

AFA Connections

Aid For AIDS Community Newsletter

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...because "The Battle" is far from over!

Best in (Drag) Show is unlike anything you've ever seen before - an outrageous beauty pageant FUNdraiser benefiting Aid For AIDS! Contestants compete for "top dog" title in front of celebrity judges including Kathy Griffin, John C. Reilly, from *The O.C.* Peter Gallagher, Rachel Bilson, Kelly Rowan, Melinda Clarke, and from *Desperate Housewives* Marcia Cross.

Limited tickets are still available. For ticket information, call (323) 656-5223 ext. 2 or email BestInDrag@aol.com. The ticket order form is available on the Events page of www.aidforaids.net.

Sunday, October 24 at the Wilshire-Ebell Theatre

4401 W. 8th Street @ Lucerne, Los Angeles

Pre-pageant show starts at 5:30 PM. The pageant starts at 7:00 PM

Volunteers are needed! Here are the volunteer positions we need:

- **Table set up** for the bar from 2:00 - 4:00 PM
- **Drink ticket seller** during the pre-show party from 4:45 - 7:00 PM
- **Flyer Distribution** - handing info to folks as they leave from 8:45 - 10:30 PM
- **Clean up** after the party & after the show - 7:00 - 8:00 PM &/or 8:30 - 10:30 PM

Please contact Jan to volunteer for this incredibly fun event.



Volunteer!



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Thank you for all you do to support Aid For AIDS. Please contact us for more information on AFA, our events, volunteer opportunities, and corporate & media sponsorship. We can't do it without you! **Thank you, as always for all your support!**

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On September 22nd we held our first annual **Cocktails & Conversation**. The purpose of this event was to let more people know about Aid For AIDS and it's mission of direct financial assistance to persons disabled by HIV/AIDS. Please visit the events page of our website to view more photos of the evening.



Special thanks to Roche Pharmaceuticals for providing the catering, Smirnoff for providing the bar, Dr. Dale Prokupek for hosting the event in his beautiful home and Steve Simon, City AIDS Coordinator for representing Mayor Hahn and speaking in support of AFA.

Founded in 1983 by a group of friends, Aid For AIDS has grown into the premier service provider of direct financial assistance to people living with HIV/AIDS that are disabled and living below the poverty line in Los Angeles County.

Over 90% of Aid For AIDS' revenue funds client programs. To date, Aid For AIDS has directly touched the lives of over 14,000 men, women, and children and has distributed over \$18,000,000 in client assistance.

Upcoming Events

Indulge and help others!
Sign up for luxurious spa and salon treatments
on Wednesday, November 17th, 2004



Make an appointment for Wednesday, November 17th at any of our participating spas or salons and indulge knowing 20% of all services and gift certificates purchased that day will help provide life's necessities for individuals and families living with HIV/AIDS. When you make your appointment, be sure to thank the spa/salon for supporting Aid For AIDS and SPA DAY!

Purchase gift certificates at participating spas and salons on Wednesday, November 17th and give the gift of 'pamper generosity.' Family, friends, co-workers - let the serenity of SPA DAY last all year.

For the current list of participating spas and salons in Los Angeles or San Francisco, please visit www.spaday.org

West Hollywood Memorial Walk

benefiting Aid For AIDS



We are pleased to announce that the Memorial Walk section of our website has been completely improved and updated.


Please join us for a candlelight march on December 1st along the West Hollywood Memorial Walk (Santa Monica Boulevard) commemorating **World AIDS Day**. More information will follow in next month's newsletter, but **mark your calendars now!!**

Los Angeles' legendary piano bar & cabaret, *The Other Side*, presents award-winning concert pianist

JAMES LENT

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15 IN A SPECIAL BENEFIT FOR AID FOR AIDS

Sing Along with James Lent




"Sing Along with James Lent" is a rousing, Broadway-style, piano sing-along. If you're a potential soloist, bring your sheet music! And if you're just a music lover, bring everyone you know, because this show is for you! Come early if you want seating near the piano!

**October 15th
9PM - 1AM
The Other Side
2538 Hyperion
(Silverlake) - NO COVER**


10% OF ALL BEVERAGE SALES THAT NIGHT WILL GO TO AID FOR AIDS

How would you like to **donate money to Aid For AIDS without writing another check?** Instead, every time you shop (which you know you do anyway!) Ralph's will donate 4% of your bill to AFA! Aid For AIDS now receives a rebate on purchases made at any Ralph's grocery store when a registered person uses their Ralph's Club Card at check-out. All you have to do is email Michael (mgordon@aidforaids.net) the following information:



- 1) Ralph's Club Card Number
- 2) First and Last Name
- 3) Address, City, State, Zip
- 4) Phone number with area code

National Latino AIDS awareness day



**National Latino AIDS Awareness Day
Friday, October 15th**

For more information, visit www.latinoaids.org.

AFA Wish List

In order for AFA to maintain its commitment of over 90% of our budget going to our clients we are adding a wish list to our monthly newsletter. Please contact either Jan or Michael if you have items that you would like to donate to our office.

- Digital Camera
- Color Copier
- All-In-One Copier/Scanner/Printer