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Home Sweet Home *Center Explores Paths to Building Senior Affordable Housing on Campus*

By Robert Boo, CEO

The Pride Center wants to offer seniors an affordable place to live in the heart of Wilton Manors. Our Board of Directors continues to explore the best path to build low-income senior housing on the Equality Park campus.

Many local residents learned of the project when we received a demonstration of public support last Fall from the Wilton Manors city commissioners in our application for affordable housing credits from the Florida Housing Finance Corporation. Although we didn't receive funding from our first submission, our Board already is assessing future opportunities for funding. This project will allow us to expand our vital programs and services to seniors and bring substantial income to The Center.

How did we arrive to this exciting juncture? A few years ago, Gay and Lesbian



Conceptualized mock-up of potential mixed-use structure combining low-income senior housing and community space

Elder Housing identified a desperate need in the greater Fort Lauderdale area for low-income housing. We have a growing, aging LGBT local population with limited affordable housing options. The City of Wilton Manors approached The Center about addressing local needs and Equality

Park's optimum location and resources to help meet those needs. We've also seen a national trend toward senior affordable housing projects being built in conjunction with LGBT community centers with whom we work--L.A., San

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School Daze *Kiki Project Launches New Prevention Programs with Teens*

The Pride Center is going back to high school. Our Kiki Project has embarked on new adventures for young Black same gender loving men between the ages of 16-19. The Kiki Project has launched two programs in local high schools--Kiki Culture and Get Your Life.

"We're spearheading new empowerment programs with high school young people," says Lorenzo Robertson, Emerging Interventions Manager at The Pride Center. "We're helping high school age gay black men look at sex from a different

perspective. We're working with them to be open and understanding of their own sexuality. We're discussing how to keep them safe from HIV and STIs and how to share that with others."

Kiki Culture is a new adaptation for high school students of The Center's ongoing Kiki Project. Robertson had shared about The Kiki Project at a community meeting. Representatives from the Broward County Public School's Diversity, Prevention and Intervention program reached out to Lorenzo to see if The Center could

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Jakari Roundtree, Kiki Project Specialist

The Kitchen of the Community

A letter from Robert Boo, C.E.O. of The Pride Center at Equality Park

A very wise woman once described The Pride Center as “the kitchen of the community”. I think it may have been Maya Angelou. No, maybe it was Mother Teresa. No, then again as I think about it, it was Carol Moran (long-time local community leader, volunteer, activist and business owner). I’ve always liked that description that Carol came up with for The Center. I like to cook and the kitchen is where everyone always ends up during a gathering or dinner party. I also think that when you invite someone to sit at your dinner table, you invite them into your life. That is what we strive to do at The Center, invite each other into our lives.

As we’ve launched a new year, it allows us time to reflect on the accomplishments we have achieved. Our ever-growing seniors programming continues to be the largest LGBT seniors program in the nation. Please read all about how Bruce Williams, Senior Services Coordinator, and his group of volunteers have impacted so many. Out of the 170 LGBT community centers in the country, none even come close to the numbers of people we serve weekly.

Our Women With Pride program continues to provide valued services and programs to the LBT community. Roya Amirniroumand, WWP Coordinator, was recently recognized (alongside 8 other Center staff and Board members) as one of the LGBT Movers and Shakers in the state of Florida by the Agenda. She was described as the “Dolly Levi for

women services.” We had to explain to her who Dolly Levi was. I hope you are as grateful as I am for the continuing impact of the work of our women’s programming. Did you know that over 12,000 unique visitors were linked to healthcare by the online LBT health directory that we manage last year?

If you haven’t been to The Center lately to access any of the many HIV services we provide, you will be surprised to see that everyone has moved into the back building. I mean all HIV services: Testing, Outreach, Healthcare Navigator and Linkage, PrEP, LIFE, CHOICES, Couples Speak, the Kiki Project, ARTAS and VOICES. We took advantage of the opportunity to strategically place all HIV services together to provide better customer service and improve the client experience. Please stop in to see the new digs and talk to the staff. In this issue, you can read up on the move and some of the caring staff.

We recently received funding to expand to a full time PrEP Coordinator. Patrick Whiteside is one of our newest additions to the staff and you can read up on him and learn more about PrEP. We also received funding to expand our Kiki Project to meet the needs of young men of color in the Broward County School system. We are very excited to collaborate with this very progressive and the sixth largest and school system in the country. Lorenzo Roberts, Emerging Interventions Manager, has a great article in this issue telling us all about this new project.

At the beginning of this year, we



unveiled Social LIFE and had over 150 people attend the opening event. Social LIFE is a group bringing together all of the past graduates of our LIFE program. We have had over 700 men graduate from the LIFE program over the past nine years; this program helps people living with HIV/AIDS improve their holistic health. After each cycle, participants say that they would like to continue getting together for social activities. You can learn more about this dynamic group and about Shanna Ratliff, Prevention With Positive Manager, in this issue. You can also refer a friend to take this powerful program.

Finally, I am pleased to see that our Tropical Plant Fair will be held on March 26 & 27. Chuck Nicholls and Richard Perez have organized the event over the past four years for The Center and this year they’re working with us on another great event. Mark your calendar! The campus is exceptionally beautiful to walk around and shop for great deals on beautiful plants.

It’s time for me to get back into the kitchen, YOUR community kitchen. On behalf of the Board of Directors, the staff and the 250 volunteers, here’s to a prosperous 2016! I hope to see you soon at The Center. If you have never been, request a tour on our website or call me directly!

About The Pride Center

The Pride Center celebrates 23 years of service in 2016. Our mission is: “We provide a welcoming, safe space--an inclusive home--that celebrates, nurtures and empowers the LGBTQ communities and our friends and neighbors in South Florida.” The Center’s program and services meet the distinct cultural, health, educational, economic, social and safety needs of the LGBT community. More than 35,000 adult and youth attended activities at The Center over the past year. We host more than 65 regularly-meeting groups each month. Support, social and educational groups focus on women, seniors, youth, men, transgender, recovery, health, the arts, athletics, spirituality, games and more. Outreach activities over the past year directly impacted over 60,000 residents and visitors to South Florida. The Pride Center is a major site for HIV testing, prevention, outreach, education, healthcare linkage, support, holistic health

and counseling. Our popular Senior Services activities include: weekly Coffee and Conversation events with over 200 LGBTQ Seniors; individual linkage services, wellness workshops, daily Enhance Fitness senior exercise classes; SAGEWorks technology and job skills courses; a speaker series; recreational activities; healthy aging seminars; cultural events; and our annual Senior Health Expo. Stop in and learn about all we do: a community Flea Market; women’s health initiatives; family outreach days; Bingo; unique exercise classes; financial investment series with OurFund; art gallery openings; adult educational opportunities through Pride University; Bingo; education for prospective and current LGBT parents; music, movies and live theater presentations; a variety of health fairs; and a spectrum of creative symposiums, speakers, forums and events for the entire community. We own five-and-a-half acres of property with 30,000 square feet of office space that provide homes for programs and services, as well as synergy among organizations. Our Vision is to be the premier point of connection for our community.

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DIVERSITY HONORS

Friday May 13, 2016
7:00 P.M. To 11:00 P.M.

Location:



Fort Lauderdale Pride

Pride Center staff and volunteers connected with a diverse community to share about our life-enhancing programs and services.



Social LIFE Reunion

Graduates of the LIFE Program gathered at a recent reunion to connect. Social LIFE is a new peer-driven, social, cultural and educational program aimed at actively engaging the graduates of the L.I.F.E Program. Bobby Kyser of Panache Style donated the incredible decor, volunteers organized an incredible meal and DJ Julian Marsh spun tunes into the night.

Photos by Manuel Leon



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Types of Membership:

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- Household \$70 per year
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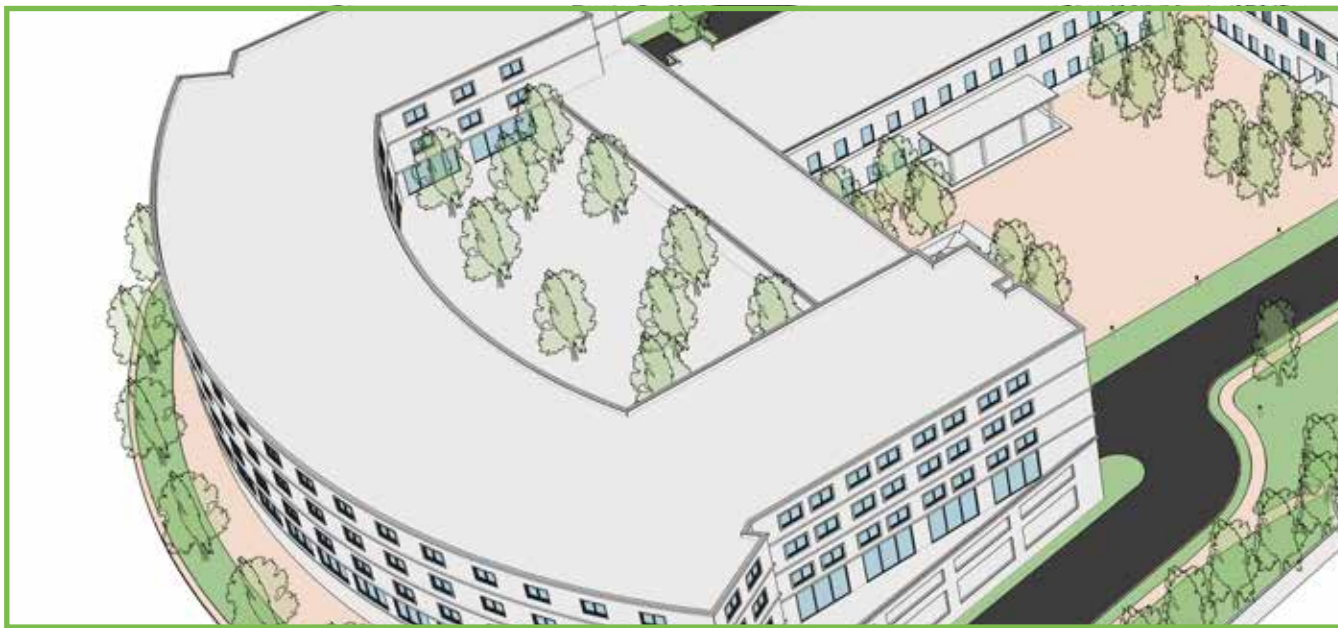
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Home Sweet Home

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Conceptualized mock-up of potential mixed-use structure combining low-income senior housing and community space



was the largest Charrette Jason and his team had facilitated. These community members gave up their free time to gather together to help identify the roadmap for Equality Park's future. It was an amazing experience.

