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Donate online at www.aidforaids.net by November 25th and, with gratitude, we will remove you from our important winter donor appeal, mailed the last week of November.

A Letter of Thanks

We send our heartfelt thanks to ALL OF YOU – creators, donors and supporters – who made Best In Drag Show 2007 the most amazingly successful year yet – over \$340,000! On behalf of Aid For AIDS, we thank everyone who helped to make Best In Drag Show 2007 such a success.

Your support of Best In Drag Show helps us to give assistance when it's needed. Each of these services provided by AFA last year made a significant difference to someone struggling with poverty and HIV/AIDS:

- 738 rent/mortgage payments to help in critical situations
- 1,194 fresh food orders delivered to prevent hunger and poor nutrition
- 747 bus passes to get to doctors, stores and more
- 188 utility payments to keep lights on and water running
- 693 vitamin and medication vouchers for quality of life
- 50 move-in assists for those who absolutely had to move

We are very grateful for your gifts of time, talent, heart, and financial support that made Best In Drag Show 2007 such a wonderful fundraiser. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Brenda Goodman, AFA Board President
Terry Goddard II, Executive Director

Best in Drag Show 2007 - Viva La Diva!



October 14, 2007— For the fifth year in a row, seven brave (some not so pretty) divas broke out their highest heels, finest evening gowns, and flashiest makeup, ready to battle for the title of Miss Best in Show 2007. Best in Drag Show is an hilarious beauty pageant and Aid For AIDS' largest fundraiser. With it's sassy attitude and outrageous humor, it's definitely not for the faint of heart.

This year, June Cleavage (Miss Connecticut), Pearl Necklace (Miss Georgia), Bella View (Miss New York), Hedda Hardahearin (Miss Oregon), Marium Rich (Miss Texas), and Velveeta Fondue (Miss Wisconsin) were out to win with their swimsuits, evening gowns, and unique talents, but there could only be one who topped them all. Bindi Dundat (Miss Minnesota) won the judges

hearts with her Bollywood dance number, an evening gown which included a sparkling sari wrap and headpiece modeled after the Taj Mahal, and her swimsuit for a six-armed glittered goddess. Lotta Slots and Ida Dunham, the shows color commentators, left no sympathy for the contestants with their catty, but side-splitting remarks between sets.

Spa Day, November 8th

Make Your Last
Minute Appointment!



Soothing
massages,
calming
facials,
refreshing

body treatments – what better way to relax than by treating yourself to a luxurious spa treatment before the stress of the busy holiday season kicks in? On Spa Day, November 8th, over 45 spas and salons from Northern California, Southern California, Arizona, Atlanta, Chicago, New York, and Southern Florida will be donating 20% or more of their revenue to Aid For AIDS. A percentage of proceeds raised will be given to similar non-profits in participating areas. Aid For AIDS wants to thank our Spa Day sponsors – Jane Iredale Cosmetics, Spa Magazine, Angeleno Magazine, Spa-Addicts, The Atlantan, Orange Blossom Spa, Splendor, Pretty City, Home Miami, Home Fort Lauderdale, Riviera Magazine, CS Magazine, and Miami Magazine. And of course, a big thank you to all of our participating spas! For a list of which participating spas, visit www.spaday.org. Get your last minute appointments in, treat yourself, and help benefit individuals and families living with HIV/AIDS.

Aid For AIDS' Annual Toy Drive



As the winter holiday season quickly approaches, Aid For AIDS is coordinating our Annual Toy Drive for our clients' children, as well as children from

king sari wrap and headpiece modeled after the Raj Mahal, and her swimsuit for a six-armed glittered goddess. Lotta Slotts and Ida Dunham, the shows color commentators, left no sympathy for the contestants with their catty, but side-splitting remarks between acts.

For the rest of the article, visit our events page at www.aidforaids.net/events. To see pictures from the show and pre-party, [click here](#).

World AIDS Day 2007



While World AIDS Day is officially celebrated on December 1st every year, The City of West Hollywood, Metropolitan Community Church and Aid For AIDS will be holding their annual remembrance on Friday, November 30th, 2007.

The ceremony begins at 5:00 PM at West Hollywood City Hall with a brief opening presentation and an opportunity to view "Silence=Death," a photo exhibit documenting Los Angeles activism from 1987-2007. This will be followed by a candlelight vigil at 6:15 PM along the West Hollywood Memorial Walk from City Hall to the Metropolitan Community Church to honor those who have passed on and to empower those living with HIV/AIDS. The night will commence with a presentation of the Paul Starke Warrior Awards, which honors nominees from local agencies who have made major contributions in the local HIV/AIDS community.

On this day, flowers will be placed on the West Hollywood Memorial Walk bronze plaques lining Santa Monica Boulevard, which serve as lasting tributes to those lost to the disease. Every plaque purchased provides financial support to Aid For AIDS, and can be ordered [here](#).

We invite all to attend the annual World AIDS Day Commemoration. To view the flyer for more information, [click here](#).

Aid For AIDS' Volunteer Voice

From Yesenia Navarro, Special Events Coordinator

Hello, Volunteers!

Thank you for giving back to the community through your volunteer efforts with Aid For AIDS. Your time and generosity help make it possible for us to continue providing the best possible service to our clients.

Special thanks to our Aid For AIDS staff and volunteers for their help with our biggest fundraiser of the year, Best in Drag Show. Volunteers helped with tasks varying from assisting in getting a mailer out, to helping keep things running smoothly on the night of the show. With their dedication and enthusiasm, they helped make the show a great success!

Upcoming Opportunity:

Please join us on Friday, November 30, on World AIDS Day, for a moving recognition of those affected by HIV/AIDS. Aid For AIDS, and The City of West Hollywood will hold our Candlelight Vigil along the AIDS Memorial Walk on Santa Monica Boulevard. If you would like to volunteer, please contact me at 323-656-1107ext. 2119, or at ynavarro@aidforaids.net. I hope to see you there!



AIDS is coordinating our Annual Toy Drive for our clients' children, as well as children from low-income families served by our local partner organizations. We count on the community to make this possible, and are looking for businesses to host drives on behalf of Aid For AIDS, encouraging employees and customers to donate toys in their original packaging. Hundreds of deserving children, from newborns to teenagers, will be provided with toys throughout Los Angeles County.

To get involved and help brighten a child's 2007 holiday, please contact Yesenia Navarro, Special Events Coordinator, at 323-656-1107 ext. 2119, or ynavarro@aidforaids.net.

Upcoming Aid For AIDS' Event!



Mark your calendars for Sunday, January 20th, 2007. Aid For AIDS will be presenting An Intimate Evening with Diane Schuur hosted by The David Bohnett Foundation. More details to follow soon!

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