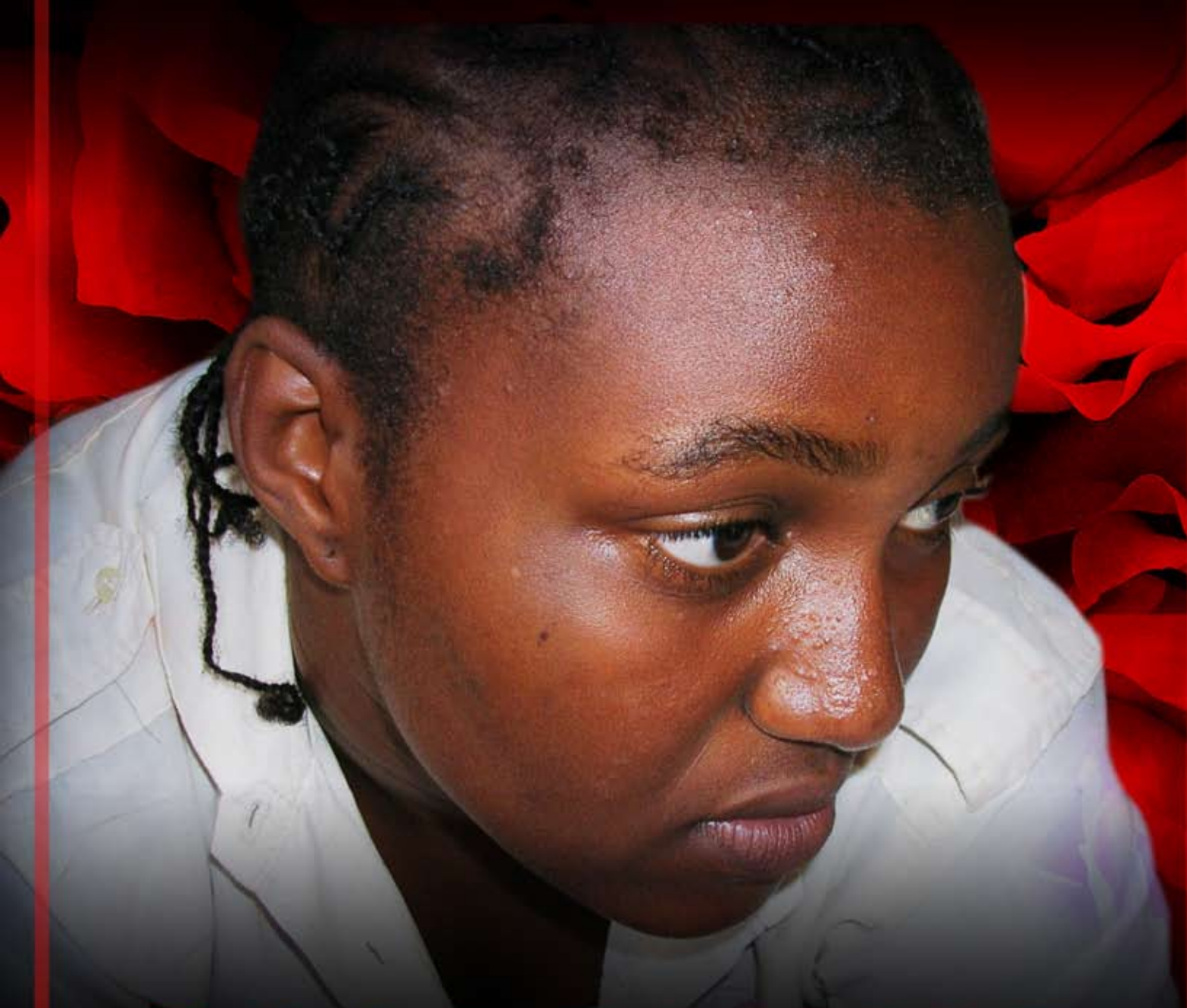




The Partnership For Minority HIV/AIDS Prevention



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Our Mission

The Partnership for Minority HIV/AIDS Prevention (PMHAP) is dedicated to stopping the spread of HIV/AIDS in communities of African descent and other communities of color. We partner with community organizations and local citizens here, in Pittsburgh and McKeesport, nationally and abroad. For over 6 years we have committed resources, skill and service to promote HIV prevention as the most effective tool to galvanize people to fight the AIDS pandemic.

What We Do

All our HIV prevention efforts are based on sound theory, grounded in culture and designed to meet the individualized needs of the people we serve. Our work includes outreach strategies, HIV testing and counseling, condom distribution, small-group workshops, volunteer training, coalition-building and large-scale community mobilization efforts such as town meetings, art/cultural events. Through our partnerships and our strategies, PMHAP continues to be part of the solution in the fight against HIV/AIDS! We serve as the vehicle to gain community support for the importance of HIV prevention – critical to the quality of life of our people.

