



YFN LUCCI, MUSICAL ARTIST

## AHF & Celebs Hit U.S. Southern College Campuses with “Know Your Status” Tour

AHF recently partnered up with celebrities in the U.S. to re-define the conversation about safer sex as hip and in tune with the needs and wants of millennials. The campaign, which is called “Know Your Status Tour” (KYST), aims to tackle head on the skyrocketing rates of sexually transmitted diseases among young adults. The tour kicked off with a visit to three southern universities in April.

“It’s a public health crisis when you have 12 million young people contracting an STD each year,” AHF National Media Plans Manager and KYST creator Chris Grace said. “Students seeing their favorite celebrity or artist being real with them about sexual health and talking about their own sexual activity when they were the same age really made a big impact.”



AMBER ROSE, AMERICAN CELEBRITY

Celebrities like Amber Rose, Karen Civil, YFN Lucci, sex expert Karen Boodram and others visited Clark Atlanta, Florida A&M and Texas Southern universities, where 572 students were tested for HIV and other STDs and 9,000 condoms

were distributed. Grace pointed out that one of the things that sets AHF apart from the crowd is its willingness to take risks to reach those most in need.

“The most memorable part of this was when students came to us at the end of each visit to thank us for creating and bringing this experience to them,” Grace said. “AHF is unique and innovative in terms of its ability to reach pocketed communities and specific demographics, and few resources usually go into advertising like we do to access hard-to-reach groups.”



The 10-day tour was set in geographical areas where youth are at a high risk of contracting STDs—including HIV. At the safe-space events, students were also encouraged to ask questions and engage the panel about dating and relationships, which brought to light worries and concerns many young people have about sexual issues.

The tour educated over 2,100 students on healthy sex practices. After its initial success, plans are in the works to visit six additional schools later this year.



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**GUATEMALA**

**NEPAL**



# KEEP the P WOMEN



**CAMBODIA**



International Women's Day 2017  
AHF adapted its KTP theme for the  
"Keep the Promise to Women." A  
held events celebrating the social  
achievements of women around the world  
and access to



**RUSSIA**



**NETHERLANDS**



**NIGERIA**



**PHILIPPINES**

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**MEXICO**

# PROMISE to WOMEN



**SOUTH AFRICA**



7 in March was a huge success!  
The worldwide campaign, vowing to  
advocates across all AHF regions  
l, economic, cultural and political  
the world, demanding equal rights  
to healthcare.



**ARGENTINA**



**LESOTHO**

**HERLANDS**



**JAMAICA**



**PINES**



**ESTONIA**



# We Are AHF...



**Jamie Harriff, RN,  
MSN**  
Nurse Manager  
AIDS Healthcare Foundation  
Seattle, Washington

**Q. What motivates you to work in the HIV/AIDS public health field?**

How a patient's condition impacts their lives, as well as the lives of their families, friends and supporters. After developing clinical relationships, seeing how much support they need and being there to guide them through their journeys with treatment—I'm proud to call myself an HIV nurse.

**Q. What is the most memorable experience you've had while working at AHF?**

After telling a man who tested positive he wasn't going to die, he began crying and unloaded years of his own prejudice and stigma about HIV. Since then, our



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Helping to correct the level of misinformation about HIV. I am also very impressed seeing patients' response to treatment—they have been empowered to get organized to look for a fair access to health.

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We held a "Raise the MIC" demonstration during the World Bank Autumn Meetings in 2015 by giving away hot cups of coffee in the street to represent the harmful method for deciding which middle-income countries get funding.



## *In Memory of Boy Mdlalose*

In Durban, South Africa, where many struggle to get life's basic necessities, Bhut' Boy Mdlalose regularly placed the needs of others above his own while working as an AHF driver for over a decade. He passed away in April.

therapeutic relationship has remained strong and he continues to thank us for how we treated him when he was most vulnerable.

**Q. What is the most challenging part of your job?**  
Stigma, lack of knowledge and the misinformation surrounding HIV. Hearing patients' stories about not being able to disclose their status to friends, work and family has been devastating to hear.

**Q. What is the one thing few people know about you?**  
Some may not know that I lived in Prague, Czech Republic for a short time. Also, I occasionally make bad wine (not on purpose). Na zdravi! ("Cheers!" in Czech)

**Q. If you could visit any country in the world, where would you go and why?**

The Amazon rainforest in Brazil—such a lush ecosystem, filled with so many living beings to which I've never been exposed.



**Nadya Bravo**  
Marketing & Advocacy Assistant  
AHF Peru

**Q. What is the most challenging part of your job?**  
When we have to think outside the box to find strategies that indigenous communities find useful in the jungle, where HIV or STIs are not known. The distance, language, and culture make access difficult.

**Q. If you could visit any country in the world, where would you go and why?**

Finland. I am interested in an educational system where every person, rich or poor, can study together, and where family time and personal development are valued. I also want to visit Uganda. I see it as a country with a lot to tell and a lot of experience in HIV.

