



# Toronto People With AIDS Foundation

## Eblast Update

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## Twenty Years ... Twenty Stories

The Toronto People With AIDS Foundation has been *making a positive difference* for twenty years. We will be honouring this occasion with a series of activities over the upcoming months. At this time we would like to announce our twentieth anniversary speaker series, [Twenty Years ... Twenty Stories](#).

Storytelling is an ancient art and powerful tool used in almost every culture as means of honouring our history, educating our communities and sharing or preserving our culture and values. As part of our strategic planning process and in preparation for honouring our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we began to ask people their stories about the Toronto People With AIDS Foundation (PWA). The stories we heard identified a powerful and moving legacy. They are rich examples of how clients, volunteers, staff, community partners and a supporting community are making a positive difference.

Toronto People With AIDS Foundation  
20th Anniversary Speakers Series:

# Twenty Years Twenty Stories



### Creating Legacy – A Community Responds

Speakers will share an historical perspective of the Toronto People With AIDS Foundation; the growth and evolution of its programs and services and the way in which it has made a positive difference in the lives of people living with HIV/AIDS.

#### **Pamela Bowes**

1990 – 2000 Benefits & Assistance staff person

#### **Bob Sirman**

2000 – 2006 Past Board Member & President

#### **Murray Jose**

Executive Director 2005 – present

#### **Thursday, August 9th**

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Oakham House, Ryerson Student Campus Centre, 63 Gould Street

Refreshments will be provided. Interpretation and childcare support may be available upon request. RSVP is requested to ensure that space and refreshments are appropriately arranged:

**416-506-1400** or [specialprojects@pwatoronto.org](mailto:specialprojects@pwatoronto.org)

[www.pwatoronto.org](http://www.pwatoronto.org)



#### **The Legacy Project**

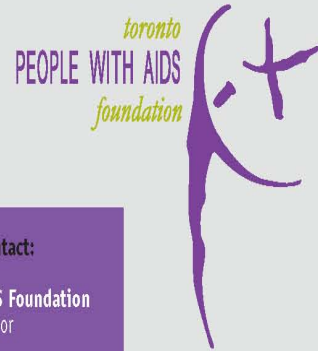
Be a part of PWA's legacy. We're looking for people infected and affected by HIV/AIDS to be a part of this historic event. If you are a person living with HIV/AIDS, a family member, a care giver, a volunteer, or a donor connected with PWA, we invite you to have your photograph taken to be included in a commemorative artistic creation. Photographs will be modified for confidentiality.

# Anniversary Speakers Series Schedule

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All events will be held at:

**Oakham House**  
Ryerson Student Campus Centre  
63 Gould Street

For more information contact:

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Toronto, ON M5B 2J6  
T: 416-506-1400 F: 416-506-1404  
E: specialprojects@pwatoronto.org

Event	Date/Time	Description
Creating Legacy – A Community Responds	Thurs Aug 9/07 5:00 – 6:30 pm	Stories relating to creating an organization to help people living with HIV stay healthy and live with dignity will be shared by current and past staff and volunteers.
New Faces	Thurs Aug 23/07 12:00 – 1:30 pm	PHAs from diverse communities share their stories about accessing PWA programs and services.
Friends for Life	Thurs Sep 20/07 7:00 – 9:00 pm	Participants of the Friends for Life Bike Rally reflect on their experience and the personal impact it has made on their lives, as the event prepares for its 10th anniversary in 2008.
Together We are Stronger	Thurs Oct 25/07 12:00 – 1:30 pm	Founding members of community partner agencies share stories of how PWA has built relationships in response to the emerging needs of PHAs.
We're Still Here	Wed Nov 28/07 5:00 – 7:00 pm	Long-term survivors share their experiences of the complex emotional, psychological and physical challenges they face and how PWA has supported them.
Making a Positive Difference	Thurs Jan 10/08 12:00 – 1:30 pm	Stories about the creation of PWA's new strategic plan and future directions, and the influence of our experiences creating the 2006 International AIDS Conference PHA Lounge will be highlighted.

20  
YEARS

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## Wonderland Tickets Are Available

Starting August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007 Wonderland tickets can be picked on the following days and times in the activity centre:

- **Wednesdays from 4pm – 8pm**
- **Fridays from 10am – 5pm**

### **Please note:**

- There will be no advanced sign-up for tickets.
- Tickets will be distributed on a first-come-first-served basis on Wednesdays & Fridays only.
- You must pick-up your tickets in person – tickets cannot be reserved or held.

### **How many tickets you can receive?:**

- Each client will receive 2 tickets (on first-come-first-served basis).
- Clients with children under the age of 18 will receive 2 tickets for themselves and 1 ticket for each verified child.

