

# The Toronto People With AIDS Foundation

E-blast

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## HIV/AIDS Criminalization in the News

As you might have heard, the issue of HIV/AIDS criminalization has recently hit the front page news with the recent conviction of a man in Hamilton.

In Canada, PHAs have a legal duty to disclose their HIV status before engaging in activities that pose a "significant risk" of transmitting HIV; failing to do so can result in criminal prosecution. To date over 60 people have been criminally

Hello,

It's been awhile. Sorry for keeping you hanging. Our monthly e-blasts will now be sent to you each and every month. We fell behind just before the move (to 200 Gerrard St. E. at Sherbourne) and it took us some time to get readjusted. It is my pleasure to be taking on the responsibility of updating you on PWA information and issues that we hope will be of interest to you. You may have noticed we are using a new format. If you have any topics that you'd like to hear more about, please let me know at [klawrie@pwatoronto.org](mailto:klawrie@pwatoronto.org) or at 416-506-8606 ext. 239.

I hope you enjoy April's e-blast!

Kristen Lawrie

Development Coordinator

## Community Open House

Attention Friends: Community Open House  
Tuesday May 26th 4-7pm

The Toronto People With AIDS Foundation board, staff and volunteers take a lot of pride in making a positive difference in the lives of men, women and children who are living with HIV/AIDS. After taking some time to settle in we are now prepared to present our new home.

In our next e-blast there will be more information about what you can expect from the client open house however, I can say that there will most definitely be tours for all.

## Volunteer Appreciation - Bowling Fun!!

On a typical night in the city where can you find hula dancers, pirates, fairies and a menagerie of animals? On March 30th, you could find all of the above at The Toronto People With AIDS Foundation's volunteer appreciation night. Teams of expert and beginner bowlers dressed up in assorted costumes to re-define bowling style.

PWA was proud to honour all our volunteers who work in many areas of the Foundation, including our food bank, reception

charged and the number of charges per year has increased since the year 2000. Some PHAs have been convicted of serious criminal offences, such as aggravated assault, sexual assault and criminal negligence causing bodily harm.

## Join our Monthly Supporters!



PWA couldn't do the good work that they do every day, every week without supporters like you. I am inviting you to make your gift work harder by joining PWA's group of monthly supporters, the Monthly Giving Circle. I have been a monthly giver since 2006.

Our support changes people's lives. A modest monthly gift can come automatically from your credit card or bank account. Knowing that you are with me every step of the way giving PWA's clients access to direct support services is a great feeling.

Looking forward to welcoming you.

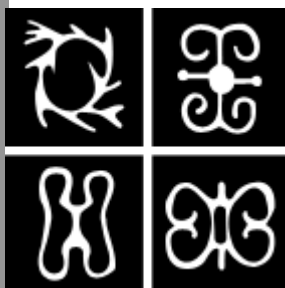
and delivering food for life meals. Darryl our volunteer coordinator was pleased to acknowledge 4 individuals who have volunteered for 10 years! Our thanks to John Houston, Marvin Jones and Brian J. Smith for 10 years of service.

On behalf of the Foundation's board and staff we would like to thank all our volunteers for their ongoing dedication to people living with HIV/AIDS. For those volunteers who were able to attend the event we hope they had a great time. If you are interested in getting involved as a volunteer at PWA please contact Darryl Ramsey, Volunteer Coordinator at 416-506-1400 ext. 205 or at [dramsey@pwatoronto.org](mailto:dramsey@pwatoronto.org).

### Friends For Life Bike Rally Training Rides

The sun is starting to shine on a regular basis, occasionally through the rain, but never the less eager cyclists are hitting the pavement with the Bike Rally's training rides. Interested in participating in the free training rides? The next rides are Saturday April 18th and April 25th. Teams will be riding from Kipling to Port Credit on the 18th for a 39 km ride and Kennedy Zoo Loop for a 43 km ride on the 25th.

If you love cycling? Start your weekend off on the right foot with the 8:40am start time bike ride and meet some fellow enthusiasts. Visit the Friends For Life Bike Rally online at [www.bikerally.org](http://www.bikerally.org) for training ride schedules and maps.



### The Black Coalition for AIDS Prevention - Welcome! (Black CAP)

The Black Coalition for AIDS Prevention (Black CAP) is now in the neighbourhood! Our newest addition to the PWA office is David Lewis-Peart, Mary Yehdego, Kelisha Peart and Tiffany Anderson. PWA's new location gives the foundation a wonderful opportunity to share space with other AIDS service organizations and provide appropriate referrals. Black CAP is an organization that works to reduce HIV/AIDS in Toronto's Black, African and Caribbean communities and enhance the quality of life of Black people living with or affected by HIV/AIDS.

PWA is pleased to welcome Black CAP, David and Mary. If you would like to learn more please visit [www.black-cap.com](http://www.black-cap.com) or email [info@black-cap.com](mailto:info@black-cap.com).

Sincerely,

Mina Hunt  
(PWA monthly donor since 2006)

## RECRUITING RIDERS and FUNDRAISERS!!!



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Don't miss your chance to join the 220 riders (and counting!) who have signed up for the ride of their life! Cycle Montreal to Toronto: July 26th-31st. This summer help us make a positive difference!

[Visit the Friends For Life Bike Rally Online.](#)

### In Closing...

Thank you for reading this addition. Please expect your next addition Friday May 15th. I hope you've enjoyed PWA's e-blast. Your support of The Toronto People With AIDS Foundation makes a positive difference.

Please visit us at [www.pwatoronto.org](http://www.pwatoronto.org) to learn more about what we do and the hot topics of the week. If you'd like to make a donation to PWA and support people living with HIV/AIDS you can make an online donation on our website by following the Donate link on the homepage.

Looking forward to our next edition. Take care!

Sincerely,



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