan.org) to sign up to contribute online.

Thank you!

## Celebrating Community: TIHAN's Annual Meeting and Appreciation Party



150 volunteers and supporters came out to celebrate the community of TIHAN as well as our accomplishments.

The evening's volunteer, donor, and partner recognition included presentations by the YWCA and Tucson's Holocaust History Center, as well as the presentation of TIHAN's

Empowerment Award to longtime HIV survivor Mark Rosenbaum and the Myron Morris Excellence in Caring Award to longtime volunteers and supporters Tom and Cheryl Muller.



## Key Volunteer Opportunities Currently Available

As the largest volunteer-based provider of support services for people living with HIV in Tucson, we would like to fill a few much-needed volunteer roles, including:

- Operations Assistant Volunteer (formerly known as receptionist)
- Database Entry Team Member
- Support Person for our Volunteer Program

We hope to find kind and compassionate people with the talents and skills to perform these important roles. If you would like to learn more and get involved, contact Dennisse at (520) 299-6647 ext 206 or [VolunteerCoordinator@tihan.org](mailto:VolunteerCoordinator@tihan.org)

Welcome to  
Dennisse Ley,  
Volunteer  
Coordinator



## Keeping Up with Volunteer Opportunities and TIHAN News!

Where can you find out about current volunteer opportunities? TIHAN's Facebook page is a great resource! If you haven't already "liked" it, you can find it here:

<https://www.facebook.com/Tucson.Interfaith.HIV.AIDS.Network>, or search "TIHAN" from your Facebook page!



## Joseph's Life with HIV: "A Normal Life"

It was February of 2012, and Joseph's health was declining. "I wasn't feeling good and was getting weaker and weaker. One day I was so weak I couldn't move and couldn't do anything." Joseph's best friend took him to the hospital, where, after a round of tests, he received an incorrect diagnosis of leukemia, and was eventually advised that he had HIV.

Joseph immediately shared his diagnosis with his family. Although they were somewhat shocked, they were supportive because they

already had information about HIV due to another family member living with HIV. As for accessing what he needed, Joseph says he had to do his own research on how to get treatment and services here in Tucson. "No one told me what to do or where to go. I don't know how, but I found out about TIHAN and through TIHAN, I found SAAF, El Rio Special Immunology Associates, and Petersen [HIV Clinics at Banner-UMC]." These four organizations, he says, have had an amazing impact on his life.



"When I first went to TIHAN, they were able to connect me with all the other services, all the doctors. It's a great resource center. I've met a lot of nice people, and I've made friends through TIHAN and Poz Cafe... The HIV community is awesome here. I've been helped so many times, and they have always been there for me."

Over the last five years, Joseph has had both enjoyable moments and tough moments. "I work full-time. I'm not ready to go on disability. I'm often told that I should, but I don't want to. I don't want to feel disabled or feel like a victim. I still have goals for my life, and I don't want to give up yet." Joseph enjoys speaking about HIV. "Without being open about it, we can't fight the stigma... It's still a big issue in the gay community, and there are still a lot of people who are afraid of HIV. My life is normal. I don't think of myself as any different from anyone else. I don't even call it a disease; I call it another issue in my life." Joseph is determined to not let HIV stop him from living his life, and TIHAN is happy to be there to support him in that goal.

Raffle Grand Prize: 2017 Ford Explorer Platinum

Jim Click Millions for Tucson Raffle



PLUS TWO MORE  
GREAT RAFFLE PRIZES!

2nd Prize: Two 1st-class  
roundtrip airline tickets  
to anywhere in the world  
3rd prize: \$5,000 cash

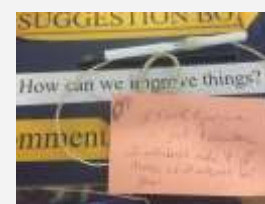
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Raffle Tickets Only \$25 each,  
or 5 tickets for \$100

A Note of Thanks from An  
Anonymous CarePartner  
Living with HIV



*"I think everyone is just fabulous.  
I wouldn't make it at times if it  
wasn't for you."*



Your Support  
Makes a Difference!



Candlelight  
Memorial

2017 Theme:  
Ending AIDS  
Together!

6:30pm – 7:40pm  
The Historic Y Courtyard  
738 N. 5th Avenue



**Acknowledging Gifts Made to TIHAN In Honor Of and In Memory Of Loved Ones**  
(Gifts received January 1—April 15, 2017)

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The awesome staff at TIHAN  
Colette Barajas  
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We're excited to have a new website in process, a project headed up by volunteer Nkechi Esan, shown here on the right. On the left is Phil Moul, TIHAN's website volunteer extraordinaire, who's been our webmaster and e-newsletter volunteer for the past 10 years! Thank you, team!