### **Who can receive tickets?:**

People registered as clients of PWA who:

- Have provided written verification of their HIV status.
- Live in the city of Toronto and have a postal code that starts with the letter “M”.
- Clients can receive tickets for children under the age of 18 provided that the client has provided proof of dependency (children’s birth certificate, drug card).

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## Trillium Drug Plan Subscribers 2007-2008

In the new Trillium year starting August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007 kindly provide your Benefits & Assistance Case Manager a copy of your **current enrolment letter** with Trillium. This enrolment letter from the Trillium Drug Program is a requirement (as outlined in our financial assistance guideline) for continued subsidy from the Foundation to help pay for your yearly Trillium deductible, along with copies of **prescription receipts** from the pharmacy showing you are actively using the Trillium Drug Program.

**Please note that the grants team will be unable to process your financial assistance requests for the Trillium deductible without these necessary documentations.** If you have any questions regarding this, please contact your Case Manager.

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## Interpretation Services

It is with great pleasure that the Toronto People With AIDS Foundation (PWA) announces that it now offers interpretation services for all clients. Interpretation for services is available in-person and on the phone in over 85 languages.

PWA recognizes that many people living with HIV/AIDS come to Canada hoping for a new beginning only to experience barriers to service because of language accessibility. In the last five years alone, over 30% of new clients registered at PWA have come from countries outside of Canada. We have seen that HIV does not discriminate and nor should services for people living with HIV/AIDS. Without language accessibility, people do not receive the same level of service and care as others. The result can be social isolation and deterioration in health.

PWA is working with the Multilingual Community Interpreter Services (MCIS) to provide on-site interpretation. MCIS has provided interpretation and translation services since 1989. They provide services to Legal AIDS clinics, Children's AIDS Societies, government agencies and others. All MCIS services are confidential to protect the identity of PWA's clients.

To learn more or to access this service, please contact any program staff member of PWA. Together, we can make a positive difference.

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## Membership Renewal

Please consider renewing your membership and continuing your support and involvement with the Toronto People With AIDS Foundation. Your annual membership with PWA entitles you to receive our newsletter, Annual Report and other mailings of interest to you. You also have voting (and proxy voting) privileges which makes you an active partner in determining the future of PWA.

All memberships are valid for one full calendar year. New or lapsed members must apply at least 30 days in advance of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in order to vote.

If you would like to join the Toronto People With AIDS Foundation as a new member, you can fill out our application form, available on [PWA's website](#). You can either mail or fax the form to our office to the attention of **Le Thai Ly, Office Coordinator**.

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## Energy Healing Workshops & Treatment

# ENERGY HEALING WORKSHOPS AND TREATMENTS



at Toronto People With AIDS Foundation in Rm. 220.

**Next session: Tues. August 14<sup>th</sup> 12 noon**

Please note that doors will close at 12pm, if you are late you can reschedule for the following month.

This workshop will be provided on a monthly basis, there will be 7 Reiki therapists working with a group of 20 people. Our intent and purpose is to teach the grounding techniques that empower us to heal ourselves. We would also like to share hands on energy healing treatments with you. Throughout the treatment you will be clothed, hands will rest in various places of the body; however there is no pressure, manipulation or massaging involved. Session ends 2:30p.m.

- learn how to clear mental, emotional and physical blocks/traumas by working with energy
  - feel what it's like to experience your true self
  - experience the power of group healing

For more information about what energy healing is visit [www.shiatsubysheer.com](http://www.shiatsubysheer.com). Please do not call Sher for information about booking a workshop.

If interested in attending please sign up at PWA reception. Or call 416 506-8606 ext. #625 and leave your name and phone number and someone will contact you to confirm your booking. You may attend on an ongoing monthly basis.

## GIPA Training Toolkit

The goal of a GIPA Training Toolkit is to foster the creation of, as well as, enhance existing networks of informed and empowered individuals within the PLWHIV/AIDS community by helping positive persons to identify personal values and philosophy, developing leadership skills and gaining community knowledge and awareness.

In many cases, effective GIPA activities require strengthening the capacity of positive individuals to participate through training and skills-building. This is achieved by providing opportunities to grow in personal empowerment, communication and presentation skills, and training of trainers as well as acquiring knowledge about the medical, legal and social aspects of HIV/AIDS. To effectively carry out the work of Boards and committees, positive individuals will need skills in organizing and conducting policy dialogue, negotiating, networking, program planning, and governance.

This project will look to creating learning modules that will offer training in:

- History of PLWHIV/AIDS Advocacy in Canada
- Effective and knowledgeable leadership
- Identity, diversity and disclosure issues
- Community Based AIDS organizations – What you need to know about being a decision making member
- CBAO Leadership skills
- Working effectively in groups

The creation of national working group of PLWHIV/AIDS with proven expertise in the above mentioned areas as well as collaboration with educational and technical resource persons within our partnership with Pfizer are key elements to the success of this project.