The results of that Charrette were presented to the Board last summer, and the top priorities helped set our direction. One goal, for example, was to make the campus more family-friendly. Last October, we installed the first playground on an LGBT community center campus in the United States.

Board Chair Ilene Berliner was impressed by the investment of so many community members in the campus planning process. "The contributions from our immensely talented board, donors and volunteers humbles me. What The Pride Center at Equality Park has in store for the future is beyond any of my wildest dreams, and my belief is that the generous contributions of time, talent and funding will continue to make what was a blank canvas an incredible destination."

The Senior Affordable Housing Project remains one of the largest, most significant projects identified both by our Strategic Plan and the Charrette process. Over the past several years, we cultivated relationships with three top developers in the South Florida area. In the end, we partnered with Carrfour, Florida's largest non-profit developer, to submit our first proposal this past November.

There was a specific funding opportunity that the federal government had put into place in the 1980s. It became apparent that those tax credits were going to sunset at the end of 2015. Over a six week period, we worked very hard with Carrfour, with some help from TSAO Design, to come up with the finished proposal.

On November 5th Carrfour submitted our proposal. Only four projects were going to get funded out of 56. Each proposal to the state was assigned a lottery number based on luck of the draw. We drew number 55 out of 56 applications, not the best luck. Our first submission didn't lead to instant success, but The Center continues to evaluate new opportunities for funding.

As a Center, we look forward to the day when we announce successful funding of this important project. It will enable us to meet the growing needs of many in our community. Very selfishly, I'm looking ahead for myself. I want to be able to pack my office in a grocery cart and move into my own apartment when the time comes.

Diego, Chicago and Philadelphia, just to name a few.

Four years ago during our Strategic Planning process, the Board of Directors set a goal to evaluate the potential of a senior affordable housing project to be built on Equality Park. Over the next three years, we did our due diligence. Let me tell you, this is one of those projects where the more you learn, the more you realize you don't know.

Luckily, we have board members with these specific skills and experience. One of those, Jim Walker, said, "The Center is extremely fortunate to have a five-and-half acre campus, and we want to maximize that resource to serve our community. We also are fortunate to have several community members who were willing to help The Center."

During this same time, we also decided to update the Master Plan for our campus. We partnered with Jason Hagopian at TSAO Design and his team in the year-long process. Last Spring, we gathered 65 diverse community leaders to participate in a Charrette. During this guided planning retreat, community members brainstormed and prioritized possibilities of how we could and should use our campus in the future. It

Did you know?

+ 800 people living with HIV have graduated from The Pride Center's LIFE Program, a holistic health program. It changes lives and improves health. Contact The Center to learn more!

+ The Pride Center recently built the first playground for LGBT families and allies on a community center campus. Go check it out!

+ Over 200 Seniors join us for Coffee and Conversation every Tuesday morning at 10 a.m.

+ More than 4,500 people like The Pride Center's Facebook page. Have you?

There, There. Grindr is Here For You...

Social Media Apps Provide Platforms for Authentic Prevention Work

By Manuel Leon, Social Media and Marketing Coordinator

Whether looking for “Mr. Right” or “Mr. Right Now,” most gay men have found themselves surfing countless Grindr profiles available at the touch of a button. Social media apps have become legendary meeting spots for many in the gay male community. Not long ago, the easiest way to meet a guy was going to a gay bar or club. Grindr and other social media apps have revolutionized the way gay men meet-up and hook-up. For better or worse, they have become part of the fabric of pop culture. More than one million Grindr users logon to the app in 192 countries, transmitting more than seven million chat messages and two million photos to each another every day.

With social media apps used so frequently, we may wonder how many guys actually make conscious decisions regarding safe sex practices. How many are aware of the facts of HIV transmission and prevention? How many feel equipped to consistently make healthy decisions? South Florida is one of the largest gay hotspots in the U.S., so it is extremely important to use effective prevention methods to deliver accurate and current information on sex, health, testing, medical care, HIV and STIs to our gay population and visitors.

The Pride Center prides itself on being an HIV prevention and outreach leader in South Florida. It was only logical that we would take advantage of the opportunity to utilize social media platforms like Grindr and Scruff to deliver the latest information to those wondering about HIV prevention but afraid to ask their questions in person.

A recently published study by Hunter College’s Center for HIV Educational Studies and Training (CHEST) found that 10% of men on Grindr have never been tested for HIV, though nearly a third of them still claim they’re negative. Grindr has become a legendary meeting spot for the headless torsos of the world since its launch in 2009, but did you know that almost a quarter of those headless torsos are still hiding in the closet? Of that 18 percent, six percent say they never plan to come out at all. Understandably, a large number of those on Grindr and similar apps live in fear or ignorance regarding HIV, prevention methods and testing.

In the past few years, The Pride Center has worked to expand an online social media presence to provide information about HIV prevention to those who are a bit shy. Specifically, we offer current information regarding prevention methods, HIV treatment, and events of interest happening in our community. One of the best parts about this service is that our clients in the community can contact us anonymously and without inhibitions. Yes, you read

correctly. No inhibitions means that as a Grindr, Scruff, Growler, Hornet, Mr. Right or (almost every) other app user, you can contact our Cyber Outreach Coordinator while on these apps and ask me pretty much anything about HIV, STIs or other Pride Center related information.

We’ve provided over 150,000 people with valuable prevention information and HIV counseling through social media apps. The responses we’ve received from both openly gay and anonymous users or different apps are encouraging:

“It is cool having someone here to talk honestly about my health.”

“I feel like I can ask anything without shame. I would not be able to ask you these questions in person; I am super shy.”

“I love to get your ‘shouts.’ They are always filled with useful info. Thanks!”

I think it is extremely important that the community has a real person to freely ask their questions and tell their stories with no censorship. Yes, I have gotten a bit of everything from community members online, like x-rated pictures, funny compliments and super-crazy sex stories, and I have to redirect conversations at times. But at the end of the day, what I love the most is the great feeling of knowing that someone feels comfortable to come to me without holding anything back, and that I am able to help them.

Do you have questions about condoms? PrEP? Testing? Accessing medical care? If you do not feel comfortable coming to The Center and talking in person with one of our prevention team members, you can use your social media account to contact someone from our cyber outreach team. We will be there to answer your questions. If we cannot answer your



specific question, we will link you to the appropriate resources who can help.

For more information, email me at mleon@pridecenterflorida.org

SUNDAY, APRIL 10TH, 2016

THE RAINBOW 5K

2016

THE PRIDE CENTER AT EQUALITY PARK

BENEFITING THE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES OF THE PRIDE CENTER AT EQUALITY PARK

Rainbow Run

5K in Wilton Manors to Benefit The Center

Lace-up your brightest jogging shoes and slip on your splashiest running shorts! You can soon dress in your favorite color of the rainbow and join The Pride Center's inaugural 5K fundraiser. Stroll, jog or run your way across the finish line with your closest friends and family!

The Rainbow 5K Run/Walk will be held on Sunday, April 10, 2016. Participants will wind through the beautiful tree-lined streets of the Island City on the 3.1 mile certified 5K course.

The Rainbow Run is the newest part of The Pride Center's health initiative programming. "A 5K run thru the Island City is a great way to encourage a healthy lifestyle for local participants and running enthusiasts in South Florida," said Robert Boo, Pride Center CEO. "We are excited to once again collaborate with The City of Wilton Manors on another great event."

Live entertainment along the route and post-race



music, food and beverages also are planned for the event. More than 400 participants are expected to attend. The starting line will be in the heart of Wilton Manors on Wilton Drive, and runners will take off at 7:30 a.m. The Center is collaborating with Split Second Timing for event organization and promotion.

Early-registration admission is \$15 for adults and \$10 for kids. Participants will receive a Pride Center Rainbow 5K Run t-shirt, and teams will be able to run in their favorite color of the rainbow. Proceeds of this event support the vital services and programs of The Pride Center at Equality Park.

