

AHF Times

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AHF EXPANSIONS NEW, EXISTING, UPCOMING



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Statewide El Monte Gardena Lancaster Long Beach Los Angeles Oakland Orange County Palm Springs Pasadena Rancho Cucamonga Redondo Beach San Diego San Francisco Whittier	Statewide Ft. Lauderdale Ft. Myers Jacksonville Miami Orlando Pensacola Safety Harbor
	GEORGIA
	Lithonia
	LOUISIANA
	Baton Rouge New Orleans
	SOUTH CAROLINA
	Columbia
	TEXAS
	Dallas Ft. Worth
	DC
	Washington
	WASHINGTON
	Seattle
MISSISSIPPI	Jackson
NEW YORK	Brooklyn Melville New York City
CONNECTICUT	New Haven
OHIO	Cleveland Columbus

AHF GROWS ACROSS THE U.S.

Adam Ouderkirk - Interim Senior Director of Business Development

SAN FRANCISCO—In 2011, AHF launched a service expansion effort in the United States, as a response to the rising numbers of people living with HIV and especially those who are infected but may not know it and/or are not in care.

The CDC reports that only 25 percent of the more than 1 million people in the U.S. who are living with HIV/AIDS have the virus under control. Moreover, as many as one in four people in the U.S.

served, both in HIV prevention and testing services, and in access to HIV healthcare for many people.

To reach our goal of controlling the HIV epidemic by 2019, AHF is dedicated to people knowing their status and getting treatment—the “Test and Treat” model of prevention—and having access to adequate HIV prevention messaging and supplies.

Towards this goal, AHF has been rapidly expanding services into new locations across the country. Since 2011, 9 new healthcare centers, 16 pharmacies, 4 sexual wellness centers, and related programs have opened in,

Florida: Coral Gables, Tampa Bay, Miami Beach, Wilton Manors, South Beach, and Fort Myers

Georgia: Lithonia

California: San Francisco, Long Beach, Gardena, Whittier, and Oakland

Washington: Seattle

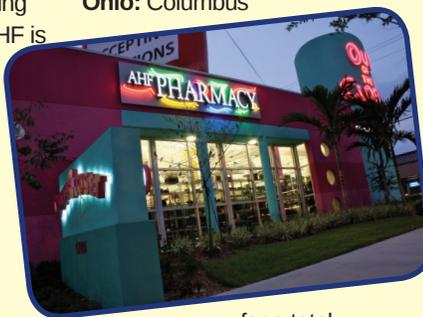
New York: Manhattan, Brooklyn,

and Melville

Connecticut: New Haven

Texas: Fort Worth and Dallas

Ohio: Columbus

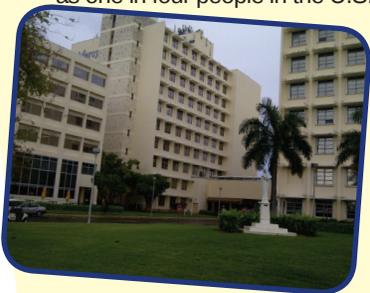


—for a total of 23 healthcare centers, 32 pharmacies, and 13 wellness centers across the country. Upcoming expansion sites and services to look for over the next twelve months are,
New York: Brooklyn
Louisiana: Baton Rouge and New Orleans
Alabama: TBA
Mississippi: Jackson
Ohio: Cleveland and Columbus
South Carolina: Columbia
California: San Diego, Palm Springs, and Orange County.

With the great work done by the AHF Testing America and Condom Nation tours, the momentum and passion created through the March on Washington and the ongoing Keep the Promise marches, collaborations and connections have led to a greater understanding and dedication to the needs and populations we will serve in these new locations.

Several unique programs, such as the mobile testing van provided to the San Antonio AIDS Foundation, help expand the scope of prevention and care services beyond our own sites. The support and extra effort on the part of all AHF employees have made possible this expansion of services to thousands of HIV+ clients, as we start to address the significant needs of new communities across the U.S.

Thank you all for your part in ending the HIV epidemic across the world – it is truly a team effort.



don't know that they are infected.