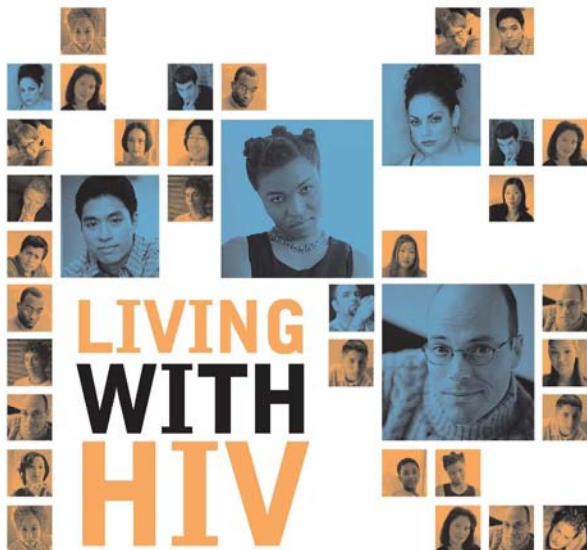
Ideally the working group will have representation from a diversity of populations i.e.; women, ethno-cultural, aboriginal, youth, MSM, newly diagnosed and long term survivors. Upon completion, this series of learning modules will be tested through various AIDS service organizations and then offered to positive persons networks for endorsement.

For more information please visit [Canadian AIDS Society](#) website.

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# Living with HIV? Living with Meds...

## 2007 Information Sessions



## LIVING WITH MEDS

### Getting Started

- Small group, interactive learning workshops for people living with HIV/AIDS
- Five-hour session in a confidential environment
- Up-to-date information on drug treatments in easy to understand language
- Presented by Dr. David Fletcher and colleagues in collaboration with the Toronto People With AIDS Foundation
- Lunch and snack breaks included.



Call **(416) 506-1400, ext. 620**, to register.

**2007** dates available:

- Friday, September 21
- Monday, November 26

Please enquire if additional dates have been added.

### Getting Started

This beginner to intermediate interactive learning workshop is for people living with HIV who have:

- not yet started antiretroviral therapy; or
- recently started antiretroviral therapy and want to know more; or
- discontinued therapy in the past and are considering restarting.

Topics to be covered:

- ✕ Thinking about starting/re-starting drug therapy?
  - ✕ Want to learn more about HIV and how it could affect you?
  - ✕ Want to understand more about your blood work?
  - ✕ Wondering when, why and how to start treatment?
  - ✕ Looking for treatment options and ways to access them?
  - ✕ Worried about side effects? Drug interactions?
  - ✕ Interested in keys to successful treatment?
  - ✕ Looking for a smooth adjustment to life with HIV drugs?
- These HIV treatment education workshops have been developed and are presented, in easy to understand language, by Dr. David Fletcher of the Maple Leaf Medical Clinic and colleagues, in consultation with the Toronto People With AIDS Foundation and persons living with HIV/AIDS.
  - Educate yourself about HIV in a confidential, small group, interactive learning environment. Register early to get the date you want.
  - All workshops are from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
  - They are held at the Metro Central YMCA, 20 Grosvenor St., Toronto. Tel. (416) 975-9168. Conveniently located downtown, two blocks north of Yonge/College intersection. TTC: College subway station.
  - Registration is free. Lunch and snack breaks included.
  - Reimbursement for childcare is available on request.
  - Take-home materials are provided, including a printed copy of workshop content.

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Support PWA through GAY GUIDE TORONTO Win-Win Membership Drive. As part of GGT's 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations, GAY GUIDE TORONTO.COM is spearheading a program with PWA as beneficiary. For every new membership in 2007, GGT will donate \$1 and Steamworks is matching it! For full details please visit <http://www.gayguidetoronto.com/5/simp.php?p=intro> and help support the programs and services for people in our community living with HIV/AIDS.

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## The Imperial Court of Toronto (TICOT)

TICOT August Events:



Since 1987, under the leadership of 31 elected Monarchs, The Imperial Court of Toronto has entertained thousands, held many successful events and raised money for a number of local charities.

The Toronto People With AIDS Foundation is one of the beneficiaries for 2006/2007.

- **August 5<sup>th</sup>** TICOT's Miss Dot Pageant at Pinocchio's
- **August 10<sup>th</sup>** TICOT's Mick's Redneck Trailer Trash Birthday Show at Pinocchio's

**Mick's Redneck Trailer Trash Birthday**

Help me celebrate my 45th Birthday with your favourite Performers as you've never seen them before!