There are several levels of sponsorship opportunities. For more information contact Roger Roa, Director of Development, at 954-463-9005 or RRoa@PrideCenterFlorida.org.

For more information on the Rainbow 5K, visit our website or follow us on Facebook!

Green Thumb Paradise

Equality Park Tropical Plant Fair Set for March



Need that perfect orchid for your balcony? Maybe a rare bromeliad or palm for your garden or landscaping? Don't miss the upcoming Equality Park Tropical Plant Fair!

This outdoor event will occur March 26 and 27 on the beautiful grounds of The Pride Center at Equality Park, 2040 North Dixie Highway in Wilton Manors. The Fair will include more than 40 plant vendors from around the state showcasing outstanding plants and related accessories. Industry professionals, amateurs gardeners and plant lovers will mingle during this signature free event in Wilton Manors (including free parking). The Fair will run from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Saturday and 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Sunday.

This is the fourth year in a row that Chuck Nicholls and Richard Perez have worked with The Center to organize and host a plant fair. 2016 promises to be the best fair yet.

"When you're a plant enthusiast, it is very contagious," says Nicholls. "It's a passion; it's an

obsession. It is the best therapy for healing that I know of. The Plant Fair brings enthusiastic plant vendors to our doorsteps."

Beautiful trees, flowering shrubs, cycads, tillandsias, rare palms and other tropical exotic plants will be featured along with outstanding orchids, bromeliads, heliconias and gingers. All Plants will be available for sale. Information related to landscaping, insect control, fertilizer and irrigation will be available from the Master Gardeners of Broward County. An additional half dozen non-profit organizations will participate, including pet rescue/adoption and Florida Native Plant Societies.

Proceeds from this event will help develop the gardens at Equality Park, and benefit the diverse, life-enhancing programs and services of The Pride Center.

The Fair will include multiple raffles, silent auctions and engaging activities, including an exciting treasure hunt with the opportunity to win a big prize. The community is invited to come and enjoy this special event while supporting a good cause.

For more information, please contact Richard Perez at 954.257.2317. Don't forget to like the Fair on Facebook: Equality Park Tropical Plant Fair.

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“People Are Looking for Human Connection”

Ratliff Uses Power of Community to Impact People Living with HIV

By Ebony Wilson

Picture this! It's 2009, and a bright, social, Southern young woman walks into The Pride Center. This Masters-level Social Work student has been gifted with the opportunity to have her field practicum with the PALS Project at The Pride Center. She'll invest her skill, dedication and energy in the lives of people living with HIV involved in the powerful health workshops and programs at The Center.

Soon after she completes her in-depth internship, her talents help her get hired as the part-time Information Analyst, assessing data on the impact of prevention work at The Center. In January of 2013, she is promoted to Prevention Outreach Coordinator. For the next two years, she impresses colleagues and community members with her vision, leadership abilities, organizational skills and commitment. She lays the groundwork for a historic expansion of services across Broward County. She supervises a diverse team that creates innovative, engaging new ways to talk to people about HIV, including social media and face-to-face conversations in the places where people socialize, worship, seek healthcare and do business. She helps people get tested and assists those living with HIV to get on medications and enroll in workshops that will support their health. She exceeds all expectations for the role.

Last summer, she becomes the Prevention with Positives Manager. This is the enthralling story of The Pride Center's own Shanna Ratliff.

“I could never have imagined as an intern that I would one day be the manager of the programs I was working with at that time,” confesses Shanna. “It is the most humbling and rewarding thing that has ever happened to me”.

Shanna doesn't look to simply meet program deliverables. She hones in on truly meeting the needs of program participants and members of the community.

“When people come into our offices or into our lives, they have to feel like they're at home,” says Shanna. “That's

why people love the PALS Project and The Center in general. Once they come in our doors, they want to come back.”

“One of the reasons we hear that guys make bad choices in their lives, or compromise their health, is that they feel isolated,” she continues. “South Florida can be a lonely place. People are looking for human connection. We can help with that. We see program participants and clients as people, not just a number.”

Shanna is uniquely qualified for the job. “It takes a special person with a specific combination of skills to do this role well,” says COO Kristofer Fegenbush, who originally brought The PALS Project and its LIFE, CHOICES and other programs to The Center. “Shanna is gifted. She's fiercely intelligent, organized, and hilarious. She's visionary, down-to-earth and practical at the same time. She builds rapport well; she has sharp clinical skills. She knows how to expand programs and manage budgets. She knows how to develop leaders among staff and volunteers. She has the right education and work foundation. She has good judgment.”

“I had a community member tell me he was shocked we would put a woman in this role, leading a program that engages so many men living with HIV,” Kristofer continues. “The many men who've been impacted by Shanna over the years were not shocked. She's special. She has this ability to connect. She disarms defenses. She helps people open up. People trust her.”

Colleagues that have worked closely with Shanna, affirm her abilities. “She has brought a new spirit and vitality to the program that will ignite growth and expand our services bigger and better for the community,” says Lorenzo Robertson, Emerging Interventions Manager.

“She is a committed professional in the HIV Field,” says Robert Cullen. “She will make positive changes.”

One of Shanna's main goals managing the PALS Project is to “focus on keeping those we serve engaged after they finish our programs.”

She's investing time and energy in

building community among those living with HIV. “In order to address this issue, we launched a new program in December called Social LIFE. Social LIFE is a peer-driven social group that will include monthly community wellness and social events. Our first event was an Open House on December 1st before the World AIDS Day Candlelight Vigil. We wanted the community to come see our new office space and tell them about Social LIFE. Our next event was a huge reunion party for all the men that have participated in our programs over the years. So many people attended and connected with each other.”

Shanna is off to a notable start. Program graduates and volunteers are joining alongside her vision to create a stronger community to combat HIV. There's no stopping this juggernaut; she's the epitome of social work.



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School Daze

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provide similar work among high school students. Broward's program addresses sexual health and concerns in the schools.

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Just launched, Kiki Culture already is getting noticed. "I just got a call today from a father whose son is gay and out on campus and wants to learn about the work we're doing," says Lorenzo.

At the same time, Advocates for Youth approached Lorenzo about providing a program called Get Your Life to young high school men of color.

"The Get Your Life Intervention is a workshop series I wish was around when I was younger," says Jakari Roundtree, Kiki Program Specialist. "If I had been able to participate in this type workshop it would have made a difference in my sexual history."

Get Your Life is an adaptation of the Many Men Many Voices intervention designed for Black same gender loving men. It addresses factors that influence their behavior including, cultural, social, and religious norms. Get You Life also addresses interactions between HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases, sexual relationship dynamics and the social and psychological influences that racism and homophobia have on HIV risk behaviors.

"We're working to empower young black gay men," continues Robertson. "We explore the duality: what does it mean to be black? What does it mean to be gay?"

"I see a lot of positive change and outcomes from this workshop and I enjoy getting the ball rolling," says Jakari.

The new programs target priority schools in Broward County Public Schools during the next school year. The goal is to recruit students, especially young Black same gender loving men, to participate with Kiki Culture and Get Your Life.

"We will make a difference in the lives of the next generation of Black same gender loving men," says Lorenzo passionately. "We are recruiting for the Kiki Culture Program, so if you know any young Black same gender loving men, please share our information!"

For more information, contact: Kikiproject@pridecenterflorida.org or 945-463-9005, ext. 308 or 309

Primetimers

Pride Center CEO recently presented to a packed room at the monthly Primetimers gathering.



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A Program of The Pride Center at Equality Park

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For more information contact:
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Did you know?

- + Each month, more than 1,000 women visit our LBT women's Health Directory at LBTHealth.org. Check out this group resource of culturally competent healthcare providers!
- + Over 200 people attended our last Founders Circle reception. Founders donate at least \$100 monthly to support our vital programs and services.
- + The Pride Center has provided more than 6,800 HIV Tests over the past year.
- + The Pride Center has distributed 445,000 condoms this year. That's a LOT of safer sex!

Campus of Care

Diverse Nonprofits Housed at Equality Park Offer Life-Changing Services

Equality Park continues to expand as a bustling, active campus of care. We invited the nonprofits housed on Equality Park to share a bit about themselves and how their place on campus enhances their services.

ArtServe

ArtServe, one of the country's original six arts incubators, is an award-winning nonprofit offering programs, partnerships and affordable facilities that support artists, cultural entities and community groups as a means to creating vibrant communities because when arts thrive, communities flourish. From marketing support and professional development training to crafting creative collaborations with community partners, ArtServe fosters the business and entrepreneurial growth of artists and cultural organizations, helping them turn their art into business while enriching the entire community. When the arts thrive, communities flourish.

"Strategic collaborations, like the one we have with The Pride Center, are the cornerstone of success for building strong, culturally rich communities. Both ArtServe and The Pride Center build partnerships that enhance not just the cultural landscape of our community, but create avenues for broad civic engagement and programs that benefit all. Having a footprint on The Pride Center campus makes sense and is mutually beneficial as it furthers this mission, deepens our community connections and our provides us with a strong platform for success." — Jaye Abbate, President & CEO

Congregation Etz Chaim

Congregation Etz Chaim is the synagogue for LGBT Jews, our families and allies, that is celebrating our 42nd year in the area. We exist to bring together the LGBT Jewish community and to share our history and culture with members and the wider community, as a model of a faith community that celebrates diversity, our common humanity, and encourages all people who seek to improve and embrace our world.

