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# A NOTE TO READERS

## A Brief Letter from the CEO

One of my favorite things to do is to review the newsletter before it goes to press. Agency Executives mostly hear about problems and they don't get to see all the wonderful things the staff and clients are doing in the community. This newsletter really shows the breadth and depth of the services of LIAAC. No longer just an HIV/AIDS organization, LIAAC and its dba, TriCareSystems, expanded the services to encompass other chronic and sexually transmitted diseases. It is so important that the communities we serve get the benefit of LIAAC's staff, mobile outreach and community education that extends all across Long Island.

We also have new and exciting changes in the infrastructure of the Agency. Our Finance Department has added a new Controller, Amy Giangregorio, who has made a very comfortable home here and fit into the cultural quickly and competently. Amy is seen by the rest of the staff as a clear resource of financial information about the programs that LIAAC provides. LIAAC as a non-profit has also decided to use an out-sourced CFO from a local medium size non-profit accounting firm located in Nassau County. Jeffrey Isaacson, a partner at Zapken & Loeb LLC, has made a full commitment to not only working with LIAAC's Finance Department and Board of Directors, but has also been a strong advisor to myself as President and CEO. The agency could never afford to hire somebody with his background and expertise. And, in spite of the fact that we pay him to be the part time CFO, Jeffrey and his accounting firm donate countless hours in addition to his contract to the agency. The firm also has helped with stability in the Finance Department by loaning Staff Accountants to

assist with special projects or when we have a job opening and are recruiting new Finance Staff.

Other changes include a reorganization of LIAAC's Board of Directors. First, Edwin Velazquez, (Eddie), who has been with the Board since 2006, is now LIAAC's newest Board Chair. Eddie's experience working in a management position at YAI/National Institute for People with Disabilities, a \$300 million dollar not for profit, continues to be a valuable asset to the Board of Directors not only with his knowledge of programs, mobile outreach, diversity of services and his unique ability to lead the Board, but he also understands the needs of the Program Directors and LIAAC's Staff responsible for grants and services.

Other changes to LIAAC's Board include the inclusion of three new Board members whose background and experience is an invaluable asset to the entity. Our first new member is Louis Morandi who oversees the Pharmaceutical Operations of Walgreens' 37 stores across Long Island. Louis' addition to the Board came after a long partnership between LIAAC and Walgreens in services to our clients including a Needle Exchange Voucher Program piloted in Walgreens Pharmacies. Next, we are honored to also welcome to the Board of Directors Sharon Klugewicz, COO at Chembio Diagnostics Systems. LIAAC has had a long relationship with Chembio and its former President, Larry Seibert, as the only diagnostic agency developing detection diagnosis and treatment for people with HIV/AIDS. Sharon is able to hit the ground running as one of her major responsibilities is to work with the Board of

Directors of Chembio. She has quickly learned the workings of the agency and brings a solid business perspective to the Board, which is a fortunate opportunity since the Board is going through compliance with the new NYS Non-Profit Revitalization Act. This new law emphasizes the responsibilities of the Board of Directors for not for profits and Sharon has already moved into a leadership position in working with LIAAC's Board members as we all make the changes necessary to be in compliance with the new law. And lastly, but equally as important is Esperance Ndayishimiye, a Physician Assistant who fulfills the role of bringing a medical background to the LIAAC Board of Directors and also manages health care for the prisoners at Rikers Island, a population to which LIAAC provides a large percentage of their services. Esperance also has experience with family members suffering with HIV/AIDS outside of the United States in countries where treatment and acceptance of people with AIDS are where the United States was at the beginning of the epidemic in the 1980's. This combination of the type of background and worldwide experience is an important reminder for other LIAAC Board members of how far HIV/AIDS has come as an accepted long term chronic illness over the past 30 years.

With the addition of these three new Board members, LIAAC's Board has a new energy and commitment to the services LIAAC provides and I feel very proud and lucky to be a part of this unique blend of talented people.



LIAAC staff at the Hempstead Walgreens June 27, 2014.

## LIAAC WANTS TO KNOW WHAT YOU THINK THE CONSUMER ADVISORY COUNCIL (CAC)

On June 27, 2014 LIAAC held their Consumer Advisory Council meeting to get feedback from current clients on LIAAC's services and what opinions they have on the services LIAAC renders. This meeting is held 4 times a year and the turnout to this session was very successful. All clients who attended offered up some very useful feedback. The session ended with a light lunch and social so clients could share stories and network with each other. If you are interested in joining the Consumer Advisory Council, please contact the Hotline at 1-877-865-4222.

