Now that 2019 is half over, we’re looking at our service numbers for the first six months, comparing them to the same timeframe last year. The trend that we have been seeing for the past few years carries on: the numbers continue upward—we are providing support services to many more people living with HIV. Here are some notable highlights:

We have served 15% more meals to CarePartners living with HIV at our monthly Poz Café luncheon. Our Link Specialist volunteers have served 23% more individuals living with HIV, providing emotional support and connecting people to TIHAN’s services and other resources throughout the community. The number of CarePackages that we’ve distributed to people with HIV has increased by 5%. We’ve experienced a 56% increase in the number of CarePartners who are new to TIHAN—meaning they had recently moved to Tucson, had been recently diagnosed with HIV, or had simply never accessed TIHAN’s programs and services before. Overall, the number of people living with HIV we served increased by 8% in the first six months of this year.

As we work to continue to help more people with HIV to live as well as possible, we thank you for your partnership and support as—together—we work to meet the needs of people living with HIV right here in our community. Thank you!

Support TIHAN and Enjoy a Special Champagne Brunch at Hacienda del Sol!
Commemorate TIHAN’s 25 Years of Serving the Community

Sunday, October 20, from 9:30am-11:00am
at the renowned Grill at Hacienda del Sol Guest Ranch Resort,
featuring their award-winning culinary team and the historical ambience that is uniquely Tucson
(in the Catalina Foothills at 5501 N. Hacienda del Sol Road)

Advance reservation required. $70 per person (includes tax and gratuity). Space is limited -- reserve your spot today.

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HACIENDA DEL SOL’S AWARD-WINNING SUNDAY BRUNCH

The Grill’s "Gold" Culinary Award-Winning Sunday Brunch buffet is an unforgettable experience. Sip mimosas and peruse the vast variety of fresh-made entrees and desserts. Sliced Prime Rib, Eggs Benedict, Waffles and Omelets are just a few of the classic dishes available. Vegetables and herbs from their gardens add flavor to the fresh, high quality temptations spread throughout The Grill for all to enjoy.

Reserve your spot today! Visit https://tihan.ejoinme.org/brunch to pay online, or mail your check payable to TIHAN (2660 N 1st Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85719).

This benefit is sponsored by Melinda Diebolt, Long Mortgage
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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. Only with your support can we continue. Thank you!

Thanks to our Treasures for TIHAN sponsors and supporters, people will live better, and receive support. Thank you for a great event that raised thousands for our programs and services. See inside for details!
Note: Turnabout is an 18-and-over benefit show, and may contain adult humor and material. For tickets, call or stop by the TIHAN office, or visit https://tihan.ejoinme.org/turnabout

TIHAN in the News

Arizona Daily Star writer Loni Nannini profiled our Treasures for TIHAN event and some of our volunteers and supporters:

“TIHAN celebrates 25th anniversary of helping people with HIV/AIDS.” We’ve also been featured in interviews on Arizona Public Media’s “Arizona Spotlight” radio program, and interviews (in both English and Spanish) on Lotus Communication stations KLPX, KFMA, La Caliente, La Buena,
25 Milestones and Memories from Our 25 Years of Serving the Community

1994  The formation of TIHAN is announced, along with our first Interfaith Service of Healing and Hope, in an article in the Arizona Daily Star

1995  TIHAN holds a community forum “We Are Called to Care” to discuss gaps in services identified by Tucson AIDS Project, Shanti Foundation, and the People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson (PACT for Life), helping to inform TIHAN how we can best serve

1996  Dr. Myron Morris, a retired pediatrician, begins volunteering with TIHAN. He would become one of our most vital champions and philanthropists

1997  A group of bartenders at the Stonewall Eagle, led by Marc Brunelle, hold a benefit to raise funds for TIHAN's programs and services, starting the Turnabout for TIHAN benefit show that has now raised over $301,000!

1998  TIHAN's Poz Café lunch and social program makes its debut with just a handful of attendees, as we serve the first of the 28,000+ meals that have been served to date

1999  TIHAN produces a promotional video featuring Mayor George Miller, Linda Ronstadt, and other local celebrities, debuting the video at a special event held at the Tucson Botanical Gardens

2000  Addressing the high level of poverty among people with HIV, TIHAN begins collecting and offering free toiletry items at our “Poz MarketPlace” held at Poz Café

2000  Christina Rossetti, who helped St. Francis in the Foothills United Methodist Church form TIHAN in 1994 when she was Director of Programs at Tucson AIDS Project, facilitates the TIHAN Board's first strategic planning process

2001  TIHAN hires Sarah Pratt to become our first Program Coordinator

2002  Addressing the disproportionate impact of HIV on African-American communities, TIHAN initiates a local commemoration of the Black Church Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS, focused on HIV education