"We love being on the Equality Park campus, because it allows us to be more visible and accessible to our community, while lending our strength to the community as a whole." — Rabbi Noah Kitty, Executive Director

Gay Men's Chorus of South Florida

The Gay Men's Chorus of South Florida is the Southeast's largest gay men's chorus. Through a robust, three-concert series season reaching 5,000 people, the Chorus opens hearts and changes minds through the power of music.

"Having our offices at The Pride Center at Equality Park places the Gay Men's Chorus of South Florida at the epicenter of the LGBT community. We are able to effectively network with community leaders, forge partnership with other non-profits and quickly access the local business community." — Mark Kent, Executive Director

Island City Stage

The mission of Island City Stage is to produce theatrical experiences that positively impact the LGBT and general community utilizing professional theatre artists. We also specialize in presenting premieres of new works by LGBT playwrights.



"Having an office at The Pride Center allows us to have a location in the heart of the LGBT community and creates opportunities for us to engage with many other organizations that are active there. It also is perfectly situated within walking distance of the theatre which will allow us to operate more efficiently." — Andy Rogow, Artistic Director

Church of the Holy SpiritSong

Church of the Holy SpiritSong (SpiritSong Church) is a non-denominational Christian church located in the heart of the community on the campus of Equality Park. We provide a safe space for the LGBTQ community and our allies to worship God, attend Bible study, and serve our community as Christians, without the fear of being singled out and bullied because of our sexuality. We seek to share God's love with everyone, and we take that commission seriously in the form of meeting needs.

"The strategic placement of our church on the Equality Park Campus is one that affords us the opportunity to serve a multitude of people as they visit the campus, as well as meet needs for those less fortunate. Our food pantry has become an integral resource in our community for those who do not qualify for other services." — Pastor Leslie Rutland-Tipton

Planned Parenthood of South, East and North Florida

Planned Parenthood of South, East and North Florida is a private, nonprofit health care agency that provides affordable, accessible comprehensive sexual health care through the provision of clinical services, education and advocacy to and for all women, men and youth in the community. We offer education programs to provide youth and other groups in our community with the necessary and essential skills they need to make educated,

conscious decision regarding their health and well-being.

"Planned Parenthood believes that reproductive rights are deeply connected to LGBTQ rights and is proud to be a provider for so many in the LGBTQ community. We care passionately about helping women, men, and young people lead healthy lives, no matter who they are and no matter where they live." — Lillian Tamayo, President/CEO

SAGE of South Florida

SAGE of South Florida is a non-profit organization for Senior Action in a Gay Environment to enrich the lives of the LGBT senior community through membership inclusive of age, gender, race, nationality and religion. We believe this can be accomplished by sponsoring social alternatives to provide personal interaction among elder LGBT members, offering educational opportunities to deal with the special needs of aging, and promoting contact with the isolated and home-bound persons of our community. SAGE is also an advocate for the concerns and needs of the senior LGBT community at large, providing referral information of community resources and promoting intergenerational communication in the GLBT community.

"SAGE of South Florida was founded in 1994 as a Florida 'not for profit' Corporation. We have had many 'homes' in the past 22 years. None more welcoming and more in tune with our goals than The Pride Center at Equality Park. The Pride Center is the epicenter of LGBT life in South Florida, and there is no better partner for us than to be aligned with them." — Carl M Galli, President

For information on nonprofit rental space on the Equality Park campus, please contact The Pride Center at 954.463.9005.



Volunteers Needed!

The Pride Center needs volunteers for the following:

- Customer Service
- Graphic Design/ Marketing
- HIV Testing
- Art Galleries
- Fundraising/Development
- I.T.
- Event Support
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"I am the Kiki Project"

Shaw Uses Compassion and Understanding to Impact Black Lives

By Lorenzo Robertson

When Marvin Shaw applied to be Coordinator of The Kiki Project, one line from his cover letter stood out: "I am the Kiki Project." It caught the attention of Center staff. Marvin explained his background, experience and why he'd be perfect for the position--why he mirrored the communities he would serve. All who interviewed him agreed.

Marvin always thought that he was born to do something significant for the Black gay community. The Kiki Project is a dream fulfilled. Growing up, Marvin endured being called faggot, punk, sissy and other derogatory terms. He gained the wherewithal to understand and show empathy for men in the program who have shared stories of their painful lives. Marvin feels he once was an underdog, and now has compassion--and must be a champion--for other Black same-gender-loving men who are underdogs. He demonstrates compassion and high integrity as he facilitates Kiki sessions with those who have experienced stigma and feelings of alienation.

Born and reared in Fort Lauderdale, Marvin hails from a pretty large family with seven brothers and eight sisters. His upbringing was fairly routine with not too many ups and downs. Well, that is if you do not count coming out in an extremely religious family. And if you know anything about Black religious families, it didn't go over that well. They wanted to pray and make him better. But over time, they realized that Marvin was who he was--a Black same-gender-loving man--and relished the fact.

He is a product of Broward County Public School and attended American Intercontinental University. Marvin Shaw is a great addition to The Pride Center as the Kiki Project Coordinator.

The Kiki Project is an HIV prevention program designed by Black gay men for Black gay men. It provides discussions,



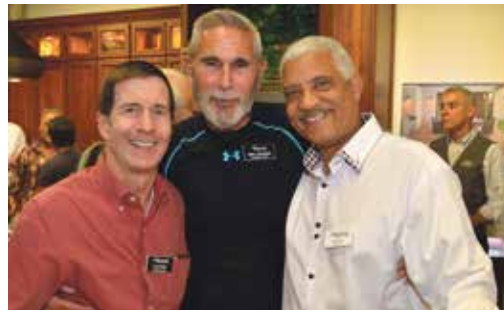
workshops, small groups and events that talk about what really matters: relationships, love, sex, HIV, stigma and identity as Black gay men in our community. The Kiki Project works to understand the needs of the same gender loving men in developing HIV prevention programs for that population, programs designed for us by us. It is funded by the Florida Health Department in Broward County.

Over the years, Marvin has done lots of volunteer work with a variety of community-based and AIDS-service organizations in Atlanta and Florida. His volunteer efforts helped prepare him for what was to come, coordinating the Kiki Project.

Marvin hit the ground running, making strides and inroads to make a difference in the Black community. He has worked diligently to connect and give the Black community a new perspective on what Black, gay, HIV-positive men look like. He wants to shift the consciousness of the Black community to the reality that Black, positive, gay men can be healthy, vibrant, employed and connected. When asked about his goal for the Kiki Project, he said that he wants the Kiki Project to become a household name in Broward County, State of Florida and nationwide. He wants to make a big difference.

Founders Circle Reception at Allied Kitchen and Bath

Allied Kitchen and Bath recently hosted and sponsored a recent Founders Reception in their stunning showroom. Founders Circle Members underwrite life-enhancing programs and services to the community. To learn more about Founders, contact Roger Roa at RRoa@PrideCenterFlorida.org
Photos by Stephen Lang



Dog Wash

The Pride Center, Hunter's Bar and Central Bark collaborated on a dog wash to benefit The Pride Center's team for the Florida AIDS Walk team. To sponsor our team, follow the link on our website!

Photos by Stephen Lang and Manuel Leon

Transgender Day of Remembrance

The Pride Center organized and hosted Transgender Day of Remembrance. This evening of commemoration is a call to action for those who have lost their lives due to bias and hatred based on gender identity and expression worldwide. Community collaborators included The Florida Department of Health in Broward County/T-House, The Fort Lauderdale Convention Visitors Bureau, AHF, HRC and Equality Florida. *Photos by Manuel Leon*



Playground Design Day

The Pride Center, South Florida Family Pride and KaBOOM! hosted a packed room of LGBT families to help envision, design and plan a playground. The children submitted drawings of their dream play spaces while parents and friends figured out the logistics of raising volunteers and donations. *Photos by Steve Shires*



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It's 5 o'clock in the morning on the first Saturday of the month. Do you know where your friends and neighbors in Wilton Manors are?

If you drive by The Pride Center at Equality Park campus, you may find some setting up their vendor booths. Along with over 80 others, they are preparing for the 8 a.m. opening of the fun and always fabulous monthly Flea Market.

This ain't your average flea market, honey. From drag queen attire to beautiful orchids to never-to-be-seen-again treasures, The Pride Center serves up unique finds that you just can't miss.

Suzanne has been a faithful Pride Center flea market antique vendor for 10 years. Her daughter shares, "I don't know if mom buys more than she sells but she has so much fun doing both."

Suzanne and her daughter sell one-of-a-kind antiques in one of The Center's indoor booths. (Oh you thought that The Pride Center Flea Market was an outdoor-only market?) There are 15 eclectic vendors inside the Main Hall of The Schubert Building, and over 50 amazing vendors outside on the first Saturday of every month.

"I come to the Pride Center Flea Market to meet up with my friends and for the grilled hotdogs, says frequent visitor Kirk.

The Pride Center Flea Market (affectionately known to some as The Pride Center Bazaar) is managed by Customer Service Coordinator Samantha McCoy with the help of volunteers and staff.

"The Pride Center Flea Market is such an exciting event, says Samantha. "As soon as you arrive on campus in the wee hours of the morning, there is an electric energy that is quite addicting. From morning until the 2 p.m. closing, you can watch the campus parking lot transform into a magical marketplace filled with vendors just as extraordinary as the items they sell."