Our Call to the Black Community

Educate yourself and family!
Mobilize friends and community!
Fight HIV/AIDS!

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Services

Ongoing HIV/AIDS Services

HIV/AIDS Prevention Counseling – From July 2005 through June 2006, we provided testing and counseling to 45 people. In Fall 2006, we will be offering Rapid Testing in two locations, in our East Liberty Office and at the Sickle Cell Society in Homewood-Brushton

Street Outreach – PMHAP reached 6,626 people between July 2005 and June 2006; and reached 4,749 people in the first quarter of 2006 (July 2006 – September 2006)

Community-Level Mobilization – PMHAP reached 518 people through community mobilization efforts in 2005 and 170 people through such efforts in the 1st quarter.



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Projects

2003 - Present

Christ Roi de Kouvè Project, Republic of Togo, West Africa

PMHAP's international work is concentrated in Kouvè, Republic of Togo. Kouvè, is a large rural village about 75 miles north of the capital of Lomè, with a population of about 70,000 people.

In 2004 the Republic of Togo, with a population of 5.4 million, reported a national infection level of roughly 4% of the population, or 216,000 people living with HIV/AIDS. However in the Maritime region, where Kouvè is situated and in the capital, Lomè, the rate of HIV infection rose sharply to 7% or 378,000 people living with HIV disease.

Since 2003, PMHAP has partnered with the village of Kouvè, the students, faculty and administration of the Christ Roi of Kouvè Junior and Secondary School to promote HIV prevention and to help students in this poor rural village remain in school in spite of extreme financial hardships commonly experienced by the people in this region. PMHAP staff has traveled to work with the students of Christ Roi for three consecutive years. For Kouvè, education is the key to preventing HIV/AIDS.

Since the start of the project, PMHAP has provided school supplies for 700 students, provided scholarships for eight students and held HIV prevention workshops with 300 students.

In December 2006 we will kick off a scholarship drive to raise \$7,500 to pay the annual school fees for 100 students. Yearly tuition for students averages \$75/year. Visit our website for campaign details in December 2006.

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Projects

2004 to Present

The AISHA Project

Modeled after The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's SISTA intervention, the *AISHA Project* (the AIDS Intervention and Sexual Health Alliance Project) is an innovative program developed for African American women in our service area. On a local, national and international level, women of African descent represent the group that is most negatively impacted by the HIV/AIDS pandemic. HIV infection is 100% preventable and the AISHA Project is designed to help women understand more about HIV/AIDS, their personal risk factors, and ways they can protect themselves from the disease. Since its inception in spring 2004, over 55 women have successfully completed the *AISHA Project*. Future *AISHA Project* series' are expected to begin in summer 2007.



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August - September 2005

AIDS Warriors

In conjunction with the Southwestern Pennsylvania AIDS Planning Coalition, PMHAP sponsored a locally televised special on Pittsburgh Community Television (PCTV) Channel 21 to air the acclaimed “Winner of the Cine Golden Eagle Award”, *AIDS Warriors*.

AIDS Warriors is a film from the groundbreaking PBS series, *Wide-Angle*, which captures both the beauty of Angola and the harsh realities of a country struggling to recover from nearly four decades of civil war. Peace finally comes to Angola in 2002, but the chaos of war is being replaced by a new menace: **AIDS**. Civil war prevented the spread of the AIDS epidemic by isolating Angola from neighboring countries with high HIV rates; however a number of factors may have led to an HIV/AIDS explosion. To stem the spread of the disease, the Angolan army takes a bold and noble move, testing soldiers and encouraging them to engage in safer sex practices.

PMHAP urged viewers to watch the film and take part in an on-line quiz to win a prize. PCTV averages about 100,000 viewers on a daily basis. We estimate that the program reached 2,000 viewers.



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Fall, 2005

Campaign to End AIDS (C2EA) – Pittsburgh Host Committee
PMHAP, Prevention Point Pittsburgh, Shepherd Wellness Community and the Southwestern PA AIDS Planning Coalition, spearheaded a committee to sponsor the Campaign to End AIDS Caravan's Pittsburgh stop. A rally to welcome caravanistas and support the C2EA was held on November 3rd in front of East Liberty Presbyterian Church, *the cathedral of hope*. Local restaurant owners and other members of the host committee provided 1 night accommodations and held an informal reception for travelers who were completing the last leg of the journey prior to heading to the Nation's Capitol.

Campaign to End AIDS is an national grassroots movement to demanding our politicians to exert their political will to stop the spread of AIDS in the US and in other countries by fully funding quality treatment, ramping up science based effective HIV prevention, funding research, and better protection of the civil rights of all people living with HIV/AIDS. Ninety people participated in the rally in Pittsburgh.



