



the CORNERSTONE

WHAT'S NEW AT THE DR. PETER AIDS FOUNDATION **SPRING 2009**

Voices of Hope Voix D'Espoir National World AIDS Day Concert Debut

For the first time ever, World AIDS Day concerts were held across Canada in 2008.

Uniting in spirit and song, about 400 people gathered at Christ Church Cathedral in Vancouver on November 28 for *Voices of Hope Voix D'Espoir*, the inaugural National World AIDS Day Concert.

The Dr. Peter AIDS Foundation joined with two other Canadian HIV/AIDS health care organizations – Casey House in Toronto and La Maison du Parc in Montreal – to pay tribute to those who have died of AIDS and voice support for people living with HIV/AIDS across Canada.

“It is inspiring to see HIV/AIDS organizations located in Vancouver, Toronto and Montreal collaborating in their fundraising and in spreading the message that people in Canada living with HIV/AIDS still very much need support,” said Lorne Fox, Market Development and Community Relations Manager with GlaxoSmithKline in Partnership with Shire Canada, a national sponsor of the concerts.

The Vancouver event featured performances by the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra's Linda Lee



La Maison du Parc Montreal concert

Thomas, Vancouver Men's Chorus, North Shore Celtic Ensemble, Pandora's Vox, and pianist/singer Perry Dickinson. CBC Radio Two's Bill Richardson brought a mix of humour and pathos to his role as host. We were especially honoured to welcome an eight-person delegation of Haitian HIV/AIDS leaders on a learning exchange, a poignant reminder of the suffering in our global community.

Being part of a “pan-Canadian” initiative – the term adopted from our CBC emcee – was particularly

meaningful for those attending, performing, and supporting the concert. “It reflects the human desire to feel part of a greater experience,” said Maxine Davis, Executive Director of the Dr. Peter AIDS Foundation.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

The 2009 concerts will be held Tuesday, December 1 at Christ Church Cathedral in Vancouver, Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul in Montreal, and Metropolitan United Church in Toronto.

Message from Maxine Davis, Executive Director



Hello friends!

We're pleased to launch the new look and name of the Foundation's newsletter. "Cornerstone," besides being a synonym for foundation, represents something that is essential and indispensable; a small yet fundamental piece of a much greater structure. That describes the work of the Dr. Peter AIDS Foundation – and the vital purpose that HIV/AIDS care at Dr. Peter Centre West End fulfills in Vancouver's complex health care system. Many clients tell us, "I would not be alive if I did not have the Dr. Peter Centre."

The Foundation is honoured to contribute as a cornerstone of health care and of people's lives.

This past year, we welcomed Martin Payne as the Centre's first Nurse Practitioner as part of a collaborative practice model with physicians. NPs have the authority to prescribe certain medication and treatment, and refer clients to other professionals and to hospital. They are the recognized point of contact for clients, and serve an important role with case management, diagnostic care, treatment care, preventive care and end-of-life care. We are excited to consolidate and enhance our nursing practice in this way.

To meet community need as well as our own goal of making care accessible to more people, we increased our Day Health Program capacity by approximately 15 per cent. The Day Health Program is designed to promote health – focusing on care, support, and interventions that reduce risks, improve adherence to treatment, and improve and maintain overall health status of our participants.

A new study by researchers at the BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS

illustrates one way we're making a difference. The study, "An Integrated Supervised Injecting Program Within a Care Facility for HIV-positive Individuals: A Qualitative Evaluation" shows that our program reduces overdose risk, allows for improved care for injection-related infections, increases access to safer injection education, and promotes more open and trusting relationships with staff. It will appear in the upcoming edition of the international journal *AIDS Care*.

Despite our achievements, the year has also brought significant challenges. Unfortunately, like many in the non-profit sector, we have felt the impact of these tough economic times. We fell short of our fundraising goal for 2008/2009, and continue to monitor our priorities for the year ahead in light of uncertain revenue and an unpredictable economy. At the end of the day, our clients need our care.

We know that every dollar counts in your household or business as it does at the Foundation. On behalf of the people we serve, thank you so much for your support.

Help us to continue our good work this year. Please give generously!

Sharing Knowledge, Improving Care

On March 3, about 50 health care professionals gathered at Dr. Peter Centre West End for the forum, *Nurse Practitioner and Physician: Collaborative Practice in HIV/AIDS Care and Treatment*.

"Optimizing the time of HIV/AIDS specialists is critical when there is so much need for their expertise," said Rosalind Baltzer Turje,

Director of Operations at the Foundation. "Implementing a Nurse Practitioner/Physician collaborative practice model at Dr. Peter Centre West End helps make that happen. Our experience will contribute to this model being used more widely in HIV/AIDS care and treatment."