On the first Saturday of January--The Center's very first market of the New Year--patrons poured in. It is only befitting that The Center kicked off the year with two drag queens wearing flawless makeup and glittery shimmering dresses, walking around in five-inch stilettos, waving at shoppers and vendors. There are just so many sights, sounds and yummy, grilled concession-stand smells that fill the campus of Equality Park on



Flea Market Saturday. All that's missing is you.

If you want to participate as a vendor, simply contact our Customer Service Coordinator at (954) 463-9005 ext. 101. We begin selling vendor spaces on the Tuesday after the last market, and Pride Center Flea Market vendor spots fill up very fast. If you are a shopper, we host the market year-round on the first Saturday of every month, rain or shine from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Join your friends and make new friends at The Pride Center at Equality Park Flea Market, because it's 5 o'clock somewhere!

Did you know?

+ In November, The Pride Center and the Florida Health Department in Broward County again organized and hosted several events for Transgender Awareness Month. Check out our monthly Trans Educational series!

+ Did you know there have been more than 2,855 group meetings at The Pride Center this year? Take part in an activity at The Center!

+ Our SAGEWorks program helps older LGBT adults gain vital skills for finding employment. Contact Bruce Williams to learn more at 954.463.9005!

+ Pride Center volunteers have provided more than 14,500 hours of service so far this year. Contact The Pride Center to volunteer!

Wicked Manors

Once again, The Pride Center organized Wicked Manors, the original Halloween Block Party Celebration, on Wilton Drive. Hunter's Nightclub returned as the major presenting sponsor. Over 30,000 attended. This collaboration with The City of Wilton Manors raised more than \$40,000 for vital services at The Center. *Photos by Stephen Lang*



World AIDS Day Candlelight Vigil

A passionate crowd gathered for the annual candlelight vigil in Wilton Manors to honor World AIDS Day. The vigil, organized by Broward House, culminated in a rally ended at The Pride Center at Equality Park. *Photos by Manuel Leon*



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Calling All Artists

Know a Talented Artist Seeking an Opportunity to Mount a Show?

by Anthony Brautigam, Pride Center Galleries Curator

As an aspiring artist, I get overwhelmed with the thought of displaying my own artwork: the venue; producing enough artwork; the cost of putting on a show; not to mention the public's reaction to my work. They say art is subjective, yet exposure is required for it to be subjected. The Pride Center opened its doors and provided me the opportunity to display my work, and in gratitude I work to continue this mode of exposure.

The Pride Center Galleries provides local artists in our community an avenue to showcase their talent and works of art. The showrooms provide spacious settings and extensive walls equipped with professional tools for safely hanging and displaying the artist's work for an entire month at a low cost. In addition, the artist can host a reception for friends, family and the community to attend and enjoy the work. I work to ensure the set up for our artists runs smoothly.

We've received incredible feedback from artists. "I had done many shows in Venezuela," said Manuel Leon. "'The Color Theory and Geometry Light Impression' was my first show in the United States. I was nervous. However, the whole process at The Pride Center was a breeze. I had

my work shown to a completely different public than what I was used to. It inspired me to create more work, and do it again."

Landon, a local artist who brought his vivid and provocative photography to raise awareness about transgender issues, stated, "Images of Trans people (and especially images of nude Trans bodies) are still rarely shown and displayed in broader LGBTQ spaces. Bringing my digital images of trans-people bodies to life in print, and having The Pride Center embrace this body of work, was really encouraging."

Pride Center Galleries also provides the layout and design for the artist's flyer advertising their reception event. We promote the art through our social media. We want to help artists expand their audience beyond their peers, potentially selling their work and networking with other organizations.

One of my favorite's recent showcases was for Rene Perriolat. Not only did his work touch me, but the story why it was displayed at the gallery was simply beautiful. "Rene passed away in May of 2013," stated his partner Gregg. "It was a wonderful event to be able to honor his memory and his artistic talent in this way. He would be

proud. His multi-medium works looked fabulous and were professionally displayed and sold. Thanks once again to The Pride Center and Anthony for this very positive and memorable experience."

We seek artwork that portrays and represents different cultures, beliefs, and narratives. As a community center, we host diverse monthly events and activities which provide additional exposure to the artists showcasing their work. During many months of the year, we collaborate with other art groups across South Florida to fill the galleries with the works of their artists. We try and bring in several artists' work to hang at a time, thus giving visitors different interpretations and views on self expression and identity.

I've only organized the galleries for a handful of months, but I want to see Pride Center Galleries develop. I want to make this a place to motivate creativity. I want to provide a platform to gain experience to the "closeted artist" who can one day see work at Art Walks, shows and larger galleries. My personal call is to LGBT youth, to artists with hidden talents in our community, our local schools, whose work we do not yet see in the windows of fancy galleries or shops. Help us enhance the inclusive home we envision The Pride Center to be.



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The Beat Goes On

Largest Program for LGBT Seniors in the Country Enhances Lives

By Bruce Williams, Senior Services Coordinator

2015 was an absolutely amazing year for Senior Programming at The Pride Center. Attendance skyrocketed as we've addressed real needs among Seniors. The Pride Center now provides the largest program for LGBT Seniors at any community center in the country. Together, we have connected older adults with area resources, facilitated the provision of healthcare services, offered support services and hosted events both educational and fun. Our collaborations with area organizations result in an enhanced senior life style and improve the aging process for future generations of LGBT seniors.

By the end of the year, we logged nearly 27,000 visits by LGBT seniors--a record number of visits. Of that number, we welcomed over 9,000 Coffee & Conversation visits, 8,745 Enhance Fitness hits and a highly-successful Sixth Sensational Senior Health Expo that sold out to over 65 vendors and drew a crowd of over 600 LGBT seniors, friends and families. Support groups for Seniors that we organize have received over 600 visits. Our Pride Thursday series reports more than 400 visits and featured brilliant presentations by area dignitaries. Our SAGEWorks

program has provided technological training and professional guidance that has enabled a number of local adults to find new or better employment and reports more than 500 visits to workshops, events, classes or individual consultations.

Our community service efforts have included quarterly Driver's Safety Programs and annual Income Tax Preparations Service in collaboration with AARP. We hosted helpful events featuring a spectrum of services from free telephones for individuals with limited funds and hearing disabilities to sessions with experts in the areas of Advanced Directives, LGBT property rights, voter registration with ballot explanations, and Medicare coverage choices. Speakers at our weekly Coffee & Conversation gatherings have included physicians, dentists, hospitals and home health care agencies. Other community partners have presented information about addiction and rehab resources, end of life services, and renovation techniques to make one's home more age-friendly and extend the ability to live independently. We offered support



programs in collaboration with The Alzheimer's Association, Gilda's Club, Trustbridge Health Services, Vitas Health Services and others. We enjoyed lectures by Dr. Anthony Del Nuovo, who was with The Betty Ford Clinic, and everyone's favorite, Betty Rossi. Jerry Chasen of SAGE USA, inspired us with a chat about "Successful Aging".

A project that began as an attempt to find out IF there were any LGBT-supportive long term care (LTC) facilities has turned into our Sixth Sensational Senior Health Expo, selling-out to exhibitors yet once again. In an effort to keep seniors fit, we offered our Enhance Fitness Program with The YMCA of Broward County.

Healthy and supported" but "no fun" doesn't work, so we produced many entertaining events with SAGE of South Florida, The Prime Timers, live theater, an expert in ancestry/genealogy and even a Drag Show at 10 am in the morning.

We launched SAGE Stories, As Sonny and Cher noted, "The Beat Goes On!"

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For further information on Seniors Services at The Pride Center, please contact Bruce Williams: bwilliams@pridecenterflorida.org

A New Platform

Wilson Uses Outreach Leadership Role to Engage Diverse Communities

By Shanna Ratliff

Ebony Wilson is no stranger to the hard work and dedication required to bring HIV prevention services to previously overlooked communities in Broward County. During her past three years as the Expanding Testing Initiative Coordinator at The Pride Center, Ebony has taken testing services to areas outside the LGBT community, including more than two dozen new locations throughout Broward County. She's successfully targeted communities of color in unique settings.

Recognizing Ebony's passion, professionalism, creativity, skill and dedication, The Pride Center recently promoted Ebony to HIV Prevention Outreach Coordinator. She will build on her previous success for expanding HIV prevention and outreach services to broad and diverse communities.

The Pride Center's clients, volunteers and staff recognize Ebony's talent and focus. Testing and Outreach Specialist Julian Alterman has worked with Ebony since he first became involved with The Center. "Ebony taught, mentored and guided me during my early days providing HIV testing," says Julian. "Her knowledge, dedication and commitment to HIV prevention, education and outreach have been an inspiration to me. I am thrilled she has been given this new platform to further the positive impact she has had on our community."

Ebony has been developing the goals she will seek to achieve in her new position. "My primary goal will be to extend our range of influence throughout Broward County by expanding beyond the borders of Wilton Manors," she shares.

Ebony wants residents throughout Broward County to know about each of The Pride Center's diverse programs and services. She wants people linked to healthcare, support groups, workshops and HIV testing.



Ebony explains the importance of this action plan: "By succeeding in expanding services to people we don't yet know, we will live up to The Center's goal to provide a safe, welcoming space, not only for the LGBT community, but any and all residents of Broward County."

