

AFA Silver Anniversary Reception & Awards



On November 5, 2009, Aid For AIDS celebrated 25 years of service at a reception and awards presentation at the beautiful SLS Hotel on the edge of Beverly Hills. The VIP reception was attended by major supporters, board members, and community leaders. Photos from AFA's long history were featured in a program book that also included a timeline of events from the start of the AIDS epidemic and AFA's formation in 1983 to the present. The celebration of the Silver Anniversary this year was in recognition of 25 years since AFA became a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit.

AFA was founded within a couple of years of the first AIDS patient diagnosis and the year before the City of West Hollywood was incorporated, creating a related evolution to help with growing regional needs.



AFA Angel Awards were presented to significant and long-term supporters of AFA and leaders in the HIV/AIDS service community by Executive Director Terry Goddard II, who has 19 years with AFA and The Serra Project, and Board President Brenda Goodman, an AFA board member since 1997.

Photos:

(left) Four honorees - Kathy Griffin chats with Jack Larson; Tom Gregory and David Bohnett look on;

(below, L to R) Honorees and presenters - James "Jake" Broderick, Esq., Brian Schield, Esq., Kathy Griffin, Patrick Fields, Esq., Dorrit Ragosine, Tom Pardoe, Stephen Simon, Brenda Goodman, Barbara Brandlin Hines, Jack Larson, Patrick Rush, David Bohnett, Terry Goddard II, Tom Gregory, J. Alexander Strautman, Jeffrey Drew as "Lotta Slots."



AFA Angel Awards were presented in several categories.

Foundation Honoree:

The David Bohnett Foundation, Tom Gregory and David Bohnett; Bridges-Larson Foundation, Jack Larson; Entertainment AIDS Alliance (accepted by EAA Board Member Dorrit Ragosine); QueensCare and its President and CEO, Barbara Brandlin Hines.

Event Honoree:

John Bowab; Alexis Pittman, posthumously, and the Founders and Producers of *Battle For the Tiara* and *Best In Drag Show* (accepted by Jeffrey Drew, Tom Pardoe, and Patrick Rush).

Community Honoree:

City of West Hollywood (accepted by Mayor Abbe Land); Stephen Simon.

Entertainer Honoree:

Kathy Griffin; Kathy Kinney (accepted by Jeffrey Drew); Charlie Sheen.

Individual Honoree:

Dr. Mark Honzel, MRH Medical Group (accepted by Cort Javarone and Andrew Spanswick).

Corporate Honoree:

Squire, Sanders and Dempsey, LLP (accepted by Los Angeles Senior Managing Partner James "Jake" Broderick, AFA Board Member Brian Schield, Esq., and Patrick Fields, Esq.).

Board Honoree:

J. Alexander Strautman and Kevin Spier.



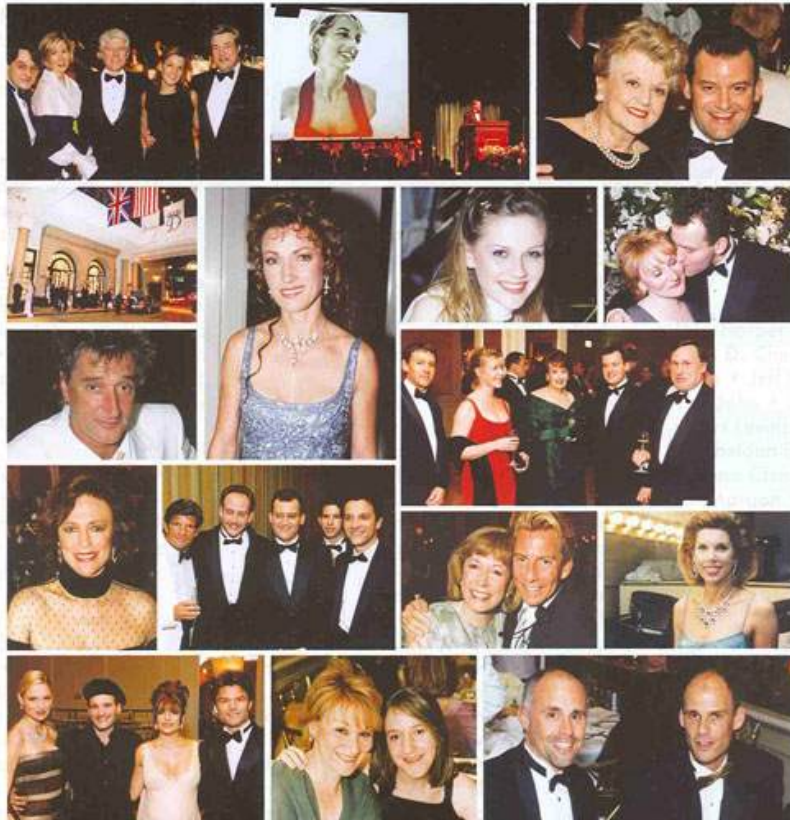
Photos: (top row L to R) AFA Executive Director Terry Goddard II, City of West Hollywood Mayor Abbe Land, L.A. City AIDS Coordinator Stephen Simon; ET/The Insider media crew interviews Jeffrey Drew (and others) at the reception; (bottom row) Kathy Griffin and her Mom, Maggie, with (L to R) Patrick Rush, Johnathan Wallace, Tom Pardoe, Patrick Marks, Jim Crane, Glen Alen, and Bob Burnett - all from 2009 *Best In Drag Show*; AFA Medical Advisory Council Member Dr. David Hardy, Board President Brenda Goodman, and Board Member Tim Sullivan.

For interviews from the Silver Anniversary Reception, link to ET/The Insider, below:

http://www.theinsider.com/videos/3015388_Kathy_Griffin_asks_Mom_to_Take_a_Side_on_The_Insider_s_Top_Headlines

The Princess Ball, 1998

Aid For AIDS and the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund hosted a major fundraiser in 1998, with the two charities splitting more than \$1 million from the benefit dinner and auction of the "Heart of the Ocean" necklace crafted by Asprey & Garrard. The event attracted many Hollywood notables, including Angela Lansbury, Rod Stewart, Lisa Rinna, Harry Hamlin, Gary Oldman, Christine Baranski, and others. John Travolta and Kelly Preston were honorary event co-chairs.



If you would like to purchase a copy of the program book from the AFA Silver Anniversary, which looks back at the agency's 25 years of events and fundraising, send a check for \$10.00 to AFA, Attn: Development Dept., 8235 Santa Monica Blvd., Ste. 200, West Hollywood, CA 90046.

Photo collage: a page from the AFA Silver Anniversary program book.