Poverty, stigma and poor access to health care are factors that fuel disparities in HIV infection and also contribute to gaps in treatment and care. AHF identified certain urban areas and most of the states in the South as significantly under-



UGANDA'S FIRST LADY CUTS THE RED RIBBON



UGANDA—With the planting of a tree, cutting of a ribbon and slicing of a cake by Uganda's First Lady, AHF marked the opening of its largest new healthcare center and commercial building in Lukaya, Uganda on January 17, 2013.

Over 2,000 people turned out for the

celebration, which featured a march, live entertainment and speeches by dignitaries including the First Lady Janet Kataha Museveni, Michael Weinstein, AHF President, Hon. Vincent Ssempijja the area Member of Parliament and Dr. Penninah Lutung Amor, AHF's Chief of Africa Bureau.

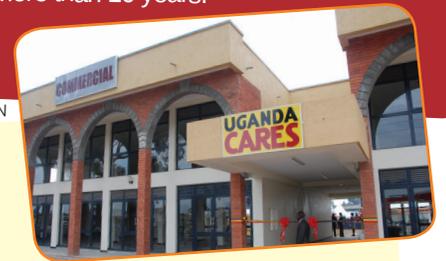
Located on two acres of land on the heavily travelled Kampala-Masaka Highway, 70 miles from Uganda's capital, the new healthcare center will accommodate up to 300 patients a day, with a maximum lifetime capacity of 20,000 patients. The center will house a large waiting area, a pharmacy with a dispensary, a lab, rooms for consultations and patient observation and a variety of administrative spaces.

The adjacent building will be home to a commercial and residential complex, which will financially support medical work at the clinic and also promote socio-economic empowerment and business development in the area. There's enough space for a restaurant, six single-bedroom apartments, and rental space for banking halls, conference halls, and retail stores. This is an exciting new model for AHF.

The center is operated by UGANDA CARES, AHF's local service branch formed in conjunction with the Ugandan Ministry of Health in 2001.

AHF has been providing lifesaving treatment and testing for HIV/AIDS to nearly 40,000 patients in eight districts in Uganda for more than 10 years.

FAÇADE OF THE NEWLY CONSTRUCTED CLINIC IN LUKAYA ON THE KAMPALA-MASAKA HIGHWAY.



AHF LEADERSHIP:

DR. RODNEY WRIGHT Chair, AHF Board of Directors

RWANDA—The war against AIDS has not yet been won. For the months of February and March, I have left the cold of New York to spend time teaching at the National University of Rwanda, Faculty of Medicine.

Just two weeks ago, I experienced possibly one of the saddest moments I have encountered in many years. As I made rounds, I was informed that there was a patient the resident physician "forgot" to present to me the day before. The patient, a 42-year-old female, lay dying all alone in an isolation room. The diagnosis was AIDS complicated by advanced cervical cancer.

As is common in many parts of the world, family members are responsible for providing food for hospitalized patients but this patient's family could not afford to care for her, as well as her husband who lay dying from AIDS in a different hospital. As a



result, she had no food to eat. There was a pot of tea on the stool near her bed but she was too weak to reach it.

I choked back tears as I implored the residents and staff to get this patient home to her family so that she can die with dignity and respect. Everyone deserves that. That afternoon, as the patient was being transported to her local village, she reported that she felt that she had "10 minutes to live" and thanked us for not letting her die alone.

I commend all of you for the work that you do for patients like this around the world. Through your work, not only are those that are still dying from AIDS being treated with dignity and respect, but also hundreds of thousands of lives are being saved. Through your hard work, scenarios like the one I experienced recently are being prevented and persons living with HIV/AIDS are being afforded the opportunity to live vibrant, productive lives with that same dignity and respect. On behalf of the Board of Directors, THANK YOU for all that you do to make this world a better place and win the war against AIDS.

HAITIAN STYLE INTERNATIONAL CONDOM DAY

Dr. Ralph Mellon Country Program Director - Haiti

HAITI—In an unprecedented celebration of the International Condom Day 2013, AHF Haiti distributed 56,000 condoms, including at the tent city Camp Parc Héritier and at the Croix-des-Missions healthcare center (CDM) where the AHF clinic is located.

