



Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network

Helping People with HIV to Live Well

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Thank You, Aunt Rita's Foundation!

A huge thank you to the generous donors who support Aunt Rita's Foundation, and to TIHAN's amazing volunteers, staff, and grants team. On World AIDS Day, at their annual Red Brunch benefit in Phoenix, Aunt Rita's Foundation announced a \$7,500 grant in support of our programs and services for people living with HIV!

This Compassion Grant is to provide basic support needs to people living with HIV who have low income. "We're excited at how this grant will help people living with HIV in our community, and grateful to be the first agency outside of the Phoenix area to receive funding from Aunt Rita's," said TIHAN's Executive Director Scott Blades.

A sold-out crowd of over 700 people watched a video on the big screens featuring TIHAN CarePartner Tim sharing about how our programs and services have impacted his life.

Present for the benefit and awards presentation were a dozen TIHAN board members and volunteers along with Dr. Kevin Carmichael and Dr. Tejal Parikh.

We want to thank the board members, volunteers, and donors of Aunt Rita's Foundation, as well as their Executive Director Glen Spencer.

Formed in the 1980's, Aunt Rita's Foundation raises funds through donations and fundraising events including AIDS Walk Arizona and Fun Run, Red Brunch, Red is the Night, and SAVORLife. Since 2005, Aunt Rita's has raised and distributed

more than \$2.7 million to HIV/AIDS service organizations in the Phoenix area, and now TIHAN, too!



Together

by Scott Blades, Executive Director



This year, TIHAN commemorates our 25 year anniversary. It's an important milestone, and throughout the year we'll be sharing some ways you can join us in honoring this quarter century of service to the HIV community.

There are so many amazing stories to tell from our 25 years, and here's another one to add to that list.

Recently, TIHAN was privileged to have a visitor from Kenya: Anne Khadudu Baraza. Anne is the principal of the Children of Africa Hope Mission School in Kenya. TIHAN partners with that school through the Center for Health and Hope, which sponsors a fundraising weekend of golf and music (Swinging@AIDS) where funds are raised to jointly support TIHAN and the school. Through the Center, we are connected and have seen pictures of the children and the school in the slums of Nairobi, geared for kids living with HIV or at risk of HIV.

The Center arranged for Anne to come to Tucson and meet with some TIHAN staff and volunteers, as well as with the team of volunteers organizing this year's Swinging@AIDS benefit weekend. We shared stories of commonalities between people with HIV in Tucson and in Kenya, and also our own unique challenges as well.

I mentioned to her that one of the most impactful photos I'd seen from one of the visits to Kenya was a picture of a young boy with the message "Stop AIDS" written on his hand. She was shocked that the photo was known almost 10,000 miles away. "That's my son," she said proudly.

So far apart, and yet connected intimately through our shared experiences of HIV, our desire for love, and our hope for more action to stop human suffering. It's what Martin Luther King, Jr called that inter-related "garment of destiny." United. Connected. Together.





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Amazing people, fun events, life-affirming programs!

To make a contribution in support of our programs and people living with HIV, please send a check

to the address on the left,
or visit our website

www.tihan.org

and click on the “
DONATE TO TIHAN NOW”
button.

Be Sure and Claim Your Arizona State Tax Credit—There's Still Time!

Since TIHAN is a Qualifying Charitable Organization providing assistance to low income residents of Arizona, your donations to TIHAN entitle you to an Arizona state tax credit in Arizona. And you can give by April 15, 2019 and still claim it on your 2018 tax return!

By donating to TIHAN, you can reduce your Arizona state tax liability with a dollar-for-dollar reduction (up to \$400/person, or \$800/married couple filing jointly). **Put your tax credit dollars where your heart is!**

Invest in TIHAN and our programs and services, and direct some of your state tax dollars to TIHAN.

TIHAN's QCO Code is 20359, which you should include when you file your state tax return and claim your credit. Please contact your tax advisor for more info. Thanks for giving to TIHAN, and for claiming your tax credit and directing funds to support our programs!

If you don't do it, the state of Arizona will use your tax dollars elsewhere!