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Projects

May, 2006

25 Years in the Age of AIDS

The Partnership for Minority HIV/AIDS Prevention (PMHAP) and the Southwestern Pennsylvania AIDS Planning Coalition (SWPAPC) were pleased to present '*The Future is Now*' a community forum and workshop featuring respected AIDS advocate, Phill Wilson. Mr. Wilson is also the founder and Executive Director of Los Angeles-based, Black AIDS Institute.

The Future is Now was held at East Liberty Presbyterian Church, *The Cathedral of Hope*. Seventy-seven people gathered and Mr. Wilson discussed issues relating to HIV/AIDS and African Americans, community mobilization, and the urgent need for strategies to stop the spread of the disease. With 2006 marking the 25th anniversary of the first diagnosed AIDS cases, Mr. Wilson's visit complemented the award winning PBS program FRONTLINE which aired a 2-part series entitled *The Age of AIDS* during his two day visit.

Following *The Future is Now*, PMHAP hosted a workshop geared towards African American women titled *Black Women at the Forefront*. The workshop was attended by 13 people and focused on leadership, community building and action in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

Coming Late Spring 2007!

The HAPHEM Project

As the brother intervention to the AISHA Project, the *HAPHEM Project* (the HIV/AIDS Prevention & Health Education for Men Project) is designed for African American men who may be at risk for HIV infection and are interested in protecting themselves and the women in their lives from HIV/AIDS. On a local, national and international level, men of African descent represent a very large part of our community infected with the HIV virus, due to a lack of education and information. As a leader in the family structure, we have the responsibility to address this issue by stopping the spread of the virus and to care about people we love. Please visit our website in April 2007 for more information regarding the *HAPHEM Project*.

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Where We Work

PMHAP currently works in the following communities:

Greater Pittsburgh, PA, USA

Located in Southwestern Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh is the 2nd largest metropolitan city in Pennsylvania. According to the US Census Bureau, in 2000 African Americans made up nearly 30% of Pittsburgh's population, making them the largest minority group. PMHAP works in the following neighborhoods, which have a significant or overwhelming number of Black residents:

East Liberty

Garfield

Hill District

Homewood-Brushton

Lower Hill-Uptown

McKeesport

Oakland

Shadyside

Strip District

Wilkinsburg

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Plans for the Future

Nationally and internationally, the rates of HIV among people of African descent have not decreased. Our plans for the future are to continue to provide a wide range of prevention efforts in areas where HIV/AIDS hits the hardest.

Board of Directors

Shari Morris, President and Founding Member
Isabel Bloom, Vice President and Founding Member
Judith A. Bradley, Treasurer and Founding Member
Barbara J. Williams, Ex Officio and Founding Member

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Barbara J. Williams, M.Ed., Mon Valley Coordinator
Andrea L. Knox, MS AISHA Facilitator

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Volunteers

PMHAP volunteers participate in HIV prevention services in the McKeesport area. They are:

Lois Brown
Ms. Daniels
Dianne Fields
Peyton Fields
Reverend Josephine George
Melonie Grant
Dortha Hartman
Chizo Houser
Ashley Huston
Kenneth Huston
Laura Jenkins
Clarisse Jordan
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2005 to Present

ACT-UP, Philadelphia, PA	Love Outreach Ministry Victors
Allegheny County Health Department	Maleness to Manhood
Allegheny County Treatment Alternative	McKeesport Housing Authority
Alpha House	Miryam's
Baille's Express, McKeesport	Pennsylvania Department of Health, Bureau of HIV/AIDS
Black Action Society, University of Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh AIDS Center for Treatment
Black AIDS Institute, Los Angeles, CA	Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force
Booker T. Washington Lodge # 218, McKeesport	Prevention Point Pittsburgh
Campaign to End AIDS, Washington, DC	PROCEED INC., Elizabeth, NJ
Central Outreach and Referral Center	Shepherd Wellness Community
Christ Roi De Kouvé Junior and Secondary School, Kouvé, Togo	Southwestern Pennsylvania AIDS Planning Coalition
City Charter High School	St. Paul A.M.E. Churches, McKeesport & West Newton, PA
Community Intensive Supervision Program, Homewood-Brushton	Student Global AIDS Project, University of Pittsburgh
East Liberty Presbyterian Church Community Missions	Tadiso, Inc.
East Liberty Presbyterian Church, <i>The Cathedral of Hope</i>	The Shadow Lounge
Enrico's Tazza D'Oro	Weed and Seed, McKeesport
Family Links, McKeesport	Werm's Eye View
Global Health Interest Group, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine	Westinghouse High School
Gwen's Girls	Whole Foods Market, Pittsburgh, PA
HEALTH Gap, Washington, DC	Wide-Angle, New York, NY
	Zion Baptist Church, McKeesport, PA

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