Ebony is hard at work developing new community engagement strategies and planning events designed to diversify the reach of those receiving The Pride Center's HIV prevention services. Ebony has reached and begun collaboration with the department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in Sunrise. The VA recently reported an alarming increase in HIV diagnoses of veterans. The VA and The Center have partnered to develop strategies on how to integrate and deliver The Pride Center's varied programs to the VA's population. Ebony and the VA have begun discussing a Pride Center and VA joint social function to inform the veteran population of the vast range of services available at The Pride Center. By reaching out to diversified populations, Ebony will broaden the Center's impact on all populations at risk of contracting or spreading HIV.



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Photos by Photos by Steve Shires



Founders Circle Reception at The Pride Center

The Law Offices of George Castrataro generously sponsored a recent Founders Circle Reception at The Pride Center. Founders provide at least \$100 monthly to support the programs and services of The Pride Center. Photos by Stephen Lang



Fifth Annual Community Day

The Pride Center organized and hosted this popular community and family outreach day. Activities included a Kids' Costume Contest indoors with South Florida Family Pride. Broward Sheriff's Office provided K9 demonstrations, fire trucks, police vehicles and more. Photos by Steve Shires



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Founders Circle Reception and Toy Drive Launch at Gallery One

Gallery One hosted and sponsored a recent Founders Reception. The evening also served as the successful launch party for the ninth annual Judy Shepherd Toy Drive. Funds donated by Founders Circle underwrite life-enhancing programs and services to the community. Hundreds of toys were collected that night. *Photos by Stephen Lang*



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Return to the Hive

PALS Project Launches New Social LIFE Program

By Doug Cureton

“**W**hat am I going to do on Tuesday nights now?” is a common question posed by graduates of the L.I.F.E (Learning Immune Function Enhancement) Program.

Social LIFE is a new peer-driven, social, cultural and educational program aimed at actively engaging the graduates of the L.I.F.E Program.

Over a decade, the PALS (Positive Action for Living Safely) Project at The Pride Center has coordinated 21 cycles of the L.I.F.E. program. L.I.F.E. is an 18 week prevention and health enhancement program focused on addressing vital co-factors related to maintaining biological, psychological and social wellness for those living with HIV. Over 40 participants attend each cycle. To date, over 800 individuals have graduated from the program. Graduates have sought opportunities to connect.

Shanna Ratliff, Prevention with Positives Manager, and other PALS staff interviewed former L.I.F.E. participants for feedback. They consistently requested on-going programs. Shanna invited several former LIFE program participants to form a committee to discuss ideas and options to meet the needs of graduates. From these meetings, Social LIFE was created.

The first event, an Open House and Reception, was held prior to the Candelight Vigil on World AIDS at the newly renovated PALS offices at The Center. Over 50 attendees toured the new space for all HIV prevention services at The Pride Center and met with staff and volunteers.

The second event “RETURN TO THE HIVE” was held in January to reunite and reconnect program graduates and friends. The L.I.F.E. meeting room was transformed into a golden hive ambiance complete with bees by the generosity and talent of Bobby Kyser and his phenomenal staff from Panache Style. A wonderful buffet of entrees and desserts was coordinated by Patrick Drake and donated by former participants. DJ Julian Marsh spun amazing music to keep people mingling and smiling throughout the evening.

Shanna, Robert Boo, CEO of the Pride Center, and Kristofer Fegenbush, COO, welcomed the participants and invited everyone to get involved in the SOCIAL LIFE Program. Boo, a participant from Cycle 3 beamed, “I am so excited to see so many of you returning tonight. The LIFE Program is about making and maintaining connections and this certainly demonstrates the need for this program!”

Fegenbush encouraged, “We need each and every one of you to become part of this program – to share your energy and spirit to build and sustain the energy we see and feel here tonight.”

Evidently the event was long overdue as several participants commented that they were looking forward to some opportunities to reconnect.

- “I attended Cycle 6, and I couldn’t believe you contacted me for a reunion. This is wonderful.”
- “I’m looking forward to getting involved. We need more of this positive energy.”
- “I actually met some new friends who I am excited to get to know better.”

The Social LIFE Committee is actively looking for ideas, suggestions and involvement to create an on-going schedule of activities, programs and events to meet the needs of all individuals impacted by HIV. Some programs will be for L.I.F.E participants and others will be for the entire community. Whether it’s a panel discussion, guest speakers, workshops, movie night, bowling or collaborating with other organizations to create larger programs, we need to hear from you!

A new Social LIFE Community Organization Facebook page has been created so you can keep in touch and share ideas online. Just search for Social LIFE on Facebook or enter the following link in your browser <https://www.facebook.com/PrideCenterSocialLife/>.



Staff, volunteers and program graduates enjoy reunion for LIFE Program graduates

For further information and to get involved, contact the PALS Project at PALS@PrideCenterFlorida.org or 954.463.9011.

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The Pride Center at Equality Park, KaBOOM! and JetBlue collaborated to build the first playground on the campus of an LGBTQ community center. Over 300 volunteers assisted with the planning, fundraising, preparation and construction of the playground. *Photos by Steve Shires*





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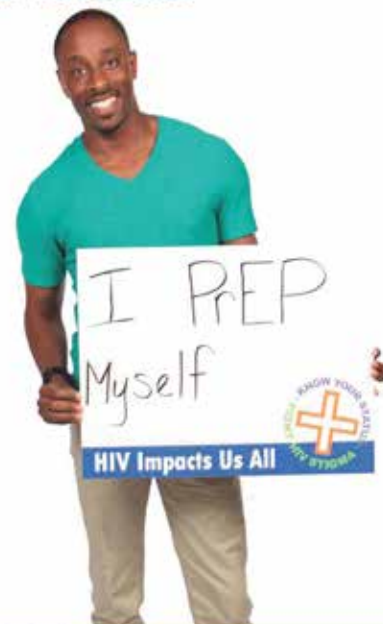
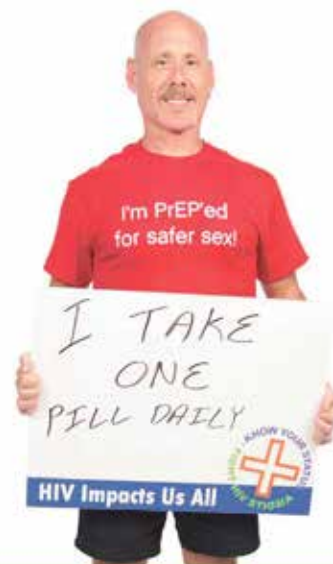


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Kwanzaa

The Pride Center's Kiki Project collaborated with Black Gay Pride South Florida, Stonewall National Library and Archives and others on the annual Kwanzaa celebration. This gathering of people of color, their allies and friends celebrates cultural diversity and unity.



Founders Circle Reception at B Ocean
 The B Ocean Hotel on beautiful Fort Lauderdale beach hosted and sponsored a recent Founders Reception. Guests enjoyed refreshing ocean breezes and stunning views. Founders provide at least \$100 monthly to support the programs and services of The Pride Center. To learn more about Founders, contact Roger Roa at RRoa@PrideCenterFlorida.org
 photos by Stephen Lang



Memories at a Discount

Take advantage of special on personalized engraved pavers in Equality Park Courtyard

By Bryon Bowlby



For a limited time only, buy a Commemorative Paver at The Pride Center at Equality Park at a discounted price.

From now until March 31, 2016 you can purchase one of the following personalized pavers at the following discounts:

4" by 4" Paver - \$75 –
(Regularly \$100)

4" by 8" Paver - \$200 –
(Regularly \$250)

12" by 12" Paver - \$375
– (Regularly \$500)

(Due to the limited space, discounts do not apply to Paver Arrays. Other limitations and restrictions apply; contact Bryon or Roger at The Center for more details!)

“What a better way to remember a loved one, a special occasion such as a wedding or a birthday than to have the memory engraved in a paver and installed in The Pride Center’s Equality Park Courtyard?” asks Robert Boo,

CEO. Proceeds from your donations go to help fund essential services at The Pride Center.

Many members of the LGBTQ community have gone on-line or come in to meet with Development Team at The Center to buy a brick. They give generously to leave a lasting message important to them in these watershed times in the LGBTQ Community.

As one member said when he bought his bricks, “I can’t wait to see the expression on my husband’s face when he sees our names on our bricks.”

Do you have you a message you would like to leave or a remembrance for someone you have lost? What better way to do so than to name a brick at The Pride Center? Won’t it be a wonderful statement to one day have the entire walkway filled with messages from the LGBTQ community and friends of the community?

To become inspired, or to see the great progress being made on the Equality Park Courtyard, please visit the South side of the Schubert building. See what your friends and neighbors are saying!