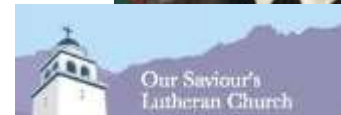


Friends of TIHAN participated in a powerful visit and conversation at Tucson's Jewish History Center and Holocaust History Center.



For exercise and socialization, TIHAN has a monthly walk at Reid Park: Moving Well.

A team of TIHAN volunteers has organized a two-part training for people living with HIV to tell their story: Sharing Well.



Thanks to Our Saviour's Lutheran Church for hosting a talent show benefit for TIHAN, as well as providing a grant for our Planning Well class on financial literacy.

Thanks to Bennett Burke, who retired from his staff role as Volunteer Coordinator with TIHAN in March.



We're grateful to Dove of Peace Lutheran Church who sponsored a classical music concert to benefit TIHAN's programs and services.

Congrats to Miguel Moreno, accepted into an exciting national leadership program: Building Leaders of Color Living with HIV (BLOC) initiative of NMAC.



TIHAN's Poz Café lunch program hosted our 7th annual resource fair, bringing 20 agencies and their staff and resources onsite to connect with our CarePartners.

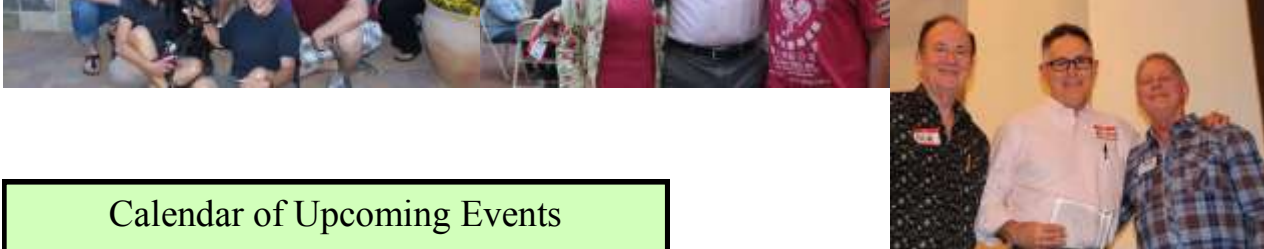


## Successful Swinging@AIDS Events!

We are grateful to our friends at the Center for Health and Hope who hosted a very successful golf tournament, silent auction, and concert weekend in March. We had a great turnout, beautiful weather, and lots of fun, with \$17,000 raised, split evenly to benefit the programs of TIHAN as well as the Children of Africa Hope Mission School in Kenya.

We'd like to extend a huge thank you to the Center, and to event organizers Claudia Svarstad and Beckie Harkey, along with team members Rev. Jim Burns, Roy DeBise, Harriet Dworkin, Pat Fox, Linda Girard, Caroline Lochner, Rev. Rolly Loomis, Bonnie Messer, Rev. Don Messer, Daniel Orozco, Danielle Orozco, Marla Petrini, Patricia Small, Bonnie Svarstad, and Kelly Triplett.

We'd also like to thank all the performers, sponsors, volunteers, donors, and participants, and the Center's Executive Director Rev. Dr. Don Messer and the Center's board of directors.



### Calendar of Upcoming Events

- May 8, 22 Eating Well Classes, Part A and Part B
- May 18 Poz Café Lunch
- May 20 Volunteer Orientation
- May 31 Living Well with HIV Class: Aging Well with HIV
- Jun 3 "Treasures for TIHAN" Auction and Party
- Jun 15 Poz Café Lunch
- Jun 22 Planning Well Class on Budgeting
- Jun 28 Living Well with HIV Class: Grief and Loss
- Jul 20 Poz Café Lunch
- Jul 29 Volunteer Orientation
- Aug 3, 4 Faith Community Liaison Meetings
- Sep 3 Turnabout for TIHAN benefit show

### Award Presented to HIV Physician Dr. Kevin Carmichael

At the Swinging@AIDS Benefit concert, the Center for Health and Hope presented its 2017 Leadership Award to Dr. Kevin Carmichael, longtime HIV physician, advocate for people living with HIV, and Medical Director for El Rio Special Immunology Associates. "Dr. Carmichael's lifetime of service to persons facing HIV and AIDS is extraordinary," commented the Rev. Dr. Don Messer, Executive Director of the Center for Health and Hope.





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Amazing people, fun events, life-affirming programs!



## Celebrating Those Who Make a Difference: Volunteer Appreciation Week!

We are grateful to our dedicated volunteers who give so much of their time and energy.

During "National Volunteer Appreciation Week," TIHAN recognized and celebrated with volunteers, donors, CarePartners, board members, and staff members at our "Pizza in the Park" appreciation event. A fun-filled event with activities and yummy food!

Thanks to all who attended, connected, mingled and were part of our celebration. Most of all, thanks to all of you who do so much to support TIHAN and our CarePartners. With your hearts and hands, we can provide compassionate and non-judgmental service to those affected by HIV/AIDS and help people with HIV to live well.