## LIAAC REACHES OUT WITH WALGREENS THE HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS WORKSHOP IN JUNE

On June 23, 2014 LIAAC held their Healthy Relationships workshop at the East Meadow Walgreens. The aim of this program is to build coping skills to reduce stress when HIV positive individuals decide to disclose their HIV status. Those who attended and completed all sessions enjoyed refreshments as well as received food vouchers and certificates of completion. **Keep an eye out at LIAAC.org for future meetings.**

## NATIONAL HIV TESTING DAY WITH WALGREENS THE LIAAC STAFF COVERS THE ISLAND

June 27, 2014 was National HIV Testing Day and the LIAAC and TriCare staff were out making contact with the public offering FREE testing at various locations throughout Long Island. In conjunction with Walgreens, LIAAC and TriCare staff set up shop for the day at the Walgreens stores in Hicksville and Hempstead where they greeted the customers with welcoming smiles and some very informative literature. The LIAAC staff were available to answer any questions the visitors to their table had, and each person was offered the chance to take a FREE HIV test.

**Visit LIAAC.org to find out about future testing events and locations where we will be set up.**

# THE RESOURCE TABLE

## LIAAC'S SUMMER 2014 EVENTS SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

### AUGUST

**FREE**  
HIV Rapid Testing  
HIV Testing Open to the Public  
**AUGUST 1 & AUGUST 15**  
**11 AM - 7 PM**  
FIRE ISLAND ICE PALACE

LIAAC Healthy Relationships Workshop  
This Workshop is for HIV diagnosed individuals. For more information contact 631-385-2451 and ask for the Education Secretary  
**AUGUST 26 & AUGUST 27**  
**2 PM - 5 PM**  
PATCHOGUE-MEDFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY  
54-60 E. MAIN STREET, PATCHOGUE, NY 11772

Community Outreach and Resource Table  
LIAAC will provide literature on available services and answer questions. Open to the Public  
**AUGUST 22**  
**10 AM - 4 PM**  
CHERRY GROVE, FIRE ISLAND

SPARC's Annual Latino Wellness Fair  
LIAAC will be providing a Resource Table, HIV Rapid Testing and HCV/STI Screening  
**AUGUST 28**  
**10 AM - 4 PM**  
PARKING LOT OF STAT PHARMACY  
HUNTINGTON STATION

### SEPTEMBER

Faith Community Project Event  
LGBT Youth/Clergy discussion on How Faith Communities Can Address The HIV Prevention Needs of LGBT Youth; LIAAC will be providing Committee Support, Resource Table and FREE HIV Rapid Testing and HCV/STI Screening for more information contact  
LIAAC's Hotline: 631-865-4222  
ask for D. Ray Ward  
**SEPTEMBER 15**  
**6 PM - 9 PM**  
UNION BAPTIST CHURCH OF HEMPSTEAD  
24 REV CLINTON C. BOONE PL  
HEMPSTEAD, NY 11550

### OCTOBER

**FREE**  
CASAC Workshop  
LIAAC will provide FREE CASAC Workshop to community providers working with Adults 50 and Older.  
Contact 631-385-2451 and ask for Education Secretary to reserve your seat.  
**OCTOBER 15**  
**9:30 AM - 5 PM**  
LINGS COMMUNITY CENTER  
60 ADAMS AVE. IN HAUPPAUGE

LIAAC is the agency for Long Islanders who are concerned about HIV/AIDS and chronic illness. We are a community-based, 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization supported by both private and public funds, with support from SAMHSA, the CDC, the Office of Minority Health (OMH), the NYS Department of Health AIDS Institute, Suffolk County and a variety of federal grants. Our staff of 65 case managers, educators, counselors, advocates and associates brings information and education, testing, direct services, referrals and advocacy to anyone in our area who needs help with HIV/AIDS, other infectious diseases and chronic illness.