To strangers he was simply a driver, but friends called him Malume, which means uncle in Zulu. Regardless of whether he was transporting AHF staff, delivering medicines to patients because they had to work, or driving 310 kilometers (192 miles) to Lesotho to deliver test kits and condoms—Boy was answering the call. From AHF's most senior leaders to the volunteers for whom he would buy groceries while they worked for free—everyone knew Boy was there for them.

In the end, Boy will be remembered not as a driver, but as someone who delivered reassurance that he was there for you—there for us—his entire AHF and South African family.



\*CHELSEA PHARMACY OPENING, DONNA TEMPESTA SECOND FROM THE LEFT

# The Newest Region – The North

**AHF Leadership Column**  
**By: Donna Tempesta**

Sometimes when I hear our region referred to as “The North” I can’t help but think about the American Civil War....we are the Union - fighting for the rights of those being treated unjustly. But at AHF we also have Western, Southern and Global teams that have paved the way and have done an amazing job for the past 30 years. I can only hope we will continue to build on that success.

The big building was empty at the time, but that’s no longer the case – Dr. Stein and team just reached a milestone of 1,000 patients. In the state of New York we now serve over 10,000 clients. We have five healthcare centers (HCC)--soon to be six, an Out of the Closet (OTC) thrift store, five pharmacies, a Public Health Division team, and Queens’ largest AIDS service organization (ASO) – AIDS Center of Queens County – our affiliate and partner. The growth in NY could not happen without the amazing team there and the vision and support of Michael Weinstein (AHF President), Jonathan Petrus (AHF Chief of National Bureau and Investment) and many others.



\*AIDS TASKFORCE OF GREATER CLEVELAND PROTESTS RYAN WHITE PART B DE-FUNDING

Our Ohio team has had tremendous success as well, where our HCC just hit the 500-patient mark! Our “three-in-one model” in Columbus offers a wellness program, pharmacy and an OTC, and has been very successful. In Cleveland, we offer a “full circle of care” with an HCC, pharmacy and case management services through our affiliate The Cleveland Taskforce. We also have Tracy Jones (Midwest Regional Director & National Advocacy Campaign Director) leading the Drug Pricing ballot initiative effort along with many other advocacy initiatives. In Chicago, we have two HCCs and two ASO affiliations – Southside Help Center and the CALOR. The leadership team in Chicago continues to work tirelessly in a region that has one of the highest unmet needs in the United States.

The Northern Region comprises New York, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana and Washington, DC. We will be opening in Philadelphia and New Jersey in the near future. Five years ago this month, AHF bought the MOMS pharmacy chain, and that’s how my life, and over 120 others’ lives, began with AHF. Back in 2012, Michael Camacho (NY Regional Director at the time) led a small three-person team in our Brooklyn office and they had recently brought in our first New York clinician—Dr. Alan Stein.

Our Indiana team of one – Staci Mullins – has done the work of hundreds. We NEVER walked away from Austin after the HIV outbreak there, and we continue to support them. I have been asked by many – “why is the North growing so much?” – my simple answer is..... because

*WE ARE AHF!*

## Check out our videos!

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South Africa Cym van Dyke Clinic Opening



Your Money or Your Life



AHF India Condom Store



# the **FUND**

FOR AIDS, TB, AND MALARIA

AHF's "Fund the Fund" campaign has been sweeping across the globe, urging countries to give their fair share to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria.

Check out more on Facebook!



## A Reality Check at the Paris AIDS Conference

At the 9th International AIDS Society Conference on HIV Science, held in Paris at the end of July, AHF urged the public health community to focus on deliberately implementing and funding proven HIV interventions rather than chasing nebulous slogans.

AHF delegates were outspoken in conference sessions, publicly challenging UNAIDS over its decidedly optimistic view of the global AIDS response, at a time when global AIDS funding is declining and access to testing and prevention remains woefully poor.

On the scientific front, AHF Uganda's Julius Kiwanuka presented one of only two oral abstracts that challenged the merits of same-day treatment initiation. His study showed increased rates of loss to follow up among patients who started treatment immediately, in comparison to those who postponed it a few weeks to receive more counseling. In addition to the oral abstract, AHF presented six scientific posters.

AHF's exhibition booth summed up the notion that it's entirely too soon to celebrate victory and that AIDS is still a crisis with a stark, but clear message printed across its background, "1 million deaths; 2 million new infections; 20 million without treatment – Last Year."



DR. JAN VANDENHOMBERGH, AHF GLOBAL QUALITY MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT AT THE CONFERENCE BOOTH.

"We want to see the end of AIDS as much as anyone, but we cannot get there by putting on the blinders and saying everything is going great," said AHF Chief of Global Advocacy and Policy Terri Ford about the conference. "We must face up to reality and keep on fighting as fiercely as ever for treatment, for rapid testing, for condoms and funding, with a sense of urgency – the fundamental problems of the global AIDS response haven't been solved yet."

Read more about the AHF Uganda study on [ahftimes.org](http://ahftimes.org).



JULIUS KIWANUKA, DATA MANAGER, AHF UGANDA CARES, PRESENTING THE RESEARCH FINDINGS.