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SWINGING@AIDS
March 23, 2019

a golf tournament benefit
for HIV programs — both local and global

A Benefit Concert

featuring
Heather Hardy and
the Lil' Mama Band

Friday, March 22
Monterey Court

Part of the Swinging@AIDS
weekend of events



TIHAN's Annual Meeting & Appreciation Party

602 N. Wilmot (corner of 5th
Street and Wilmot)



or OperationsManager@tihan.org

A PARTY TO SAY THANK YOU

Featuring hors d'oeuvres, our annual slide show highlighting the people and events of 2018, a presentation of the 2019 Board of Directors, and our volunteer recognition awards.

Come join the party and meet and mingle with our staff, board, and volunteers, as we recognize outstanding contributions.

TIHAN will be presenting awards at our Annual Meeting on Tuesday, March 19, 2019, and you can help by nominating one or more of TIHAN's wonderful volunteers and supporters! Go to www.tihan.org, click on "Volunteer" at the top of the page, scroll down on the left, and click on "Nominate a Volunteer for an Award." You can also pick up a nomination form at the TIHAN office, or contact Maggie at OperationsManager@tihan.org or 299-6647 ext 204 and she will send you one. The deadline for nominations is Tuesday, February 20th.



Remembering Donors and Volunteers We've Lost



Jim Girard



Dr. Jim Sincox



Lloyd Engle



Bill Carlson

PrEP? It's Saving Lives

It's still, unfortunately, the biggest secret in HIV prevention.

Do you know about it?

By taking a pill once a day, you can significantly minimize the possibility of getting HIV. It's highly recommended for people at higher risk, including partners of people living with HIV. It's an amazing breakthrough, and can greatly reduce the number of new HIV cases in our community and our world.

Do you know about it? Can you tell your loved ones to consider it? To find out more, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/hiv/basics/prep.html>

Service Animals

We love our pets—they are part of our families, and for many of us, a very important part of our support system. However, for safety, hygiene and allergy reasons, we can't have pets at the TIHAN office or at TIHAN events. The only animals permitted in the office and/or at events are service animals that have been individually trained to do work or perform tasks for a person with a disability. Service animals are welcome at TIHAN. Thank you!

Make Volunteering a Part of Your 2019

Would you like to get to know more about your community, develop new skills, enhance your resume, and make a difference? A new year is a great time to get more involved. We have opportunities for many volunteer roles within TIHAN, including:

- “Treasures for TIHAN” Auction Planning Team Member, or Auction Item Solicitor
- Operations Assistant (front desk receptionist)
- Database Entry Team Member
- Community Ambassador (staffing info table at community events)
- Link Specialist Volunteer, especially Spanish-speaking
- Finance Committee Team Member
- “Treasures for TIHAN” Auction Item Solicitor
- Program Committee Member



You can also find the complete list of our current volunteer openings by going to TIHAN.org, clicking on “Volunteer,” then on “Volunteer Opportunities.” One of these might be just right for you! If you have additional questions, please contact Maggie McCann, Operations Manager, at 520-299-6647 ext 204 or OperationsManager@tihan.org

In December, TIHAN helped honor HIV physician Dr. Kevin Carmichael at Poz Café, where he received a standing ovation from our CarePartners living with HIV. We also nominated him for the Heart Award, which was presented to him by our partners at Aunt Rita’s Foundation at their Red Brunch event in Phoenix.



Thanks to all who donated gifts and helped make our holiday programs with SAAF — Family Day and Poz Café — a success!



TIHAN CarePartners living with HIV shared their stories at Dr. Antonio Estrada’s class of 300 students at the University of Arizona



Great friends, delicious desserts, and lots of celebrating! TIHAN’s holiday open house and cookie exchange was a fabulous success! Thanks to Maggie McCann and team for organizing it!



TIHAN is blessed to have some amazing volunteers who serve as liaisons between TIHAN and their faith community. Thank you!



Highlights of TIHAN's Programs and Services from 2018

We are excited to share that, with your support, TIHAN was able to achieve a number of milestones and accomplishments over the past year:

We provided support services to a growing number of individuals living with HIV, reaching 382 people served in 2018.

We had our largest crowd at Poz Café, with 235 individuals present at the December 2018 Poz Café Holiday Dinner Party.

We served 1,650 meals at Poz Café lunch and social program.

We provided 1,562 CarePackages to people living with HIV.

