

# AFA Connections

Aid For AIDS Community Newsletter

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## Dining Out For Life 2005

Thursday, April 28, 2005

*EAT for a good cause!*



Give 'generous helping' a whole new meaning! On Thursday, April 28th, make sure you dine out for breakfast, lunch and dinner at a participating *Dining Out For Life* restaurant and your dining dollars will help people disabled by HIV/AIDS.

*Dining Out For Life* is a national one-day fundraising event where participating restaurants in Southern California contribute 15% - 40% of their day's sales to Aid For AIDS. Eating breakfast, lunch, and dinner at a participating restaurant on April 28th will help Aid For AIDS prevent homelessness and hunger and enhance self-sufficiency for individuals and families impoverished and disabled by HIV/AIDS.

You don't have to put on a tux or run a marathon to help people with AIDS. All you have to do is EAT! See page two for a list of participating restaurants, but this list is growing everyday, so be sure to go to [www.DiningOutForLife.com](http://www.DiningOutForLife.com) for an updated list, or call the 97.1 FM DOL Hotline at 800-400-5752. Then, on Thursday, April 28th, grab a group of friends, co-workers, family or a date and go EAT for a good cause. It will be one of the most satisfying meals you ever eat.

## Dining Out For Life: Call for Volunteers



2004 DOL Ambassador and friends

The time commitment is one night of dining, but the value to Aid For AIDS is immeasurable!

We, quite honestly, cannot do this without you! The success of DOL every year is largely based on our volunteer Restaurant Ambassadors.

For more information on how you can become a volunteer Restaurant Ambassador, please contact Rebecca Pontius, Special Events Coordinator, at 323-656-1107 ext. 2119 or [rpointius@aidforaids.net](mailto:rpointius@aidforaids.net).

AFA needs your help! We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers who love food and making a difference! On Thursday, April 28 we need Restaurant Ambassadors to welcome diners and thank them for participating in Dining Out For Life and supporting AFA. Ambassadors will also collect raffle envelopes. Ambassadors should also encourage all their family, friends, and co-workers to join them for wonderful food, great conversation, and a general good time at their restaurant.



2004 DOL Ambassadors meet at Sonora Cafe after a great night of dining and making a difference.

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Donate Now!

Volunteer with AFA

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### AFA Mission Statement

Aid For AIDS (AFA), a resilient non-profit, was founded by a group of friends over 20 years ago and has grown into the premier service provider of direct financial assistance to persons living below the poverty line and disabled with HIV/AIDS in Los Angeles County. AFA's mission is to prevent homelessness and hunger and to improve quality of life and independent living for those impoverished and disabled by HIV/AIDS.

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## Thursday, April, 28 Dining Out For Life Participating Restaurants

Breakfast ♦ Lunch ♦ Dinner

A.O.C.  
Alessi Ristorante  
Anaheim White House  
Astro Burger, West Hollywood \*\*\*\*  
Avanti Café  
Basix Café  
Bigg Chill  
Bliss Restaurant & Lounge \*\*  
Breeze at Westin Century Plaza Hotel  
Brooklyn Bagel Bakery \*\*  
Buca di Beppo, Encino  
Buca di Beppo, Universal Citywalk  
Ca' del Sole  
Café D'Etoile  
Café Marco  
Café Med  
Café Rodeo  
Canal Club  
Cantolini's Salerno Beach \*\*  
Casita del Campo \*\*  
Chow Fun \*\*  
Cinnabar  
Coffee Table Bistro \*\*  
Derek's  
DiPiazza's Lava Lounge  
El Coyote  
Fabiolus Café, Melrose \*\*  
Fabiolus Café, Sunset \*\*  
Flying Leap Café \*\*\*  
French Quarter Restaurant  
Giannino \*\*  
Hamburger Mary's  
Hugo's, West Hollywood  
Il Moro Bar Caffe Ristorante \*\*  
Jackson's Village Bistro  
James Beach  
Jaxx on Sunset  
Jody Maroni's, Universal Citywalk