Presenters were Martin Payne, Nurse Practitioner, Dr. Peter Centre West End; Dr. Silvia Guillemi, Clinical Coordinator, John Ruedy

Immunodeficiency Clinic, St. Paul's Hospital, and Associate Professor, UBC Family Practice Medicine; Dr. Rolando Barrios, Assistant Medical Director, John Ruedy Immunodeficiency Clinic, St. Paul's Hospital; and Monica Gregory, Nurse Practitioner, Vancouver Coastal Health. Special thanks to Abbott Virology for sponsoring the presentation.

The Foundation and Abbott Virology will also team up during the 18th

Annual Canadian Conference on HIV/AIDS Research in Vancouver to present *The Dr. Peter Centre Experience: Meaning and Practice of Harm Reduction in an Integrated Health Setting for People with HIV/AIDS* on April 23. The symposium is designed for researchers, health care providers, AIDS service organization representatives and other interested community members.



Passionate about Passions!

PASSIONS 2009, THE SIXTH ANNUAL GALA, WILL BE HELD SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 AT DR. PETER CENTRE WEST END.

Last year's event raised a remarkable \$116,000 – the most ever – for the Dr. Peter AIDS Foundation.

“Passions is an extraordinary evening filled with fantastic food, great fun and wonderful people,” says Leah Solomon, Development Manager for the Dr. Peter AIDS Foundation. “We were thrilled that the support we received from the community last year helped to make it a record-breaking year. We're hoping for even greater things for 2009.”

Renowned as the “Best Small Gala” in town, Passions treats guests to amazing culinary creations by top chefs from 18 of the city's finest

restaurants, including Boneta, Crave, Fraiche, Le Gavroche, MIX the Bakery, O'Doul's, The Observatory, Provence Marinaside and Tojo's. CBC News anchor Gloria Macarenko returns to host the event, which also features a dynamic live auction and a tantalizing silent auction to tempt every taste.

Thank you to our restaurants, friends and sponsors who made the 2008 event such a success. We look forward to seeing you this fall!

SAVE THE DATE:

Tickets for Passions 2009 will be available beginning July 1st at www.drpeter.org or 604.331.3452.

Sowing Seeds of Hope and Community

Volunteer Marguerite has a passion for gardening. She welcomes the opportunity to participate in a “Gardening Group” that works its magic in a community garden plot in Nelson Park across the street from Dr. Peter Centre West End.

“My previous experience as a gardener involved meticulous planning – what, when, and where to plant,” says Marguerite. “Group gardening presented a new challenge for me – everyone has their own opinions and methods, and compromise is essential. Through the work of digging, raking and planting, our differences disappear.

“We planted a variety of flowers and vegetables, and as we work together we exchange stories of former gardens we have been part of and enjoy conversations with passersby, neighbours and others enjoying the park. I think we all especially enjoy the feeling of being part of the neighbourhood.”

Marguerite and her group are back in the garden patch

looking forward to this year's growth and bounty.



Many thanks! Merci beaucoup! Muchas gracias! Danke schön!

Amidst the turmoil of our times, the need to support people in our community living with HIV/AIDS is as important as ever! Building strong relationships with members of our community is critical to our ability to improve the health and quality of life of people living with HIV/AIDS. Together, we are changing the world of HIV/AIDS care. We gratefully acknowledge your support.

VANCOUVER FRONT RUNNERS & TELUS DOLLARS FOR FUNDRAISERS

We are pleased to be the charity of choice for Vancouver Front Runners and the 2008 Pride Run and Walk. Thanks to the enthusiasm and participation of the TELUS fundraising team, TELUS contributed \$5,000 to match event donations raised for



L-R: Patrick Tham, President, Vancouver Front Runners and TELUS Dollars for Fundraisers Team Captain; Maxine Davis, Executive Director, Dr. Peter AIDS Foundation; and Moezine Hasham, TELUS Community Investment & Engagement

the Dr. Peter AIDS Foundation. In total, the combined initiative generated \$12,370 in support for our community.

PRIDE DECK PARTY

The 2008 Biggs Pride Deck Party raised \$3,100 to benefit the Dr. Peter AIDS Foundation. In total, the annual event has raised almost \$25,000 for the organization.

THE ELF PROJECT

For the fourth year, James Bond and Brad Davis inspired friends to give generously to ensure Dr. Peter Residents each got to ask Santa for something they needed. For one resident it was a new pair of running shoes, for another it was a classical CD and toque. Their generosity also supported a variety of Christmas and New Year's festivities for residents.

SUPPORT OUR CARING COMMUNITY

Every contribution makes a difference.

- Support a specific program or project at the Dr. Peter Centre
- Donate in honour or in memory of a family member or friend
- Host your own fundraising event
- Include a gift to the Dr. Peter AIDS Foundation in your will or with your life insurance policy

Our Monthly Giving Program is a wonderful way to show your commitment to our vision. This option is convenient, affordable and sustainable. No monthly amount is too small!

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