We helped 314 people living with HIV with Link Specialist support

All of this is possible because of your donations—whether financial, in-kind, or volunteer time. Thank you for helping TIHAN make 2018 another record year of supporting people living with HIV to live well!

This Quarterly Newsletter is also available through e-mail — please let us know how you'd prefer to read it. It's also available on our website so you can share it electronically.

If you are interested in receiving this quarterly newsletter via email, simply contact Maggie at 520-299-6647 ext 204 or OperationsManager@tihan.org

Submit Your Volunteer Hours Online!

It's time to make sure all your volunteer hours are entered for 2018 - and now you can do it online! Go to

www.tihan.org:

In the dark blue bar at the top, click "Volunteer"

On the drop-down menu, click "Log Your Volunteer Hours"

You're still welcome to use the paper version of the Volunteer Impact Report, but no matter how you report your volunteer hours, thanks for being part of the TIHAN family and helping us document your impact!



Saturday, June 15

Tucson Marriot University Park
LIVE AND SILENT AUCTION

*Save
the
Date*



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

JOIN US:

- ♦ **Donations** of auction items are now being accepted!
Please consider helping with your donation!
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 perks!)
- ♦ **Volunteer opportunities**—in advance, as well as on the day of the event.
Planning Committee members, item solicitors, marketing, errands, event setup, silent auction monitors, and more!
- ♦ **Event Tickets:** on sale for \$65 in advance, or \$75 at the door.
- ♦ **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)

For more information or to get involved with Treasures for TIHAN 2019, contact Scott Blades at (520) 299-6647 ext 202 or scott@tihan.org

TIHAN: 25 Years
of service, care, and support

Matching Funds?

Family Foundation?

Endowment Fund?

Please let us know if you, your company, faith community, family, or other affiliations might have funding opportunities that we can apply for.

Your connection and support can mean the world to people we serve!

Swinging@AIDS Benefit Golf Tournament and Concert

Swinging@AIDS is a golf tournament and benefit concert organized by the Center for Health and Hope to jointly benefit the programs and services of TIHAN and the Children of Africa Hope Mission School of Kenya.

Saturday, March 23 - the 5th annual Tucson Swinging@AIDS Golf Tournament and Silent Auction, taking place at the Conquistador Course at El Conquistador Golf & Tennis in Oro Valley (10555 N La Canada Drive). 8:00am shotgun start, scramble format. \$125 entrance fee includes greens fees, meal, prizes, and a \$50 donation. This beautiful course takes you along winding paths through stunning desert landscapes of mystical, vast and open spaces with prickly vegetation and its beauty. Play through saguaro-capped hillsides surrounded by natural desert terrain, and enjoy manicured fairways and spectacular views of the Catalina Mountains and desert wildlife.

www.elcongolfdandtennis.com

Friday, March 22—Swinging@AIDS Benefit Concert. Join us to enjoy the music of Heather Hardy and the Lil' Mama Band—\$20 admission includes the cover charge and a \$15 donation to TIHAN and the Center. The show is at 7:00pm on the Courtyard Stage outside at the Monterey Court Café (505 W Miracle Mile), but come early and/or stay late to enjoy dinner, appetizers, or drinks. 10% of all your food and beverage orders will benefit people living with HIV. Ample free parking (with a parking attendant) available just west of Monterey Court. Visit www.montereycourtaz.com for details about the unique historic concert setting.

To purchase tickets for the concert, register for the golf tournament, sign up as a sponsor or donor, buy raffle tickets, or get more information,

contact Jess Losoya at jlosoya@amityfdn.org or Pat Fox at pfox12@cox.net, or visit swingingataids.org



Swinging@AIDS Event Co-Chairs Jess Losoya (left) and Patricia Fox (right), with Anne Khadudu Baraza (center), principal of the Children of Africa Hope Mission School in Nairobi.

Event sponsorships start at \$30, and all proceeds are split evenly between a local HIV program (TIHAN) and our global HIV partner (the school).



About Heather Hardy

Inducted into the Arizona Blues Hall of Fame, Heather is known for her juxtaposition of violin whispers with tasty, slamming “wah wah” blues. She performs locally with a variety of Tucson’s best musicians, and tours internationally as well.



Visit <https://heatherlilmamahardy.com> for more info.

