



Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network

Helping People with HIV to Live Well

NEWSLETTER

Tucson, Arizona

APRIL 2025

Vol. 28, No. 1

WE HAVE MOVED TO A BEAUTIFUL NEW SPACE!

TIHAN is thrilled to now be in a new, larger office space with new energy and new opportunities! We have moved onto the campus of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, in what used to be classrooms in their Activity Building. Located on Campbell Avenue just north of Speedway Boulevard, this location provides excellent access for CarePartners to get to us, with the added benefit of being able to hold our Poz Café lunch and social program right here with us!

We'd been searching for office space for a while, and put out word to many community groups and faith communities to see if anyone had space available that might meet our needs. Rev. Amalia Vagts, lead pastor at Our Saviour's, reached out and invited us to explore possibilities. They have a large, well-maintained campus, centrally located, with space that they wanted to share with a mission partner, right at the time that TIHAN was looking to move.

We negotiated a three-year use agreement, secured the approval from TIHAN's board and the church's council, took care of some required building modifications, and started the process of packing up and moving.

We are very excited about furthering this partnership with Our Saviour's, which has been supporting TIHAN since the early 2000s. A welcoming community, Our Saviour's Lutheran Church's website proclaims: "We celebrate the cultural, ethnic, and racial diversity of Tucson and seek to be a place of belonging for all. We specifically welcome those who have felt or been excluded from church spaces because of race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, financial status, or any other reason."

We give thanks for their welcome, and to all the volunteers who helped us pack up our old office, hold rummage sales of things we no longer need, carry out the move to the new office, help unpack and settle in, and contribute some items on our wish list to make our new space most effective.

Please note our new mailing address: 1200 N Campbell Avenue, Tucson, Arizona 85719. However, our actual office entrance is on the corner of Helen Street and Norris Avenue, one block north of Speedway, and one block east of Campbell. Parking for our office is across Helen Street in the large lot with spaces designated for TIHAN visitors.

*A Note from
Executive Director
Scott Blades*



A Note from the Heart: Treasures Canceled for 2025

As we focus our 2025 efforts on increasing our staffing to build up new programs, we are so blessed to have an amazing gift to provide us the opportunity: an incredible legacy gift from our beloved supporter Tina MacBeth.

It's one of the most rare of circumstances in our 30 years of serving the community that, due to the timing of Tina's amazing bequest, we are able to take a breath and focus on programs right now, allowing us to take a short respite from our signature fundraising event, Treasures for TIHAN, this year. We are devastated by Tina's passing, but the funds that she left to TIHAN will allow us to not have to expend major efforts on a fundraising event to raise a much needed \$100,000 while we are building up our programs.

We are saddened to cancel our 2025 event, but so grateful that Tina's bequest will allow our CarePartners to get new support programs and allow us to focus on rolling out new programs later this year as we hire and train new staff.

We face major challenges now in our country, and the needs are greater than ever, but we have big plans for staffing and programs. We are forever grateful to Tina for the support she provided during her life, and now she continues to support our CarePartners even after her passing with a bequest that allows us to forgo a major expenditure of time and effort on fundraising, allowing us to build new support systems.



OFFICIAL GRAND OPENING
and

RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY
Wednesday, April 30, 4-6pm

**Please join us for a public event open to all.
Ceremony and remarks at 4:30pm
1200 N Campbell Avenue**

**RSVP to OperationsManager@tihan.org
or 520-299-6647**

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Will Scott and Deborah Chisholm Scott, who rented office space to us from 2012 until January 2025.



Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network
1200 North Campbell Avenue
Tucson, Arizona 85719
(520) 299-6647
www.tihan.org



Inside This Issue:

TIHAN Moves to New Office Space

Remembering Joe Heller

Reminder to Claim Your Arizona Tax Credit!

Celebrating Impact and Community

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!

More Exciting Happenings Coming Up at TIHAN!

Classical Music Concert at Dove of Peace Lutheran Church.

Sunday, April 13 at 2:00pm, featuring Sunrise Trio—Homero Cerón, marimba; Ann Weaver, viola; Jim Karrer, bass. Music of Bach, Haydn, Fauré, Corelli and Piazzolla. 665 W Roller Coaster Road. Free admission, with a freewill offering taken for TIHAN.