Clients who got tested received a kit containing a Condom Nation T-shirt, a bottle of multivitamins, 16 LOVE condoms, a bar of soap, a toothbrush, toothpaste and a deodorant stick.

The event was staged under an imposing tree, with tables, tablecloth and chairs 'rented' from the neighborhood. Together with a lab tech, five testers performed 293 tests in about four hours. The team identified 10 (3.41%) positive persons. Blood was also drawn for CD4 counts by the physician who provided counseling and made appointments for a subsequent visit at CDM the week after. The nurse gathered contact information for

each of those persons who tested positive.

The event was the first testing drive outside of CDM, and it was a huge achievement but also with lessons learned. The demand for testing in the tent city had been underestimated, so future events should have larger stock of test kits on hand. Giving tickets ahead of time, with an ID number, names and cell phone numbers is a great tool to save time and maintain order. Finally, working with community leaders is essential to ensure success.



AHF @ ROSE PARADE - PATIENTS RIDE THE FLOAT

PASADENA—For the second year in a row, AHF's parade float received the Queen's Trophy for the best use of roses—10,000 flowers in all—at the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade on January 1.

This float was titled 'The Global Face of AIDS' in tribute to AHF's work in 28 countries worldwide. The float riders came from Uganda, India, Mexico, Russia and the United

States as representatives of more than 200,000 clients on

contrary, they exuded a sense of pride in being healthy and

thousands of spectators one couldn't help but think how important such life-affirming reminders are. Yet, in this flowery commemoration of life defiant in the face of AIDS there is a note of trepidation. Success in the global fight against AIDS is fragile and without continued attention and commitment it can quickly wither away. To win, we must stave off complacency on AIDS in our governments by compelling those in power to take action.



whose behalf AHF fights AIDS. The float riders showed no hesitation to openly declare before millions of people that they were HIV positive. On the

having an opportunity to show the world that AIDS touches everyone, yet it does not have to be a death sentence. As the float rolled past



AHF FLOAT "THE GLOBAL FACE OF AIDS" CONTAINED 10,000 ROSES OF VARIOUS COLORS.

CHRIS BROWNLIE HOUSE REMEMBERED

Chris Brownlie House in Los Angeles shuttered its doors in January after serving for a quarter of a century as AHF's first hospice facility and later as the headquarters of AHF's Public Health Division. The house was named in honor of Chris Brownlie, writer, poet, activist, and co-founder of AHF.

"In small part, today may seem a bittersweet occasion as we turn a page and close this chapter in the history of AIDS and of AHF," said Michael Weinstein, AHF President. "However, Chris would no doubt be amazed to see what has grown from our initial grassroots efforts to provide compassionate care in those early days of the pandemic, to the AHF of today—providing lifesaving care and services to nearly 200,000 individuals in 28 countries worldwide. In his poem 'AIDS,' Chris himself really said it best: 'It is surviving and believing in the future.' Today we honor that sentiment as we move forward in AHF's mission both here in Los Angeles and everywhere around the world where we have a presence."



AT DUSK BALLOONS WERE RELEASED BY THOSE WHO WORKED AND CARED FOR THE RESIDENTS OF CHRIS BROWNLIE HOSPICE TO MARK ITS CLOSING.



AHF
Barbara Chinn
Senior Program Manager

Q. Tell us a little bit about yourself.

I am one of the folks in DC that you do not often run into ----a native Washingtonian! I attended DC public schools and Howard University. My work with non-profits started in the HIV/AIDS arena 26 years ago as I watched too many of my friends suffer and eventually succumb to HIV/AIDS.

Q. When did you first get involved with AHF?

My introduction to AHF came in 2009 when I met our President and others to discuss AHF opening a Clinic in the Nation's Capital. First I started as a consultant helping to open the clinic. In November of 2009 I joined AHF as the Program Manager for Prevention, Testing and Community Outreach and now serve as Senior Program Manager. Early intervention and linkage to care are in the forefront of our efforts, as the District of Columbia has

I AM AHF...

the highest number of HIV positive persons per capita of any US city.

