



preventing homelessness & hunger since 1983

Making a difference to many, one at a time

Since 1983, AFA has woven a tapestry of support for Los Angeles County with its remarkable amount of assistance to those living in poverty and disabled by HIV/AIDS

To touch on AFA's important scope of services and the number of people assisted, please see how much assistance was provided over the last 12 months:

778 Bus Passes - help getting to doctors and stores

1,169 Food Orders with home delivery - personalized orders of fresh food

695 Vitamin & Medication vouchers - often these items critical to wellness regimes are not covered by insurance or Medicare

175 Utility Payments - keeping the lights on and water running

725 Rent/Mortgage Payments - averting homelessness during crisis

68 Move-In Assistance - helping with move-in including deposits when moving is absolutely necessary

Each time we help someone at AFA, our assistance relieves their immediate need and lifts the crush of despair. Many times, our assistance allows poverty-stricken families to remain in their current homes and maintain their independent living, as well as helping to stabilize communities. Without our help, often clients face the disturbing choice between paying for their housing or eating properly.

We have linkages with over 50 regional service providers, giving clients a wide range of resources for other types of assistance. Our programs enhance self-sufficiency, and empower clients to be financially responsible — a requirement by AFA for clients to maintain their eligibility for assistance.

AFA Volunteer Voice

Vikki Krekler
Special Events Coordinator

Hello, Volunteers!

Thank you for giving back to the community through your volunteer efforts with Aid For AIDS (AFA). Each minute you spend volunteering helps us to continue providing the best possible service to our clients.

Upcoming Opportunity

Join AFA in the Los Angeles Pride Parade on Sunday June 11th. This is a fun opportunity to socialize, get some exercise and march for a good cause (see "Human Pyramid" article to the right).

March with us in the parade on behalf of Aid For AIDS. You can walk with us, hold a sign and march, or carry a donation bucket and go into the crowd to accept donations as we march. It's a fun day and you get a nifty AFA t-shirt.

If you want to volunteer, contact me at 323-656-1107, ext. 2119 or at vkrekler@aidforaids.net. I hope to see you there!

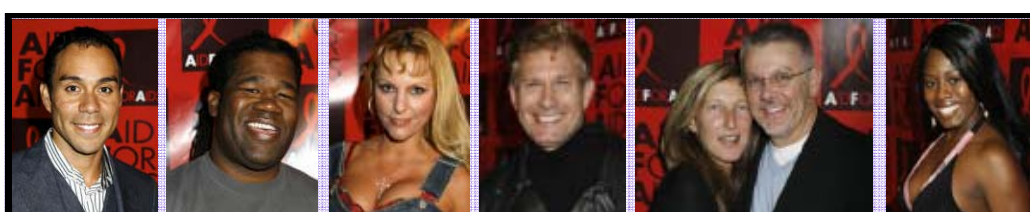
Many Thanks

We were fortunate to have the dedicated support of many volunteers during the past couple of months preparing for our *Dining Out For Life* fundraiser. Special thanks for *Dining Out For Life* go to **Lionel Levin** and **Harry Cohen** for their terrific help in our office with a number of big projects. Our *Dining Out For Life Media Kickoff* at The Abbey was a great success, and volunteers **Eric Badgett** and **Wileen Rungsirdacha** helped us keep things running smoothly. Talented volunteer photographer **Aaron Garcia** documented the festivities. For the day and night of *Dining Out For Life*, volunteer restaurant ambassadors represented AFA at participating restaurants around Los Angeles County — educating diners about AFA's programs and collecting donations and raffle entries. Our wonderful 2006 Ambassadors were **Kathleen Campbell**, **Antonio DeRosa**, **Howard Dotson**, **Van King**, **Susan Lezaun**, **Lysette Morales**, **Mike Muson**, **Gail Slater**, **Michelle Wright**, **Michael Young** and from the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, **Sister Dirty Sanchez**, **Sister Erotica** and their **Jr. Sister**.

Thank you, everyone!

www.aidforaids.net

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Mauricio Sanchez, BD Freeman, Aza, Ted Casablanca, Brenda Goodman & Patrick Rush, Tennille Williams.