For details, or for assistance, please call our **Hotline: 1-877-TO-LIAAC** (1-877-865-4222) [in Nassau & Suffolk only] or (631) 385-AIDS [outside Nassau & Suffolk]. Information tapes can be heard at all times. Hotline operators are available from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM Monday through Friday. In addition, Spanish speaking operators are available. **Visit us on the web at [WWW.LIAAC.ORG](http://WWW.LIAAC.ORG)**

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**GAIL BAROUH, PhD** Publisher

# THE FAITH COMMUNITIES PROJECT

By D. Ray Ward



**H**istorically, Houses of Worship have been places that inspire change, hope and faith to community residents. In addition to spiritual nurturing, they provide shelter, food assistance and other social service supports. Congregations have come to trust their spiritual leaders to guide them through tough and uncertain times. In these times of high prevalence of HIV/HCV/STI transmission in ethnic minority communities, the faith leadership has another higher calling - to assist with reducing the transmission of HIV/ HCV and other STIs in the hardest-hit communities. Yes, faith-based organizations are an integral part of the National HIV/AIDS/HCV/

**STI Public Health Strategy: to reduce stigma and discrimination, get people screened/tested and know their status, linkage to care for those who screen/test positive, retention in care over time, and provision of antiretroviral therapy to achieve viral suppression.**

The NYS DOH AIDS Institute, Faith Communities Project (FCP) fosters regional partnerships with faith-based organizations and community-based organizations to deliver prevention information, HIV/HCV/STI screening/rapid testing and identify various community supportive resources. The Long Island Association for AIDS Care, Inc. (LIAAC) is the largest and oldest AIDS service organization on Long Island and a devoted member of the Faith Communities Project; as LIAAC's Chief Program Officer, I serve on the Nassau/ Suffolk County Regional Committee. Annually, there are four faith community programs held that target "What Congregations Need to Know!" Two events are in Suffolk County and two are in Nassau County. Each program runs from 6 pm - 9 pm. In 2013, topics included HIV/AIDS Treatment, Hidden Infections: Hepatitis C/HIV /STI, Gender Identity & Sexual Orientation and Impact of HIV/AIDS on LGBTQ Youth. We were able to reach nearly 200 participants with prevention messages and made available HIV/STI/HCV screening and rapid testing.

On April 24, 2014, the Long Island Regional Committee moderated and facilitated its first program of the year on Impact of Stigma and Discrimination on the HIV/AIDS Epidemic, at the St. John's Baptist Church of Westbury. Hope Zewou, LIAAC's Prevention Specialist, delivered a well prepared and thought provoking PowerPoint education presentation. The congregation learned they too could unknowingly stigmatize and discriminate against other members of their congregation who may also be HIV positive. Ms. Zewou's presentation was so well received; there were many questions during the Q&A session and not enough time to answer all of them. In fact, the program did not end until 9:30 pm.

After the program's closing remarks and benediction, participants and presenters continued to dialogue and network. The next faith-based program will be June 24, at The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship at Stony Brook from 6 pm -9 pm. The topic will be on Gender Identity, Sexual Orientation, HIV/AIDS & Our Young People. In September and November – locations to be announced – topics will be on LGBTQ Youth and Intimate Partner Violence respectfully.

In 2011 the CDC contends that 6,000 Persons Living w/Diagnosed HIV Infection resided in Nassau-Suffolk County; of that number, a little more than half or 58% received continuous care during the year. The relationship between and impact of HIV, HCV and other STIs has been well documented. African Americans and Hispanics comprise respectfully 18% and 36% of Nassau and Suffolk Counties general population, but represent 44% and 28% of newly diagnosed AIDS cases and 36% and 22% of emergent HIV cases. Although people are living longer due to the advances in HIV/HCV and STI medications, we still have a long way to go in reducing stigma and discrimination. As the result of stigma and discrimination, many people are not comfortable with getting screened/tested and seeking medical care and support for their positive diagnosis for fear of being ostracized by their community. Many individuals don't know their status; they are our friends, family, coworkers and members of our church congregation.

If we are ever to achieve an "AIDS Free Generation" it will take more diverse sectors like faith-based communities working with the government and other community-based organizations to reduce the impact of stigma and discrimination. Know Your Status, Get Tested! For more information regarding the next faith-based program coming to your community, or how to get involved with the Faith Communities Project or schedule a prevention program, HIV/HCV/STI screening or testing event at your organization, please contact LIAAC's Hotline: 1-887-865-4222 and ask for D. Ray Ward.



*Promoting Awareness on*

# **NATIONAL BLACK HIV/AIDS AWARENESS DAY**

By D. Ray Ward



**Every year on February 7th, the Long Island Association for AIDS Care, Inc. (LIAAC) launches a week-long education and HIV Testing campaign in recognition of the National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (NBHAAD). The purpose of NBHAAD is to address the needs of African Americans across the country and encourage them to get tested.**

This year's LIAAC NBHAAD 2014 initiative involved the collaboration of Walgreens Pharmacy and Nassau County Department of Social Services with the support of DuWayne Gregory, Presiding Officer, Suffolk County Legislature, of District 15. The theme for this year's event was: Get Educated, Get Tested, Get Treated and Get Involved.