2003  The Community Foundation of Southern Arizona awards its first grant funding to support TIHAN

2004  AIDS activist Cleve Jones, founder of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt, speaks at a benefit event jointly sponsored by TIHAN and SAAF

2005  TIHAN has 25 volunteer CareTeams supporting people living with HIV

2006  Under the leadership of Kalyn Stith and Terri Zarling, Treasures for TIHAN raises a record-setting $106,000

2006  TIHAN moves its office to Speedway and Craycroft, transitioning from an 1,114 sq ft office to 2,100 sq ft

2007  Kim Talerico joins the TIHAN staff as our Volunteer Coordinator

2007  In recognition of their significant philanthropy, TIHAN formally names our office conference room the “Barbara Kaller-Cohen and Kenny Cohen Conference Room”

2008  Poz Café, which has become the largest regular gathering place for people living with HIV, serves our 10,000th meal (with Randy Decker as the lucky recipient of that milestone meal)

2009  In recognition of his outstanding volunteer efforts over the years, Dean R. Taylor is presented with TIHAN’s highest honor, our “Excellence in Caring” award

2009  The Great Recession makes a severe impact on donations to TIHAN, with a downturn in contributions (annual income would not return to 2008 levels until 10 years later, in 2018)

2011  In conjunction with the 30th anniversary of AIDS, TIHAN publishes an Op-Ed in the Arizona Daily Star

2012  Kris Marsh, outgoing board president and one of TIHAN's earliest supporters, is presented with TIHAN's “Excellence in Caring” award

2013  Deirdre Demers is hired as TIHAN's Program Manager, starting what would become her tenure as TIHAN's longest-serving program staff member

2014  The Pima County Board of Supervisors issues an official proclamation honoring TIHAN’s 20 years of serving the community

2016  Our Living Well with HIV program celebrates its first graduating class of people living with HIV

Your Help Needed To Stock Up on Dish Soap for People Living with HIV

Adults living with HIV who are registered CarePartners with TIHAN can receive one CarePackage per month, filled with toiletry and cleaning supplies.

One of the most requested items for these CarePackages is detergent to wash dishes. As the demand for CarePackages increases, can you help us ensure that every bag includes a container of dish soap?

Anything that you can contribute is greatly appreciated. Please bring donations to the TIHAN office at 2660 North 1st Ave during business hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm. Thank you!
Thank You to Our 2019 Treasures for TIHAN Auction Item Donors

Please support our donors, as they support our community!

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An awesome community came together to make our charity event Sparkle & Silver: Treasures for TIHAN benefit a great success!

The room looked amazing; it was filled with great items, music, entertainment, food, drink, and fabulous people—people who care and who work to create a community where everyone is loved, accepted, celebrated, and supported. We made lots of changes this year, and they really worked! It was a sparkling success as we commemorated 25 years of serving the community!

Thanks to the 400+ people who attended the event; the 300+ businesses and individuals who donated 400 auction items; 100+ volunteers who helped make it happen (including a planning team of 25 people who worked hard for months); and 46 businesses, groups, and individuals who sponsored the event. Special thanks to Lupita Murillo, Crystal Stark, and Bobby D!

Because of all of you and your contributions to make this event a success, hundreds of people living with HIV will receive support services to help them live as well as possible. Thank you for making a difference and giving of yourselves! It was a lot of work, but an effort of the heart,
Acknowledging Gifts Made to TIHAN In Honor Of and In Memory Of Loved Ones

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Feedback, Please:
Draft of Vision Statement and Updated Mission Statement

As the Board of Directors prepares for the next five years and sets forth our strategic priorities for the organization, we first are creating a vision statement for TIHAN, as well as reviewing and updating our mission statement, which we’ve done every 5-10 years since we started.

An ad-hoc committee has drafted these statements below, and we’d appreciate your feedback.

Vision Statement draft:  
Creating an inclusive community where everyone knows their HIV status, and where every person—regardless of status—is supported and affirmed to live as well as possible and stay healthy and engaged in the community

Mission statement draft:  
TIHAN provides community resources and caring support so that people with HIV can live well. Through education, we work to encourage everyone to get tested and to reduce the stigma of HIV.

Please let us know your thoughts by email: Board President Dan Uroff (dan.uroff@gmail.com) or Executive Director Scott Blades (scott@tihan.org)

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Aug 6  Living Well with HIV Class:  Dating and HIV
Aug 15  Poz Café Lunch and Social Event
Aug 20  Planning Well class on budgeting for people with HIV
Sep 1   Turnabout for TIHAN benefit show
Sep 16/30 Eating Well class on food and nutrition
Sep 19  Poz Café Lunch and Social Event
Sep 24  Volunteer Orientation
Sep 28  Tucson Pride Parade and Pride in the Desert Festival
Sep 12  Living Well with HIV Class:  “End of Life” Documents
Oct 15  National Latino AIDS Awareness Day
Oct 17  Poz Café Lunch and Social Event

Help Us Stay Connected to YOU!