Dining Out For Life Kicks Off @ The Abbey with Hot Media Party

Dateline: April 25, 2006

The Abbey, West Hollywood's glamorous and sprawling "in crowd" eatery and lounge, hosted AFA's *Media Kick-off* promoting fundraiser *Dining Out For Life*. As evening added its drama, changing tableaux of celebrities and other notables were seen in flash frames at AFA's new, red press wall. These added syncopation to the already pumped 200-plus crowd attending the media event to support AFA and the diverse restaurants participating on April 27th. Smirnoff and Chalone Winery sponsored the spirits for the party. [For more: [click here](#)]

Celebrity photos: Evans Ward, JPI Studios. The Abbey photo: Aaron Garcia

Your United Way Designation to AFA

A Timely Message from AFA Board Member Tony Braswell, Chair, Development Committee



Dear Friends:

Did you know that you can designate your United Way giving directly to AID FOR AIDS, one of Los Angeles County's leaders in direct care and financial assistance for persons living with HIV/AIDS?

And, that right now is the specific time of year when United Way partnerships are established?

You can designate your gift to help with causes that hold particular significance to you. And that's why I am writing to you today. I would like to ask that you consider designating your United Way gift to AID FOR AIDS.

Your gift represents your company well, no matter the size of the gift. It can change the lives of our clients, and help sustain the important work that continues to move persons devastated by HIV/AIDS from dependence to independence.

You can designate Aid For AIDS by marking section "C" on the Contribution Form - Designated Gift. The agency code for AID for AIDS is 13687. The information required to designate is AID for AIDS, 8235 Santa Monica Blvd. West Hollywood, CA 90046.

If you have questions about our work at AID for AIDS, or need any information about designating AFA through the United Way, please contact our Development Assistant, Michelle Lee at 323-656-1107 ext. 2116, or email: mlee@aidforaids.net

I thank you for your kind consideration of support.

Tony Braswell

Human Pyramids & Cheers Stir Crowd @ LB Pride



Dateline: May 21, 2006

Perfect temperature in Long Beach on May 21st made the '06 Long Beach Pride Parade awesome! The Cheerleading teams were jazzed, chanting for AFA and performing dance steps and acrobatics to excite the crowd. Teams Cheer LA, Cheer San Francisco and San Diego Cheer Elite accompanied AFA's contingent, energizing everyone then running into the crowd to collect donations. AFA Development Manager Danny Levy said, "It was so much fun, and the cheerleaders were fantastic. AFA is so appreciative for the support of such a diverse and talented group." [For photos and more [click here](#)]

HAWAII PRINCE HOTEL WAIKIKI AND GOLF CLUB HAWAIIAN AIRLINES **We Have A Winner!**

2006 Dining Out For Life Grand Prize Drawing

Congratulations! Thanks to AFA's wonderful prize sponsors, Hawaiian Airlines and Hawaii Prince Hotel Waikiki, our Grand Prize Winner Alex Mendoza can start planning his first class trip to Hawaii. AFA's Vikki Krekler coordinated the exciting drawing on May 23rd from all Dining Out For Life raffle entries received. Alex dined out in support of AFA at Cha Cha Cha Silverlake restaurant, where he dropped off his entry. [For the list of winning *Dining Out For Life Ambassadors* [click here](#)]

Our 12th Year - Thank You! Dining Out For Life: April 27th

From Pasadena to Long Beach, from Burbank to Beverly Hills and beyond, multitudes supporting AFA's mission gave "generous helping" a whole new meaning!

Many of the most popular restaurants in Los Angeles County donated a minimum of 20% of their day's sales to AFA. On behalf of our clients, we send a huge "thank you" to our participating restaurants, sponsors and volunteers. We are grateful to all who dined at these special restaurants on April 27th. Dining Out For Life continues to grow with new restaurants and sponsors every year. Some notable restaurants have participated continuously since we began in 1995. Many pledged more than 20%! [For photos and more [click here](#)]



AFA Staff enjoyed Dining Out For Life at lunch. Later, everyone dined out at various participating restaurants around Los Angeles County. Peeking around the curtains on The Abbey's patio: (Clockwise from left) Colleen Blodgett, Yeresia Navarro, Shanae Williams, Jeffrey Armas, Rick Narvaez, Danny Levy, Michelle Lee, Jeannette Bondurant, Vikki Krekler, Vicki Freda, Mary Ellen Krems, Monique Morrow, Terry Goddard II.



Sister Bingo: Win Prizes & Benefit AFA

It's an outrageous afternoon of fun at Micky's, West Hollywood, playing Sister Bingo. All proceeds are donated to AFA by The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence. Prizes include a major trip each month thanks to Interactive Male, event founder. Promote your business: donate new items for prize bags. [For details, dates and photos [click here](#)]



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