Q. What is the most challenging thing about your job & the most rewarding?

The most challenging issue for me is "How do we reach and educate people about reducing their risk for HIV when they are unwilling to take an HIV test—the very first step to HIV prevention?" As we identify HIV positive people and get them linked to care and educate those who are not positive as to how they can maintain that status I feel I am, in some strange way carrying out a ministry and fulfilling a responsibility.

Q. What do you like to do for fun in your free time?

Free time??? This is a full-time job!! Just kidding. I enjoy the time I get to spend with my partner of soon-to-be 24 years, a quiet evening at home with soothing music, replicating dishes I have enjoyed in good restaurants or seen on the cooking channel, and cracking the heck out of some spicy, Maryland blue crabs and chasing them with a tall cool drink!



AHF RUSSIA

Dr. Alexander Chuykov
Medical Coordinator

Q. Tell us a little bit about yourself.

I was born in Yekaterinburg, Russia. It's an amazing place, situated on the border of Europe and Asia. The city also played a significant role in Russian history - our last Tsar, Nicholas II was executed in Yekaterinburg. I graduated from the Ural Medical Academy in 2006 and several years later became a certified specialist in infectious diseases.

Q. When did you first get involved with AHF?

I got acquainted with AHF in May 2011. I participated in a training for HIV clinical management trainers, which was organized by AHF. Then for a year I worked as a medical provider at AHF's partner clinic in Yekaterinburg. Later I was offered to apply for a

Medical Coordinator (Russia) position within the Europe Bureau of AHF. So I did and was chosen, and since November I've been a part of this amazing team, and I am proud of that.

Q. What do you see as the most important aspect of your job?

I am a medical doctor and health is the most important thing for me, so all I do is dedicated to patients no matter who they are and where they are from. Everybody has a right to be healthy, and all AHF team and I will do everything possible (and even more) to help people with HIV to live a long happy life.

Q. What is one thing your colleagues may not know about you?

It's a very difficult question, my colleagues are my good friends, and they know a lot about me, but probably they don't know that I used to attend a music school and play a violin in my childhood, and also I won several contests in singing in high school and while studying at the medical academy.

DOING WELL...WHILE DOING GOOD
Tony Luna, Chief of Sales



LOS ANGELES—Doing Well, While Doing Good is a personal philosophy of mine that I worked to instill at MOMS Pharmacy as its President. In short, Doing Well, While Doing Good meant that as a company we needed to adhere to the principles of doing well for our investors who supported our mission, doing well for ourselves so that we could provide for our families, and doing well for the company so that we could continue to fulfill our commitment to doing good for people living with HIV/AIDS and for the communities most impacted by this disease. For MOMS, doing good was just as important as doing well.

The merging of MOMS Pharmacy and AIDS Healthcare Foundation has brought this concept full circle and to a whole new level. MOMS is now a part of an organization that epitomizes what it means to do good. Whether it is providing cutting-edge medical care regardless of one's ability to pay, advocating for the rights of people living with HIV/AIDS, or ensuring that 96 cents of every dollar goes directly to patient care and to programs focused on

preventing new infection – I can't think of a better example of what it means to do good.

The acquisition of MOMS Pharmacy by AHF will support AHF's ability to expand its reach into new communities domestically in San Diego, New York and the state of Washington, and bolster revenue streams for even more programs and services to be launched in the United States and around the world.

The combined impact we are making around the globe is truly amazing. For me it is incredible to know that there are parents in places like Haiti who will now live to see their children become adults and that in Uganda entire communities are inching toward a place of better health and wellbeing.

Much of my work in HIV/AIDS has involved fostering collaboration and bridging the gap between the non-profit and the for-profit worlds. I always felt that there was something to be learned from both sectors, on both sides, and that somehow the result would be the best model of care possible. With the acquisition of MOMS, AHF will once again show the world what is possible and just how much more good can be done.

INTERNATIONAL CONDOM DAY



Nepal



Uganda



India



Cambodia



Kenya



USA



Mexico



Ukraine



South Africa



Estonia



Argentina



Netherlands