LIAAC Mobile Education and Testing Vans were deployed to the Nassau County Department of Social Services in Uniondale, NY, Walgreens Pharmacy in Hempstead, NY and Walgreens Pharmacy in Amityville, NY. Activities included a health information resource table featuring case management, care coordination, nutrition and other prevention and supportive services, as well as free health screenings for Hepatitis C and other Sexually Transmitted Infections and HIV Rapid Testing.

Walgreens Pharmacy provided use of their facilities to set up information resource tables and parking space for LIAAC Mobile Education and Testing Vans. In addition, they provided free blood pressure screening and Flu shots at both locations. The Honorable DuWayne Gregory made a special appearance at the Amityville Walgreens location to show his support.

Overall, the LIAAC NBHAAD 2014 campaign was a success. We were able to reach many African Americans at different venues, disperse health information literature and provide a variety of health screenings including HCV and STI, Flu shots and HIV Rapid Testing. Through our collaboration with Walgreens Pharmacy, Nassau County Department of Social Services and the support of DuWayne Gregory, we were able to achieve the goal of the National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day.

# **HOTLINE Q & A**

## **WHO CAN CALL THE HOTLINE?**

The Hotline is the life line to the agency. Clients, as well as Community members, can call our confidential Hotline. Community members can call and get general information, referrals and request facts regarding HIV, Hepatitis C and Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs). Clients can call the Hotline to be connected with the agency employee they are looking to speak with, as well as be provided referrals, receive assistance with medical supports such as scheduling medical transportation and general information.

## **HOW CAN I BECOME A CLIENT?**

By calling the agency's toll free Hotline and completing a Hotline intake with one of our trained counselors, you can connect to one of the case management programs.

## **WHAT TYPE OF TESTS CAN THE AGENCY OFFER ME?**

The agency can offer HIV, Hepatitis C and a test for Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs specifically Gonorrhea and Chlamydia). These tests are free and confidential and the tester can meet you at your desired location.

## **CAN THE HOTLINE ASSIST ME WITH SCHEDULING A TEST?**

Yes! Just by answering a brief assessment, the Hotline can connect you to the most appropriate Prevention Specialist/Tester to further assist you and schedule any of the tests we offer.

## **CAN I CALL THE HOTLINE IF I'M EXPERIENCING A CRISIS?**

Absolutely! The Hotline can also assist with handling crisis calls for both a Community Caller and Clientele. Our staff has been trained to assist callers in crisis. Many of our staff members have been trained in safeTALK and ASIST (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training) to provide optimal assistance with callers who are experiencing suicidal ideation and provide efficient interventions to keep them safe.

## **WHAT OTHER SERVICES CAN THE HOTLINE OFFER ME?**

The Hotline can assist with linking individuals to a variety of other services the agency offers. Members of the community who are struggling with drugs and alcohol can be assisted by one of the Prevention Specialists who can fast track them into substance abuse programs, individuals and their families who have just been released from state or federal prisons (within the last 90 days) into the Re-entry short term case management program which guides and supports clients to re-acclimate to day-to-day living. Finally, the Hotline can easily link callers to High Risk Educators and Prevention Specialists who can provide a variety of services and trainings on HIV, Hepatitis C, Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs), as well as a number of chronic illnesses.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND QUESTIONS ABOUT HIV AND HIV TESTING  
PLEASE CALL OUR TOLL-FREE HOTLINE  
1-877-865-4222**

# CHEF'S SECRETS

## Behind the Scenes

# 10

By Cristina Taylor & Loida Santos

To attendees, Chef's Secrets may simply be a few hours on a Sunday where they get to enjoy the luxurious setting of the de Seversky Mansion all for the sake of a good cause. Behind the scenes, this event is months in the making.

During the springtime, the Development Committee (comprised of our Management Team and Development Team) has production meetings to discuss ideas for the event, such as honorees, themes, colors/designs. Outreach materials, such as letters and forms are created at this time to help enable the team to start soliciting donations for our raffle baskets and auction items as soon as possible from local and national businesses. Many companies require a few months advance notice (especially for items such as airline tickets, resort stays, theme park passes, etc.).