Volunteer Appreciation Event at the Reid Park Zoo. Thursday, April 24, from 4:30-7:00pm. Celebrate Volunteer Appreciation Month with a family-friendly event, which includes free admission into the zoo, animal encounters, live music, zoo attractions, carousel rides, food/drink available for purchase, and tables from local nonprofits, including TIHAN!

Volunteer Orientation! This is your chance to learn about the incredible volunteer opportunities we have and find the right role for you. Whether you're passionate about direct service, admin support, or fundraising, we have a spot just for you! Next orientation: **Saturday, May 10, 9:30am to Noon.** We're currently recruiting for over a dozen exciting volunteer roles. Advance registration required. Contact Kristen at volunteering@tihan.org or 520-299-6647 for information or to register.

Please join us in welcoming **Kristen Quinnan, our Manager of Operations and Programs!** A lifelong learner and dedicated community advocate, Kristen brings to TIHAN a wealth of experience in volunteer management, community engagement, and program development.

Be Sure to Claim Your Own Tax Credit—There's Still Time to Get a State Tax Credit from Arizona!

Since TIHAN is a Qualifying Charitable Organization providing assistance to low-income Arizonans, your donations to TIHAN qualify you for a state tax credit. Simply donate by April 15, 2025, and still claim it on your **2024** Arizona tax return!

By donating to TIHAN, you can reduce your Arizona state tax liability with a dollar-for-dollar reduction (up to \$470/person, or \$938/ 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.

Thanks for giving to TIHAN, and making a difference in the lives of so many people living with HIV.



Remembering Joseph Heller

With sadness, we share the news of the passing of Joseph Heller in December 2024.

Joe, along with his partner Frank, was always willing to contribute to the cause, sponsoring events and promoting HIV/AIDS education and support in multiple ways.



Joe moved to Tucson in 1997 after retiring from the University of California at Sacramento, where he served as a professor of psychology. He was passionate about HIV/AIDS awareness and support since the early 1980s after his first partner was diagnosed with HIV and eventually died as a result of AIDS.

He continued his advocacy and support efforts in Tucson and was always generous in his support of HIV programs, especially TIHAN. Joe was also a great champion of the work of Primavera Foundation and other important nonprofits in the community.

We give thanks for the love and light that Joe shared so generously with our CarePartners, volunteers, staff, and the community.

With gratitude, we honor Joe Heller and his impact on our lives and our world.

In Today's Political Environment...

Rolling back diversity and inclusion efforts, cutting funds for lifesaving public programs and services, heightened chaos and inflation, removing protections from discrimination, all while hate is increasing, and kindness and decency seem to be in shorter supply.

Still, we have faith that TIHAN's supporters will continue your love and generosity, standing up for vulnerable people in need. Please know how much you and your support are appreciated!

TIHAN Accepts Donations of Stock as Well as Cars and Other Vehicles

Did you know that TIHAN can accept donations of stock as well as donations of your car, truck, RV, boat, motorcycle, or other vehicle (running or even not running)? Donations of items like these can have tax benefits for the donor, and provide support for TIHAN's programs and services that help people with HIV to live well. For more info, please contact Scott at 520-299-6647 or scott@tihan.org

RED Concert: Local and Global Impact!

It was perfect weather for a great gathering of folks wanting to come out and enjoy Tucson's music scene as 175 people gathered to hear a great band, dance and enjoy food and drink as we celebrated life at this year's RED Concert at Three Canyon. Local band OnesAll treated us to a wonderful night of live music, on a night dedicated to Joe Heller.

Through ticket sales, raffles, generous sponsors, and donors, over \$30,000 has been contributed, with proceeds to be split evenly between TIHAN and the Center for Health and Hope.

Scott Blades was presented with the Center's 2025 Leadership Award in recognition of his 30 years of public service to TIHAN and the HIV community of Southern Arizona.



Thanks to the event planning team, sponsors, volunteers, and attendees for making it a great benefit and a fun celebration!



Volunteer Orientations—Your Time and Energy Makes a Difference!

We have multiple great volunteer opportunities, and we have orientation sessions for people interested in volunteering.

For more information about volunteer opportunities, and to sign up to attend an upcoming Volunteer Orientation, please contact us at (520) 299-6647 or Volunteering@tihan.org

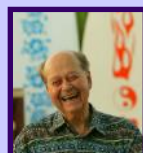


Leaving a Legacy Through a Bequest

We are forever grateful to our friends who have included TIHAN in their estate plans.



Tremendous supporters during their lifetimes, they made arrangements to create a legacy through ensuring TIHAN's programs and services will continue to help people well into the future.