Our TIHAN Wishlist—Including Items You Can Get at Amazon

Through Amazon and AmazonSmile, you can easily support TIHAN with our administrative and direct support needs by ordering items on our wish list carried by Amazon, and having them shipped directly to the TIHAN office. If you are an Amazon Smile shopper, you can also select TIHAN to receive 0.5% of the price of your purchase too!

Here's how it works:

1. Log in to your Amazon Smile account. Under “Accounts & Lists,” select “Find a List or Registry” and type “TIHAN” or “Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network” in the search bar.
2. Make your product selection(s) and add them to your cart.
3. Upon checkout, select Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network’s address for the delivery address. Please add a gift receipt so we can acknowledge your generous in-kind donation.
4. Finalize all remaining details for your order, review for accuracy, and place your order.

Your donation will then be on its way to TIHAN, helping us support people with HIV to live well. Visit our wishlist at www.tihan.org, then “Donate” on the drop-down menu, then click on Wish List. Thank you!



wishlist

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Feb 7/8	Faith Community Liaison Meetings
Feb 21	Poz Café Lunch
Mar 2	Volunteer Orientation
Mar 19	Annual Meeting and Appreciation Event
Mar 21	Poz Cafe Lunch and Resource Fair
Mar 22	Benefit Concert — Swinging@AIDS
Mar 23	Benefit Golf Tournament — Swinging@AIDS
Apr 15	Deadline for 2018 Tax Credit Donations to TIHAN
Apr 30	Deadline for Receiving Auction Item Donations
Jun 15	Treasures for TIHAN Auction and Party



TIHAN sharing a message for World AIDS Day at Casas Adobes Congregational Church, one of our founding faith communities.

At the local commemoration of National Latino AIDS Awareness Day



In Our Community

TIHAN benefit at RoadHouse Cinemas, watching Bohemian Rhapsody!



Thanks to the theatre, Ronda Lane of In the Black Accounting, and the Pratt family!



Commemorating the day — TIHAN at Tucson's World AIDS Day event.



TIHAN, the Jewish Community Relations Council, and Poz Cafe in the Jewish Post



Celebrating the milestone birthdays of longtime TIHAN donors Barbara Kaller-Cohen and Kenny Cohen



Volunteers from St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church help at Poz Café lunch program!



Scott Blades receives the Community Leader Award from Tucson GLBT Chamber of Commerce, pictured here with additional award winners.

Thanks to Coffee Times Drive-Thru on Speedway Boulevard for collecting donations of toiletry items, socks, jackets, and blankets for our CarePartners.



Celebrating the contributions of Frank Ptak and Joe Heller, recipients of TIHAN's Spirit of Philanthropy Award, at the 2018 National Philanthropy Day lunch, surrounded by friends.



Our Grants Team hard at work (a working lunch)! These volunteers help with researching and writing proposals to secure funding for TIHAN's programs and services. Thank you!



SHARE YOUR LOVE
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

**Spread Your Gift into
Monthly Contributions**

Many 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, providing support services that make a difference all throughout the year!

\$10/month \$25/month \$100/month
Please visit www.tihan.org to sign up to contribute online. **Thank you!**

Collecting Shampoo for Our CarePackages

As the need for CarePackages continues, we're asking for your help to keep up with the demand.

We're seeking all kinds of toiletry and cleaning products, but we are especially in need of bottles of shampoo.

Can you help us make sure that every CarePackage that we distribute to a CarePartner living with HIV includes the vital necessities of life? Please consider making a donation of shampoo, conditioner, or a 2-in-1 combo. These items can be dropped off at the TIHAN office Monday-Friday between 8:30am-4:30pm.

For a full list of needed items, visit www.tihan.org and click on the Donate page, then CarePackage Wish List.



Your TIHAN staff (left to right): Executive Director Scott Blades, Operations Manager Maggie McCann, Poz Café Kitchen/Menu Supervisor John Bass, and



Program Manager Deirdre Demers.

We thank you for allowing us to serve our community.

Acknowledging Gifts Made to TIHAN In Honor Of and In Memory Of Loved Ones

(Gifts received October 16—December 31, 2018)

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Thanks to all who organized events and supported the cause! Our Dining with Friends events were a great success this year because of you!

If you'd like to make a contribution to TIHAN in honor or in memory of someone who's impacted your life, let us know and we'll send them a note that you have done so. (Of course, we won't mention the gift amount.)