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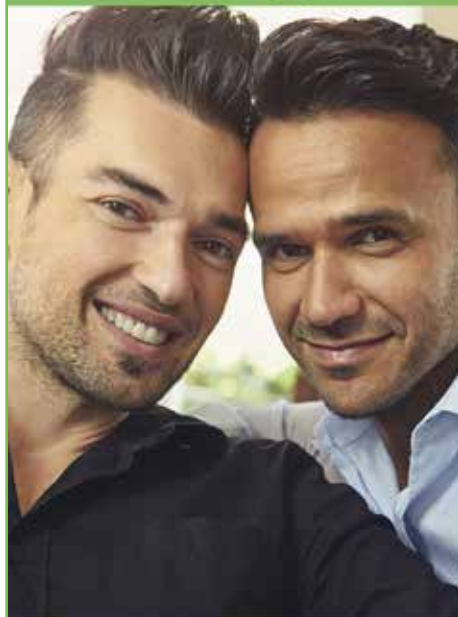
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“Good boys didn’t dance...not good Christian boys”

Seniors share video testimonials of overcoming discrimination for national project

LGBT seniors have a lifetime of powerful experiences to share. The Pride Center partnered with SAGE USA in a national digital story-telling project that captures anecdotes reflective of growing-up in a homophobic, intolerant and discriminatory society. We recorded brief, personal stories from local LGBT seniors. We hope that these stories will serve not only to preserve historical, personal narratives, but help enlighten all generations. These stories will create awareness to help thwart attempts to reverse civil rights successes recently achieved by our community.

Join us for a public showing of these video testimonials, as friends and neighbors courageously share poignant thoughts, reflections and memories from their past.

WHEN: February 23, 2016 at 1:15 pm

WHERE: The Pride Center at Equality Park, Schubert Building Main Hall

SAGE Story Survivors. These are some of the stars of the project:



• BURKE LAURENDINE, 63

Wilton Manors, Florida

“They were using trumped up charges to cut his hand off because he was gay”



• SONNY MILLER, 69

Wilton Manors, Florida

“My Mother gave me a letter that said I had trouble dealing with men..... which was NOT my problem”



• CARL BARTON, 76

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“My Mother said that someone had told her I was queer”



• MARK MEDLIN, 59

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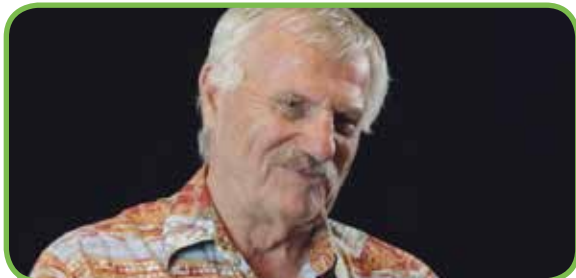
“My Mom told me last night that your Father is gay”



• TERRY FEATHER, 61

Wilton Manors, Florida

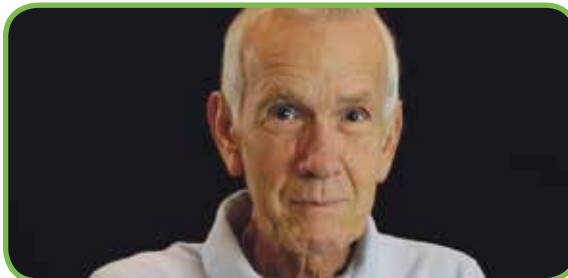
“I never had the conversation I wanted to have with my Father”



• LARRY ELWIN, 79

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“My gay escape story..... well, they threw me in jail”



• ROGER MILLER, 74

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“Good boys didn’t dance..... not good Christian boys”!



• RICHARD FRAZER, 75

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“Back in the 60s, the thing that you did was get married”

“I Realize How Vital this Resource Has Become...”

Reflections on Impact of Women’s Health Directory at LBTHealth.org

By Roya Amimiroumand, Women with Pride Coordinator

Back in November, our friends at the Compass Community Center hosted the Women’s Health Conference. I had the pleasure of presenting at one of the breakout sessions about the online LBT Health Directory. During the session, I talked about the value of cultural competence, the importance of preventative care, and why LBTHealth.org has grown tremendously in provider recommendations and visitors over the last several years.



Roya Amimiroumand

What I found most interesting and impactful during this time was the feedback that I received from the attendees. We discussed the invaluable resources the Directory provided, what was missing and what we could improve moving forward. After the event I walked to my car and I could not stop thinking about one particular moment. In the midst of my animated and rather hasty speech, one individual stopped me to make a comment. This individual told me that she was impressed with my willingness to take constructive criticism, and my enthusiasm about making such improvements. At that exact moment I thought, “where did this come from?” But afterwards I was incredibly grateful and deeply moved when I realized the magnitude of such a comment.

It takes a village to make something transformative happen. In the initial phases of the Directory, we surveyed LBT women in the community for best practice techniques, their needs and healthcare provider recommendations. With your input we have been able to put together an incredible resource that can help each of us check-in and take care of our mental, emotional, and physical well-being. Over 1,000 new, unique

visitors utilize the online directory ever month.

As we move closer to spring and Women’s History Month, I am reminded to stay humble, connect with others and reflect on my own self-care. In our busy lives and agendas, it is easy to overlook the smaller moments that make up the big goals and those individuals that deeply care and share the same passions that we do. Ultimately, it is the volunteers and those who share their feedback and experiences with us that help to revise, update, and expand LBTHealth.org.

At this time, the online LBT Health Directory covers Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach counties with over 300 providers and 40 specialties. Each provider profile includes information on insurance, additional services, and LGBTQ inclusivity and policies. As the unique visitors and provider recommendations continue to grow, I realize how vital this resource has become. I encourage everyone to take a look at LBTHealth.org and tell us what you like, what you do not like, and what is missing. If you are interested in working with our team please email us at: LBTHealth@pridecenterflorida.org.

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Breast Cancer Walk

The Pride Center organized a passionate team who dressed in pink and raised money for the annual American Cancer Society breast cancer walk through downtown Fort Lauderdale. *Photos by Manuel Leon and Kristofer Fegenbush*



Can A Pill A Day Keep HIV Away?

PrEP Coordinator Helps People Access Life-Saving Prevention Services

Have questions about PrEP? Wondering if what you've heard from friends is true? Need help accessing a competent physician? Facing challenges with payment?

The Pride Center has expanded its PrEP with Pride program and has hired a creative, passionate, full-time PrEP Coordinator, Patrick Whiteside.

Whiteside has been working to increase the awareness of PrEP to at-risk individuals, expand a directory of culturally-competent medical providers prescribing PrEP, and provide direct linkage-to-care for people seeking access to PrEP. Additionally, he is facilitating Pride Center activities, resources, events and services for PrEP as an effective HIV prevention tool.

"The studies have shown that PrEP works," says Patrick. "It's great that HIV is no longer the death sentence it once was. Even better, we now have a new way to prevent it: one pill, once a day. But not a lot of people know about this new form of

protection, and some can hardly believe it. So we're here to change that because PrEP is an effective 'always-on' form of protection and is proving to be life-changing for our community."

About 50,000 people get infected with HIV each year in the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control. PrEP (Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis) is the first proven-effective biomedical approach to HIV prevention. Currently approved for PrEP is Truvada, an anti-retroviral medication, now used to prevent people from becoming infected with the HIV virus. It is a single pill, and when taken daily has shown to be highly effective against HIV. Adherence is vital. The protocol is recommended in conjunction with testing and condoms. PrEP does not protect you from other STIs.

The Pride Center is excited to expand this game changing shift in HIV prevention, which is aligned with The National HIV/AIDS Strategy three main goals: 1 Reduce HIV-Incidence; 2 Increase access to care and optimize health outcomes; and 3 Reduce

HIV-related health disparities.

"In collaboration with The Pride Center's HIV prevention services, Whiteside has brought his unique marketing perspective to expand the PrEP workshops, conduct innovative town halls and contribute to the goal of Getting to Zero new infections," says Dr. Listron Mannix, Testing and Outreach Manager.

Whiteside has over 20 years of marketing communications experience, and holds a bachelor of science of advertising communications from Florida International University. He is excited to work at The Pride Center, where he can marry his advertising and advocacy skills to



advance information on PrEP.

"Not only are PrEP users reporting less anxiety in their sex lives, but serodiscordant couples are now able to shed the fear that the negative partner might become positive thanks to the protection it provides," says Patrick. "Although this isn't the cure or the vaccine we're still waiting for, it's definitely a game-changing form of protection we welcome."

Since beginning his work a few months ago, Patrick has directly counseled over 40 clients and linked them with local doctors. And, feedback affirms he's off to a great start

"On behalf of myself and my partner, I wanted to thank you for time yesterday," says one recent client. "Your knowledge, patience and professionalism were greatly appreciated."

Patrick is passionate about his work. "When our clients take the time to reach out to me to offer their gratitude for helping them access PrEP, it reminds me how much of an impact we're making in our community. We're truly changing lives, but, most importantly, we're making sex even safer and preventing new HIV infections."

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Founders Circle Reception at The Westin Fort Lauderdale

The Westin Fort Lauderdale Hotel recently hosted a Founders Circle Reception. If you'd like to become a Founder and empower the work of The Center, contact Roger Roa at 954.463.9011. *Photos by Stephen Lang*



Martin Luther King Parade

The Pride Center was honored to participate in the annual Martin Luther King Parade. Outreach and prevention staff were received warmly and were able to share about the work of The Center.

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Landon Gallery Opening

This art exhibit opening featured the works of trans artist Landon J. Woolston as part of our month of events honoring Transgender Awareness Month. To learn more about our transgender services and monthly educational events, contact Transgender Services Specialist Jodi Reichman at JReichman@PrideCenterFlorida.org Photos by Manuel Leon



State of the Kiki

The Center's Kiki Project gathered local leaders and community members to discuss the program of this innovative HIV prevention program. Kiki is designed by same-gender-loving men of color for same-gender-loving men of color.