Please contact Scott Blades for more info.



Acknowledging Gifts Made to TIHAN in Honor of and in Memory of Loved Ones

(Gifts received October 1—December 31, 2024)

Gifts Received in Honor Of

Ted Adams
Roy Allen
Amity Foundation
Tanner Arnold
Joe Benanti
Kathy B
Scott Blades *
Carol Bogg
Richard Bolanos
Brett Christenson
Kenny Cohen *
Arlan Colton
Elizabeth Daum
Pete and Debby Francis
Susan Friese
Katherine George
Thom Gilliam
Linda Girard *
Donita Gross
Marianne Hadden
Soozie Hazan
Susan Heinrich and Leslie Kahn
Leslie Kahn *
Lora King
Lindi Laws *
Jess Losoya and Scott Blades
Jess Losoya
Robert Markley
Kirk Mayes
Max McCauslin and John Smith
Don and Bonnie Messer
Rev Don Messer
Phil Moul and Robert Stolarski
Tom Muller
Bobbie Parrish
Jane Perri
John Perez
Frank Ptak
Jeff Ramos and Arlan Colton
Jill and Jim Rich
Sid Rosen
Michele Ruttinger
Paul Sanchez
Carol Schneiderman
Derek Shaw
Rick Small
Elizabeth Smith
Michael Snider
Gina Snyder
Pastor Karla Spence
Claudian Svarstad and Beckie Harkey *
TIHAN's 30th Anniversary
Dan Uroff
Rev. Amalia Vagts
Don VandeGriff
Paula Van Ness
Mary Wald
Rev. Jim Wiltbank
Doug Wingert

Gifts Received in Memory Of

All the friends I've lost to HIV/AIDS
Stephen Andre *
Naya Arbiter
Debbie Barnette *
Bob and Helen Brink *
Marc Brunelle
John Cannell
Craig Embry Carpenter
Laurie Chotena *
Dan
Randy Decker *
Carl Lewis Druckman
Tony Duffy
Dr Don Dwyer
Marcia and Kal Fisher
Ralph Geror *
Jim Girard *
Tom Ham
Shawn Hansen
Joe Heller *
James
Eleanore Johnson *
Rev Greg Jones
Barbara Kaller-Cohen *
Tina MacBeth
Joe Morella
Myron Morris *
Barbara Nelson
Tom Nelson
Pat O'Gallaghan
Donald Paugh
Frank Petroni *
Priest classmates who died from suicide and/or HIV/AIDS
Rudy
Jan Schoemaker
Andrew Thorne
Iva Todd
Bobbie VandeGriff
Michael Vining *
David and Anita Wade *
Randy Weese
Dotty Woody

Make an Impact AND Benefit from an IRA Required Minimum Distribution Gift

If you are age 73 or older and have a traditional Individual Retirement Account (IRA), you can save on taxes and make a charitable rollover gift from your IRA. With a direct transfer from your traditional IRA to a qualified charity such as TIHAN, you help satisfy your minimum required distribution for the year. IRA Charitable Rollover transfers are free of income tax.

TIHAN is a qualified 501(c)(3) charity, and our nonprofit tax ID number is 86-0819574.

If you'd like to make a contribution from your IRA to TIHAN, please contact your IRA plan administrator to send the contribution directly to TIHAN. To not count as taxable income to you, a charitable gift from your IRA must be issued in the charity's name and sent directly to us by your IRA plan administrator.

Congrats and thanks, Gina, on your two-year anniversary working with TIHAN!



\$25 Gives You a Chance to Win Three Amazing Prizes

Every ticket we sell will help fund our programs!



New 2025 Kia Carnival Hybrid SX Prestige

Two First Class Airline Tickets to Anywhere



\$5,000 Cash!

“Millions for Tucson” Raffle

Buy your tickets online at tihan.ejoinme.org/win or call us at 520-299-6647

100% of proceeds from our ticket sales benefit TIHAN's programs and services for people living with HIV

\$25 each, or 5 tickets for \$100. Purchase your tickets and we will fill out your ticket entry and then mail the ticket stub(s) to you.

Tickets are available only through December 5, 2025, and the drawing will be held on December 11, 2025. You must be 21 years of age to purchase raffle tickets. You do NOT have to be present to win. Maximum of 120,000 tickets to be distributed.

* denotes people for whom multiple gifts have been received during this period of time

Thank you!