



Toronto People With AIDS Foundation

Eblast Update

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The Food for Life Program a Bike Roots Winner

The Food for Life Meal Delivery Program was named one of the Bike Roots winners for the Best Skills Development Award and Bicycle Friendly Business Award.

Mark Gilmore, Food for Life Coordinator accepted these awards on behalf of the Food for Life Meal Delivery Program, presented by Mayor David Miller and Members of the Toronto City Council under the Toronto Bike Plan initiative.

These awards are in recognition of the food deliveries via bicycle travel made by our volunteers and Mark in the efforts to provide an essential and efficient service to individuals accessing the Food for Life Meal Delivery Program. This program delivers healthy meals to men, women and children living with HIV/AIDS who cannot shop or prepare their own meals.

The bicycle is an excellent form of transportation which has a positive impact on our health and the environment as an alternative to the use of cars. Cycling is a practical and fun form of urban transit which contributes greatly to a more liveable and sustainable city.

The goal of the Toronto Bike Plan is to double bicycle use in the City of Toronto by the year 2011. This effort is certainly attainable through the support, encouragement and leadership of programs like the Food for Life Meal Delivery Program.



(centre: Mayor David Miller, left centre: Mark Gilmore and other award recipients)

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Notice - Financial Assistance Guidelines

Starting April 1st, 2007, PWA will be offering its Financial Assistance for Medical and Treatment costs based on the fiscal year of April 1st – March 31st.

This means that you can receive up to \$400 to cover eligible expenses between April 1st and March 31st of every year. If you reach the \$ 400 maximum during the fiscal year, you must wait until the following April 1st to begin receiving financial assistance again for medical and treatment costs. Funds not used during any fiscal year will not be carried over to the next.

Consistent feedback from many clients has indicated that the current practice (using the previous 12 months to determine how much financial assistance you can access) is very confusing and unclear. PWA had used this practice with the original intent for the program to be responsive and equitable to client's needs. However, your feedback has shown that the confusion about the program counters this original intent. PWA hopes that the new fiscal year time frame will be clearer and easier to understand.

Thank you for your patience with all of the changes with Financial Assistance in the past few months. Our hope is to make the program clear and responsive to clients' needs.

If you have any questions, please contact your Case Manager.

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Interested in volunteering?

Please join us the first Wednesday of every month from 7:00pm – 8:00pm in room #220. No sign up necessary.

During this session we will introduce you to the volunteer opportunities available, explain the process of becoming a volunteer and answer any of your questions.

Spanish translators are available for this session.

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Treatment Resources at PWA

The Toronto People With AIDS Foundation's Treatment Resources Program is encouraging clients, members and service users to call or visit our Treatment Resources Coordinator. Our Treatment Resources Coordinator can give you a hand with:

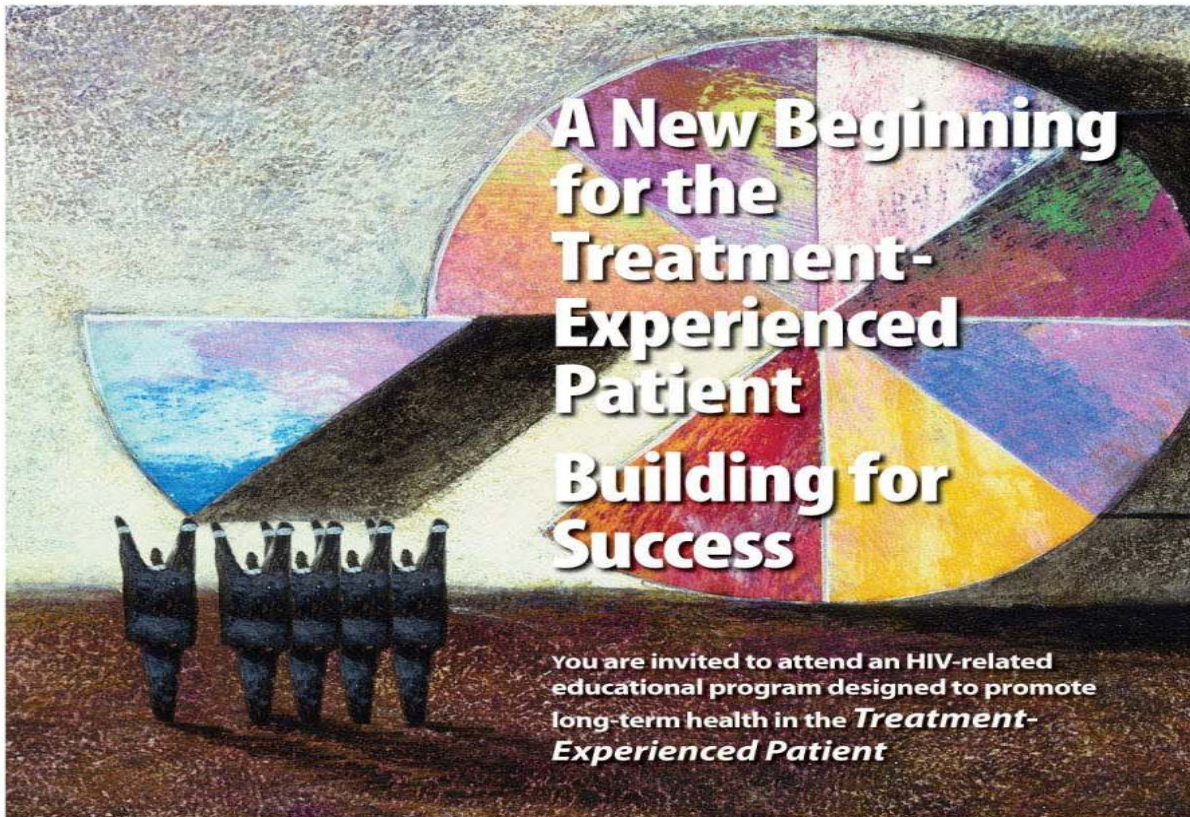
- One on one consultations on treatment issues
- In-person office use of Treatment Library resources

By providing treatment information in a variety of ways, the Treatment Resources Coordinator can help to increase the ability of people living with HIV/AIDS (PHAs) to manage their health and to access treatments, appropriate medical care, social support and other services.