Jody Maroni's, Venice  
Joey's Café  
Josie Restaurant  
L'Orangerie  
Lucques  
Lunaria Restaurant  
Marco's Trattoria  
Margarita Grille  
Marix Tex Mex Café  
Mark's Restaurant  
Mexicali Cocina and Cantina  
Mezzomondo Trattoria  
Nook Bistro  
O-Bar Restaurant \*\*  
Off Vine Restaurant \*\*  
Original Park Pantry  
Palermo Italian Restaurant  
Pizza Place & Garden Café \*\*  
Pizzetta \*\*\*  
Pomodoro Cucina Italiana  
PowerZone \*\*\*  
Primitivo Wine Bistro  
Quality Food & Beverage Restaurant  
Ristorante Positano  
Salomi Indian and Bangladesh \*\*  
Sapori Cucina \*\*  
Sonora Café \*\*  
South Street, Burbank  
South Street, Westwood  
Tango Grill  
Taste \*\*  
Ten20 Night Scene \*\*  
The Abbey \*\*\*  
Toscana  
vermont Restaurant  
Vincenti Ristorante  
Wabi-Sabi  
Warszawa  
Whale & Ale \*\*  
Wild Oats Café on Melrose \*\*

Restaurant is donating 15% unless otherwise indicated: \*\* 20%, \*\*\* 30%, \*\*\*\* 40%  
Special thanks to Astro Burger, West Hollywood for donating 40%, our highest percentage to date!

## AFA Housing Fair

Aid For AIDS provided leadership again, in partnership with Los Angeles Housing Department and Los Angeles City Housing Authority, by hosting the second Housing Resource Fair on February 17, 2005 at Immanuel Presbyterian Church. One hundred HIV + households were notified at the end of January, 2005 that



Tracey Cumberland, Dir. of Community Relations for PX ModernHEALTH, Vicki Freda, STAP Trainer for AFA, Art Tavera, Lead Tech for PX ModernHEALTH. PX ModernHEALTH provided lunch and refreshments for Fair attendees.

their Section 8 housing would be terminated as of March 31, 2005. In an effort to prevent these individuals and families living with HIV/AIDS from becoming homeless, 23 AIDS service providers, including Aid For AIDS, provided information and support to the 60 households that attended the Housing Resource Fair. HOPWA STAP (Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS - Short Term Assistance Program) Referral Agencies, of which Aid For AIDS is the central coordinating agency, successfully brought together LA City staff, housing providers, and AIDS support service organizations and is currently working with these clients and landlords in hopes of allowing clients to remain in their current housing.

## AFA News

Aid For AIDS is excited to welcome Bijal Shah as our new Development Associate. Bijal is a graduate of UC Irvine, where she received her BA in history. Bijal also has a degree in graphic design. Bijal spent the past year working for NPR affiliate KPCC 89.3 FM.

## Dining Out For Life: Raffle

When you Dine Out For Life on Thursday, April 28, not only do you get to enjoy a great meal and help AFA, but you also have the chance to win a trip to Hawaii! This Grand Prize package for two includes First-Class air on Hawaii Airlines and three nights stay in the Ala Moana Suites at Hawaii Prince Hotel Waikiki and Golf Club, including daily breakfast buffet at the signature Prince Court restaurant. This prize is valued at approximately \$5,000. Other raffle prizes include gift certificates to restaurants and spas.

All you have to do is dine out for breakfast, lunch or dinner at a participating restaurant and ask the Restaurant Ambassador or wait staff for a raffle envelope. Simply complete the information needed on the envelope and return it to your server, Restaurant Ambassador or mail it directly to AFA. No donation is necessary to enter. However, your direct contribution makes a huge difference in the lives of individuals with HIV/AIDS and helps pay for their basic necessities of life: housing, utilities, medications, home delivery of fresh food, and nutritional supplements. Please donate and give "generous helping" a whole new meaning!



## Not your grandmother's Bingo....

Enjoy Sister Bingo, an outrageous afternoon of bingo with the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence ([www.lasisters.org](http://www.lasisters.org)), every second Sunday of every month from 3pm - 5pm at Micky's in West Hollywood (8857 Santa Monica Boulevard).

The generous Sisters, along with founding sponsor, Interactive Male, donate 100% of the proceeds to AFA. You can play for \$5.00/card (1 game) or \$10.00/sheet (4 games) while sipping \$2 margaritas. Weekend getaways are among the great prizes you can win.

Join the Sisters for Sister Bingo as they bring a whole new meaning to Holy Sundays.

## Help A Sister Out!

The Sisters and Interactive Male are looking for companies or individuals who would like to donate prizes for BINGO winners. Some examples of perfect prizes are: a free haircut, a winery tour, a gift basket, merchandise, etc. Be creative! Contact Rick Goldenstein at Interactive Male at [rickgoldenstein@yahoo.com](mailto:rickgoldenstein@yahoo.com) or (323) 828-4725. Thank you for your help!