Our graphic design team works with us every step of the way creating all of the materials for outreach, as well as 'save the date' cards, invitations, signage for the event, website upkeep, the commemorative journal and certificates of thanks that we send each chef and vendor who participate. All of these items are created in-house which enables us all to bounce around ideas. However, throughout this process, communication between departments and adhering to a time table is key in helping to ensure that things run accordingly. The Graphic Department also creates the descriptive titles for each basket once they have been assembled by the event coordinators. Each basket is displayed in its own unique grandeur.

The de Seversky Mansion has been the home of Chef's Secrets for the past six years. We have been fortunate to have such an amazing space to host the event as well as cooperation from the mansion's staff the day of the event. From creating floor plans, event set up and all throughout the evening; you will find the

de Seversky staff working hard ensuring that our guests are enjoying the event. The chefs, the vendors—None of this would be possible without the talented chefs who have joined us over the years graciously donating their time and culinary creations for the event. We are so fortunate to have chefs and vendors joining us year after year from amazing restaurants all across Long Island. Initially, we reach out to those who joined us the year prior with the hopes that they'll come back. We have been so fortunate to have many who have stated "I will be back next year!" before the event is even over! When summer is in full swing we go full force contacting new establishments who we may hear of through word of mouth, online research, newspaper reviews, attending other community events, as well as personally patronizing these establishments. Contacting the chefs is no easy feat. Due to their hectic schedules, as well as owning/working at different locations, many times we will be contacting them later in the evenings or on weekends to try and touch base. And yes, there have been quite a few times where we have driven all over Long Island to touch base with a chef in order to obtain a signed contract.

On the day of the event, set up starts at 9:00am. This includes putting together centerpieces, setting up the auction items, arranging raffle baskets in an eye catching manner to entice guests to purchase raffle tickets, placing signage throughout the venue and ensuring that table set up (for guests, as well as chefs/vendors) goes as planned. Agency staff members present offer their hospitality to guests throughout the evening, all while giving a history about the agency, its mission and what their respective jobs within it are, all to give a little more insight into the services we provide to the community.

Planning is currently underway for Chef's Secrets 10 to be held on Sunday, November 2nd, 2014. We hope to see you there!

## The **AFFORDABLE** Care Act

By Maria Beccari

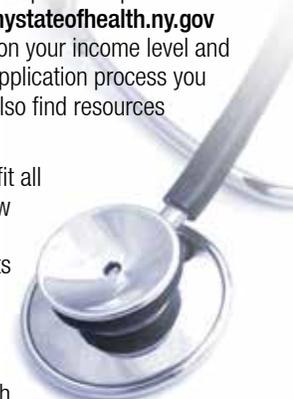
### WHERE TO GO FOR INFORMATION AND HELP

In 2013 Americans were introduced to the Affordable Care Act. This was by no means an easy introduction. With it brought confusion, concern, and questions — lots of questions. The United States Government and the State of New York have been working overtime to shine a guiding light on the process to make it as easy as possible. Requiring health insurance for every American hasn't been an easy transition and there have been many bumps in the road. However, there are resources and people available to help answer your questions and guide you. If you're one of the millions of Americans who doesn't have insurance because it's not offered at work, past insurance prices were astronomical, pre-existing conditions disqualified you, or you just never thought about it, here's your opportunity to have affordable insurance.

New York Residents can find information and answers to their questions on affordable health care at [HeathCare.gov](http://HeathCare.gov) or [nystateofhealth.ny.gov](http://nystateofhealth.ny.gov). When you visit the [HeathCare.gov](http://HeathCare.gov) website you will find information on coverage rights and protections and even preview plans. The plans are tiered in Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum categories. Each of those categories brings with it a different level of coverage and required deductible and co-pay, with Bronze carrying with it the lowest monthly payments, but higher deductible and co-pay. Platinum being the premium service for a higher cost but minimal to no out-of-pocket expenses when using the insurance. You, as the consumer, need to research your options and pick what best fits your needs and income level. At the [nystateofhealth.ny.gov](http://nystateofhealth.ny.gov) website, New Yorkers from every region of the state can visit to price out the many different plans that are available to them. Depending on your income level and the number of individuals in your household, you may even qualify for some type of financial help. Once you visit the site and begin the application process you will be asked numerous questions which will help determine the type of help you are eligible for and what plans you qualify for. You will also find resources that can connect you to individuals who can help you sign up for plans and answer your questions.