**Sunday August 19th**  
**9pm SHARP!!**

**50/50 Draw**  
**Raffle Draw**

**Special Appearances By**  
Bunny LeBlanc,  
Steve Rogeland,  
Burger, Betty Bijou,  
Anita Bodel, Eugene,  
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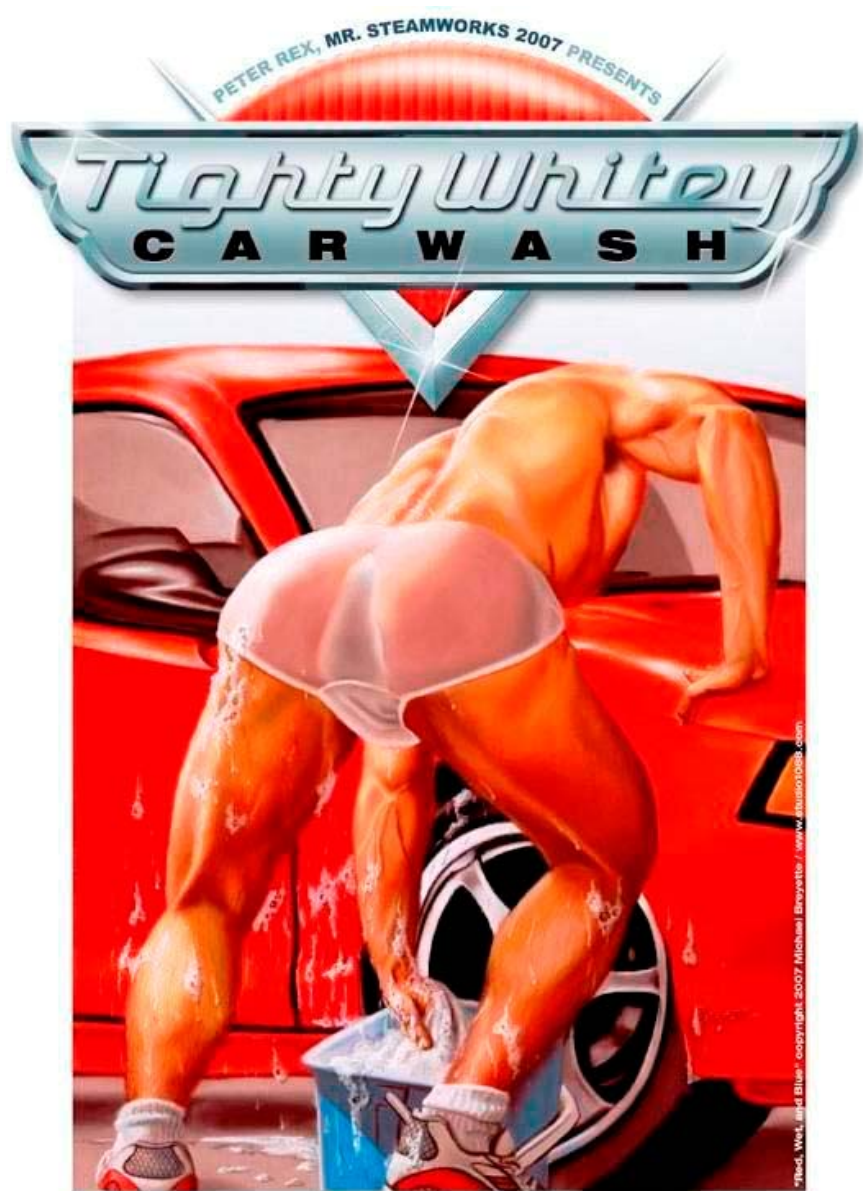
# Mr. Leatherman Toronto Competition Inc. (MLT)

## MLT August Events:

- **August 12<sup>th</sup>**  
MLT's the Tightly Whitey Car Wash in the alley between Zelda's & Café California
- **August 18<sup>th</sup>**  
MLT Leather Ball at the Opera House
- **August 19<sup>th</sup>**  
MLT' Leather Brunch at the Churchmouse & Firkin
- **August 19<sup>th</sup>**  
MLT Fetish Fair on Church Street
- **August 30<sup>th</sup>** F5  
– Fifth Friday's Funky Fetish Fundraiser Friday at Buddies in Bad Times

All events are in support of the Toronto People With AIDS Foundation.

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## Upcoming Events

1. **Summer Picnic September 9<sup>th</sup>** for people living with HIV/AIDS.  
For more information please contact [Suzanne Paddock](#) at 416-506-8606 ext.643
2. **Home & Style Studio tour @ Metro Home Show September 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>**
3. **PWA Annual General Meeting @ Oakham House September 27<sup>th</sup>**
4. **[Pie in the Sky Annual Fundraiser](#) October 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>**

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