To update any of your contact information, please contact Maggie McCann, Operations Manager, at (520) 299-6647 ext 204 or OperationsManager@tihan.org. Additionally, if you are receiving duplicate newsletters or your newsletter address label contains errors, please cut the label from your newsletter and mail it to us, along with your changes, to:

TIHAN, 2660 N. 1st Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85719

Helping us keep our contact records updated ensures that you stay informed about TIHAN news and events and allows us to keep our postage budget low so that we can focus our financial resources on

TIHAN thrives when people donate items that we need – perhaps they are items that you already have, or maybe you’ll go out and purchase them, or go online and order them for us. We’ll provide you with a receipt for your donation of items.

Since we are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, your donations of these needed items are tax-deductible for you to the extent allowed by law—just like cash donations.

To see the items currently on our wishlist, visit www.tihan.org, then click on “donate,” then “wishlist.”

Also now you can easily order many of our wishlist items through your Amazon account or AmazonSmile account, and have it shipped directly to us (and we receive a rebate of 0.5% of your purchase price when you register us as your Amazon Smile charity of choice)! Instructions are on our website as noted above.

If you have any questions about contributing items to TIHAN, please contact Maggie McCann at OperationsManager@tihan.org or (520) 299-6647 ext 204.
Thanks to Our Awesome Volunteers!

More than 100 volunteers devoted over 600 hours to “Treasures for TIHAN,” our biggest fundraising event. Their support helped us make the 2019 event one of the best ever!

Our volunteer needs don’t end when Treasures is over, though. Some of our event volunteers—and many others—also volunteer throughout the year, helping people with HIV to live well. A 501 (o)(3) organization, TIHAN has become the largest privately-funded provider of services for people living with HIV in the state, and is the largest volunteer-based HIV service organization in Arizona, too.

Our dedicated volunteers fill a wide variety of roles, from answering phones, to working on our computers, helping people feel welcome and providing direct programs services to our CarePartners. TIHAN volunteers also serve in roles such as administrative support, Poz Cafe helpers, marketing, fundraising, advocacy, volunteer orientation and training, evaluation and oversight, and much more. One of our volunteer opportunities is probably just right for you!

We all know that great feeling that comes from helping others. Let’s also remember that volunteers help themselves, too, in so many ways. Volunteering can be a great way to develop new skills, make friends, foster a greater sense of connection, obtain experience for the job you want, get some exercise, and spend time in a welcoming and affirming community. Additionally, research shows the physical and emotional health benefits of volunteering!

How can you get started? It’s easy! Go to www.TIHAN.org, click on the “Volunteer” menu, then on “Become A Volunteer.” From there, you’ll be able to see our current openings and express interest in them with a few clicks, letting us know you’re interested so we can follow up with you. Below you can also find a list of volunteer opportunities, or you can contact us at (520) 299-6647 ext 204 or VolunteerCoordinator@tihan.org to learn more. We hope to hear from you soon!

Big News in HIV Today!

U = U
Undetectable Equals Untransmittable

What does this mean?

If someone is living with HIV and takes antiretroviral medications to reduce the amount of virus in their system, their HIV becomes “undetectable” (still present, but at a very minimal level), and they cannot transmit HIV to their partner through sexual contact.

People with HIV who take HIV medicine as prescribed and get and maintain an undetectable viral load have effectively no risk of transmitting HIV to their HIV-negative sexual partner.

* The possibility of people who inject drugs and have undetectable HIV transmitting the virus through sharing needles has not yet been determined, but is expected to prove to be reduced risk.

Some Key Volunteer Roles — Can You Help?

TIHAN is Arizona’s largest volunteer-based provider of services to help people with HIV to live well, and we can’t do it without you. Here are a few of the important volunteer roles for which we are currently recruiting:

- Operations Assistant (front desk volunteer)
- Database Entry Team Member
- Mobile Link Specialist to deliver CarePackages and provide home/hospital visits
- Marketing Committee Member
- Link Specialist Volunteer (connecting CarePartners with resources and providing emotional support)
- Program Evaluation Support
- Finance Committee Member
- Program Support Volunteer
- Development Committee Member

We hope to find caring and compassionate people for these opportunities. If you think you can help, and would like to see if you have the right talents and skills to be a good match for one or more of them, contact us at (520) 299-6647 ext 204 or VolunteerCoordinator@tihan.org to learn more and get started.

Even More
TIHAN Volunteer Opportunities Announced on Facebook!

You can also find our current volunteer openings — and much more - on TIHAN’s Facebook page! If you haven’t already “liked” it, you can find our Facebook page here: https://www.facebook.com/Tucson.Interfaith.HIV.AIDS.Network, or search “TIHAN” from your Facebook page!