All Together Now

Consolidating HIV Services Benefits Clients

By Dr. Listron Mannix, Testing and Outreach Manager,
and Lorenzo Robertson, Emerging Interventions Manager

Changes are happening on the Equality Park campus. The changes are not only good, but great for clients we serve. We've moved all our HIV prevention services--all staff, all programs--to new spaces in Building B. Our changes to serve you better, our community.

"I feel the changes are great for the client," says Jakari Roundtree, Kiki Project Outreach and Testing Specialist. "If a client is reactive when receiving an HIV test, we can walk him directly to our Healthcare Linkage Coordinator, without parading him across campus. He can meet the team from the PALS Project across the hall. Having all prevention services housed in one building also promotes confidentiality

for the client."

As you may be aware, our HIV testing services used to be located on the first floor of the Schubert Building at the front of campus. Outreach services, healthcare navigation, ARTAS, VOICES and some other prevention services were on the second floor. Our PALS Project, Couples Speak and the Kiki Project were housed in Building B at the back of campus. For clients, community members, visitors or collaborative organizations, it could all be a little confusing.

The Center's prevention services have grown exponentially over the last decade. New programs, new services and new staff moved into available spaces as we evolved. There was always a method to the madness. As



we assessed the best ways to serve the community, though, we've long wanted to unite our HIV prevention services into one cohesive space. Now we have.

"I love the changes," says Rafael Reyes, Healthcare Linkage Coordinator. "I think the moves make the experience more seamless for clients. As staff, we can work more cohesively as a prevention team."

We hope the new space lives up to our mission statement: to provide a welcoming, safe space--an inclusive

home--to our community. Our prevention staff and volunteer team is dedicated to providing the best, most welcoming services. Whether you're picking up a condom, seeking counsel, needing to be linked to healthcare, investigating PrEP, having a Kiki, or enrolling in LIFE, CHOICES or Couples Speak, we're here for you. We encourage neighbors, visitors, clients, supporters, friends and family to come take a tour of our new home. Stay awhile! Our services are FREE.

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- + Over 1000 visitors and 80 vendors attend The Pride Center's Flea Market on the first Saturday of every month. Check it out!
- + Every day, The Center hosts a variety of 12-step meetings, including AA, NA and CMA
- + The Pride Center is the largest site for Enhanced Fitness classes for Seniors offered in the United States. Get healthy with The Center!

Founders Circle Reception at Marriott Fort Lauderdale

Marriott Fort Lauderdale hosted a recent Founders Circle Reception. Founders provide at least \$100 monthly to support the programs and services of The Pride Center.

Photos by Stephen Lang



Groups at the Pride Center

WEEKLY RECURRING MEETINGS

- AA – Each Day a New Beginning, Recovery, Daily, 9-10a
- AA – Northeast Group, Recovery, Mon, 8:30-9:30p
- AA – Sober, Proud and Gay, Recovery, Fri, 8:30-10p
- AA – Pride 5:45 Meeting, Recovery, Daily, 5:45-6:45p
- A Course in Miracles, Social, Tues, 7:00p-9p
- BrothasspeakFTL-Social, Wed, 7:00p-9:00p
- Coffee and Conversation – SAC, Social/Seniors, Tues, 10:30a-12noon
- Crystal Meth Anonymous, Recovery Mon 6p-7p, Wed, 6p-7p
- Games Day, Social, 2nd & 4th Tues, 1-4p
- Gay Bridge Club, Fun, Mon & Fri, 1-4p
- Gay Hearts, Social, Sun, 1-3:30p
- Gay Men's Empowerment Group, Thurs 7p-8:30p
- Living Agelessly @ Pride Center w/ August Gold, Tues, Social, 12-1p
- Island City AI-anon-Support, Thur, 7-8p
- Mahjong, Social, Wed, 1-5:00p
- Man2Man Talk, Social, Mon, 7-8:30p
- Monday Night Women's Group, Social, Mon, 7:30-9p
- Narcotics Anonymous Rainbow Group, Recovery, Wed, 8-9p
- New Path Narcotics Anonymous Group, Recovery, Mon/Tue/Thu, 7-8p
- New Path Narcotics Anonymous Group, Recovery, Sat/Sun, 4-5p
- Open Hearts Meditation Group, Sat, 3:30p-5p
- Overeaters Anonymous, Recovery, Sun, 12n-1:30p
- Overeaters Anonymous, Recovery, Fri, 7:30-9p
- POZ Attitudes Here and Now, HIV Support, Wed, 7-9p
- Quit Smoking Now, Tues 7p-8:30p (Inquire for details)
- SAGE Men's Social, Social/Seniors, Wed, 1-3p
- SAGE Computer Club, Wed 4p-5:15p
- SAGE CO-ED Discussion Group, Thurs, 1p-3p
- Sunserve Pos Long Term Survivors, 1st/3rd Tues, 6:30-8:30p
- Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous (SLAA), Recovery, Fri, 7p-8p
- Senior Exercise Class YMCA Health, Senior, Mon-Fri, 10:10a-11:10a, 11:15-12:15p, 1:30-2:30p
- Senior Gay Men's Support Group, Support, Mon, 11a-12p
- Smart Recovery, Recovery, Mon, 7:30-8:30p/Thur, 6:30p-8p
- The Healing Project Meeting, Tues 7:30p-9pm

- Toastmasters, Educational, Mon, 7:15p-9:15p
- Women's Non-Competitive Basketball, Social, Mon, Thur 5:30p, Sat 3p
- Pride Center Young Adult Group, (23-35 yoa), Support, Fri, 7-9p
- Yoga with Drew Miller, Social, Wed, 6p-7p

BI-WEEKLY RECURRING MEETINGS

- Ballet & Opera Group, Educational, 2nd & 4th Sunday, 1-4p
- Sunserve POZ Long-Term Survivor, Gay Men/HIV Support, 1st & 3rd Tues, 6:30-8p
- Senior Games Day, Social, 2nd & 4th Tue, 1-4p

MONTHLY RECURRING MEETINGS/EVENTS

- Pride Center BINGO, Open to Public, 2nd Sat, 7-10p and 4th Sun, 4p-7p
- Dolphin Democrats, Monthly Meeting, 2nd Wed, 7:30-9:30p
- Equality Park Garden Club, Educational, 3rd Wed, 7-9p
- Pride Center Flea Market, Open to Public, 1st Sat, 8a-2p
- Primetimers, Open to Public, 1st Sun, 2-4:30p
- SAGE Movie, Social, 3rd Mon, 4-6p
- Spiritual Workshop with August Gold, Social, 2nd Sat, 1p-3p
- Transgender Support Group, Support, 3rd Fri, 7-8:30p
- Women with Pride Book Club, 2nd Thur, 7-9p
- Women with Pride Game Night, 1st Tues, 7p-9p

For further information or to rent a room for your special event call: Samantha McCoy at 954-463-9005 ext. 101.

Visit www.pridecenterflorida.org/calendar for meeting room assignments.

Room days/times subject to change.

LIFE Program Graduation

Friends, family, volunteers, staff and program participants gathered for a recent graduation of the 18-week LIFE Program. This holistic wellness and prevention program helps people living with HIV enhance their health. If you'd like to join the LIFE Program, contact The Pride Center's PALS Project at 954.463.9011.



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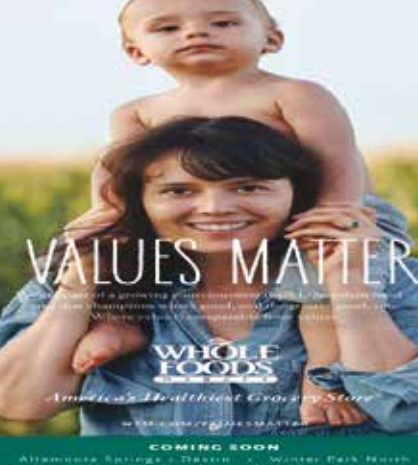
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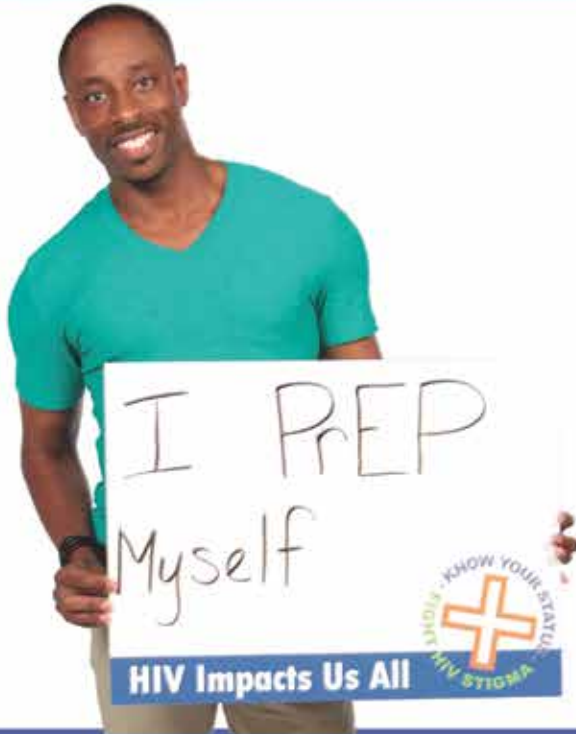
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