NY State is one of only 15 States that invested time and resources to create its State Run Health Exchange ([nystateofhealth.gov](http://nystateofhealth.gov)) to benefit all of their residents. Because of this dedication by NY State government to its residents and the courage to do what's morally right, ALL New Yorkers have the option to purchase affordable and reasonable health insurance plans spanning all economic tiers and the offer of State supplied monetary subsidies to qualified individuals who are experiencing economic hardship. Thank you to NY State for viewing residents as an asset and not a burden.

You as a consumer now have the right to have insurance that is affordable and carries with it the guarantee to cover—for free—important preventive services such as blood pressure, cholesterol, diabetes (type 2) and depression screenings, as well as wellness visits, diet counseling, certain immunizations and more. Take the time to visit these sites and see what is available to you, and take control of your health.



# Healthy **TIPS** for Healthy **LIVING**

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## DID YOU KNOW?

### SOME HEPATITIS C MYTHS AND FACTS:

**Myth: Hepatitis is not very common.**

**FACT:** Hepatitis C is the most common chronic blood-borne infection in the United States; approximately 3.2 million individuals are chronically infected.

**Myth: There is a vaccine for Hepatitis C.**

**FACT:** There is no vaccine to protect an individual from contracting the virus. Universal precautions, such as not sharing injectable/drug works and using protective barriers when in contact with possibly infected bodily fluid, is the safest way to prevent Hepatitis C transmission/contraction. There are, however, vaccinations that can be given against Hepatitis A and B. Talk to your healthcare provider to see if you are a good candidate the vaccines.

**Myth: Only injection drug users are at high risk for contracting HCV.**

**FACT:** There are a number of risk factors associated with Hepatitis C infection. The following groups are considered to be at an increased risk for contracting Hepatitis C:

- Injection drug users (IDU), including those who injected only once many years ago.
- Recipients of clotting factors made before 1987 (before current methods for product manufacturing were used)
- Recipients of blood transfusions or solid organ

transplants before July 1992. (Better blood and tissue screening methods became available after that date)

- Hemodialysis patients
- Persons with known exposures to HCV, such as a needle-stick involving HCV+ blood or the recipient of blood/organs from a HCV+ donor.
- Persons with HIV infection
- Children born to HCV-positive mothers

It is worth noting here that infection is highest among “Baby Boomers” or people born during 1945–1965, although simply being born during this time period is not a risk factor by itself. Any person that can associate with any of the above risk factors are urged to get tested for HCV. It is estimated that 75% of those infected are not aware of their status.

**Myth: All people with Hepatitis C will become chronically infected.**

**FACT:** While approximately 75%–85% of HCV cases will become chronic, 15%–25% of persons clear the virus from their bodies without treatment. It is not well known why this happens with some people. Although the remaining 75–85% of those infected will develop chronic HCV, with the new breakthroughs in treatment, over 90% of those treated will suppress the virus and are considered “cured”.

**For more helpful information please visit the Tri Care website at [TriCareSystems.org](http://TriCareSystems.org)**

## LIAAC Pride

### Going out into the community

By Maria Beccari



Every year all throughout Long Island people can find numerous events and gatherings celebrating gay pride. For close to 30 years, LIAAC has proudly been a part of those events. One of the largest events held each year is the Huntington Gay Pride Parade and Festival, held this year on Sunday, June 14, 2014 and LIAAC was there in force. After a colorful display of solidarity at the parade from various businesses, agencies and clubs supporting the gay community, the festivities move over into Huntington's Heckscher Park. Amid the dozens of booths moved a wave of thousands of attendees, browsing the offerings at each one while enjoying the free music on the main stage.

LIAAC staff manned their booth with enthusiasm as they engaged the crowd while giving away small tokens with our hotline information and handing out important literature on HIV/AIDS, Hep C and other infectious diseases. LIAAC staff made themselves readily available to answer any questions visitors to their booth may have had and offered FREE HIV testing to anyone interested. LIAAC is a proud supporter of the LGBT community and is always available to anyone through their FREE HOTLINE at 1-877-865-4222.



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### **Foundations & Organizations that donated to LIAAC in 2014**

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### **LIAAC EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

LIAAC is always looking for talented individuals to join their staff. If you are interested in employment with LIAAC please mail or fax your resume to us for consideration and review. All resumes must be accompanied by a cover letter. We will keep your resume on file and if your qualifications match any open positions we will contact you. Please check our website at [www.liaac.org](http://www.liaac.org) for current open positions and services and follow us on Facebook.

LIAAC is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Excellent benefits.

**Available Positions: Part Time Social Media Specialist • Case Manager • Accounts Payable • Health Home Outreach Worker • Medical Information Consultant**

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