For more information please contact Vaughn Fitzpatrick, Interim Treatment Resources Coordinator at 416-506-8606 ext. 627 or vfitzpatrick@pwatoronto.org.

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A New Beginning for the Treatment Experienced



Date:
Wednesday, April 11th, 2007

Time:
6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Location:
Room: Essex Lounge
Ramada Plaza Toronto
300 Jarvis Street
Toronto, ON
Tel: 416-977-4823

**RSVP with the Treatment
Resources Coordinator at
the Toronto People with
AIDS Foundation
416-506-1400 ext. 620**

Summary of Topics :

A program for Treatment-Experienced Patients

- ▶ What is antiviral success?
- ▶ Why do antiviral drugs fail?
- ▶ Antiviral resistance
- ▶ How to achieve antiviral success for the long term
- ▶ The bright future of antiviral therapy

Drag Idol

EVERY TUESDAY NIGHT AT 8PM FOR EIGHT WEEKS
STARTING **FEBRUARY 20, 2007** AT ZELDA'S...



WATCH THE QUEENS BATTLE IT OUT FOR THE CHANCE TO BECOME
ZELDA'S DRAG IDOL 2007 AND WIN \$THOUSANDS\$ IN PRIZES!
NEW CATEGORIES, IMMUNITY CHALLENGES!, WILD CARDS!
MANY MORE NEW TWISTS AND SURPRISES!

FABULOUS CUSTOMER PRIZE DRAWS EVERY WEEK!

Hosted by Zelda's Drag IDOL 2003, **MISS CONCEPTION** with
scathing commentary by **TERRI STEVENS, GEORGIE GIRL,**
SYLVIA of the **FREAKS & SPECIAL GUESTS!!**
YOU VOTE FOR THE WINNERS EACH WEEK!



DRAG IDOL 2007 WEEKLY CATEGORIES:

~~Feb 20: Drag Idol 2007 Premiere Night!~~

~~Feb 27: TV Theme Song Medleys~~

~~Mar 06: Gospel~~

~~Mar 13: Hits of the 90's~~

~~Mar 20: Animated Characters **WILD CARD NIGHT!**~~

~~Mar 27: Madonna Vs. ABBA~~

Apr 03: Show Tunes

Apr 10: Grand Finale!

To reserve your table for Drag Idol 2007 please call
Scott at our special **DIO7** hotline number:



416.831.7776

Drag Idol 2007 is a fundraiser for
The People With AIDS Foundation



www.zeldas.ca



This year's 8 week long running competition on Tuesdays at 8:00pm at **Zelda's** (542 Church Street) will be hosted by none other than past **Drag Idol** winner **Miss Conception** and will feature celebrity judges *Georgie Girl*, *Sylvia of the Freaks* and *Terri Stevens* & weekly guest judges.

This year's competition will be fierce and will combine reality shows *American Idol*, *Survivor* and *America's Top Model*, even weekly immunity challenges and Wildcards!

The audience will determine who walks away with the top prize as votes are done entirely by the audience the night of the event. The audience decides who should stay or who should take the walk of shame, broke heels and all...


Drag Idol 2007 will be a weekly fundraiser show in support of the **Toronto People With AIDS Foundation**.

Don't miss out on your chance to win one of our amazing raffle prizes. Weekly raffle tickets can be purchased for a twoonie.

To make reservations please call our special **Drag Idol 2007** hotline at 416-831-7776.



MLT Sunday Brunch



Invite you to join us for a

FIRKIN Leather Brunch


at the
Churchmouse & Firkin
475 Church Street

Hosted by

MLT 2007 Steve Martin	MLF 2007 David Kraft
BBT 2007 Eli	

**The
third
Sunday
of each
month**
Beginning
January 21

**11AM
to
3 PM**




Net proceeds to benefit the Toronto PWA Foundation

Every 3rd Sunday of the month, join the **Mr. Leatherman Toronto** volunteers for a leather themed brunch at the **Churchmouse and Firkin Pub on Church Street** (at the corner of Church & Maitland) from 11:00am – 3:00pm.

Draws for fantastic prizes and a special brunch menu with \$1 of each brunch served will go to supporting the **Toronto People With AIDS Foundation**.

Dress code not in effect.



MLT 2007 Steve Martin
Mr. Firkin Leather 2007

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The 9th Annual Friends for Life Bike Rally



The 9th Annual Friends For Life Bike Rally will hit the road on July 29th, 2007. Our goal is to raise much needed funds for the **Toronto People With AIDS Foundation**.

For 6 days, over 300 cyclists will ride more than 600km from Toronto to Montreal, while our crew of dedicated volunteers will transport gear, provide route support, serve nutritious food and administer therapeutic massages for what promises to be an unforgettable journey.

For More information please contact Scott Cheslock, Special Events Coordinator at scheslock@pwatoronto.org or 416-506-8606 ext. 631.

To register, donate or learn more about this event please visit www.bikerally.org.