



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](#).


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Anniversary Speakers Series Schedule

Toronto People With AIDS Foundation
20th Anniversary Speakers Series:

Twenty Years Twenty Stories

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All events will be held at: **Oakham House**
Ryerson Student Campus Centre
63 Gould Street

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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.

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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.

Theatre Access Program

PWA is happy to be working with Kids Up Front as part of our Theatre Access Program. Kids Up Front provides entertainment, educational and recreational opportunities to kids through the redistribution of unused tickets, and by creating special events that help to heal, bond, and unite.

If you are a client with children 18 years and under please email programs@pwatoronto.org and request to be part of the free kid's ticket program; you will be notified by email when tickets for kid's events become available. For more information please contact Greg Downer at 416-506-8606 ext. 625 or gdowner@pwatoronto.org. Tickets that become available through Kids Up Front are only available to our clients who are 18 years and under or clients that have verified with their case manager that they have children 18 years and under.



For more information about Kids Up Front please visit

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Speakers Bureau at PWA

Have you ever encountered a service provider that did not know how to respond to an HIV+ person? Suggest they invite one of our free volunteer Speakers in to discuss HIV.

The Speakers Bureau exists to:

1. Reduce HIV transmission
2. Dispel the myths & misconceptions about HIV/AIDS
3. Reduce stigma for people living with HIV/AIDS

The Speakers receive their training from the Toronto Public Health and the program is funded by the AIDS Prevention Community Investment Program, City of Toronto Public Health. For more information or to get a copy of the Speaker request form please visit <http://www.pwatoronto.org/speakers.html>

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Energy Healing Workshops and Treatment

ENERGY HEALING WORKSHOPS AND TREATMENTS



for clients of the Toronto People With AIDS
Foundation in Rm. 220 at 399 Church St.
every 4th Tuesday of each month.

Next session: Tues. Oct. 23rd @ 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. 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.

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Living Longer, Living Stronger

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Coping With HIV as a Long-Term Illness



- October 2nd Coping With Long Term Side Effects
- October 9th New Medications on the Horizon
Dr. Charlie Guiang
- October 16th Creating a Positive Body Image
Tara McKee
- October 23rd Using Alternative Medicine to Cope With Side Effects
Highlighting Acupuncture, Homeopathy & Meditation

**When: Wednesday Evenings in November
7-9 p.m.**

**Where: Bleeker Street Co-op
85 Bleeker Street, Community Room**

- ✓ Food and refreshments will be provided
- ✓ Childcare stipends and TTC tokens available upon request
- ✓ Access community resources, treatment information and more
- ✓ Wheelchair accessible

Pre-registration is required for this event.

For more information, contact Rebecca Gower at 416-506-1400 x627
or [e-mail rgower@pwatoronto.org](mailto:rgower@pwatoronto.org)



Pie in the Sky



**Dessert
has never
been
sweeter.**

**This year, don't just give
thanks, give hope.**

**Purchase a pie in support of the
Toronto People With AIDS Foundation.**

**→ October 4 & 5, 2007 ←
TorontoPieintheSky.org**

 Pie in the Sky is an annual fundraiser that helps provide meals to people living with HIV/AIDS. Toronto's top bakeries, pastry chefs, caterers and celebrity chefs bake a variety of delicious pies that are then sold for just \$35. By purchasing a pie, you make it possible for Food for Life to provide 10 meals for someone homebound with HIV/AIDS.

To find out how you can help or for more information on Pie in the Sky and the Food for Life meal delivery program, please visit our website at TorontoPieintheSky.org or call 416-506-1400.

A benefit for
**toronto
PEOPLE WITH AIDS
foundation** 

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Pie in the Sky is a benefit for Food for Life – a program of the Toronto People With AIDS Foundation.
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Audition Call



For immediate release

AUDITIONS FOR TORONTO PEOPLE WITH AIDS FOUNDATION 20TH ANNIVERSARY PRESENTATION

Toronto, Canada, September 17, 2007 – The Toronto People With AIDS Foundation will be acknowledging its Twentieth Anniversary with a finale event including a presentation of Craig Barron's play **Men Like Tree's**. Mr. Barron's play was originally presented as a staged reading at Vancouver's 2006 Gay Men's Health Summit.

The Toronto presentation will be in late January 2008 will be produced and directed by Kevin Sheard. Mr. Sheard, the artistic director of T.A.G.L.A.R.C. (Toronto Association of Gay and Lesbian Arts Recreation and Culture) also directed the 1988 Dora nominated production of **The Normal Heart**, the first major fund-raiser for the Toronto People With AIDS Foundation. Sheard has also directed **Queere Shakespeare** in Cawthra Square Park and penned the popular gay plays, **Naked Powerplay** and **Jonesing**. He is delighted to be working again with the Foundation in this celebratory capacity.

Auditions will be held in Toronto - Oct 6, 7, 13 and 14.

Mr. Sheard has noted that unlike **The Normal Heart** which documented the AIDS outbreak and is full of considerable despair and dying, *"Men Like Trees is about life, and is very life affirming, and conforms to our modern day response and attitude to the AIDS pandemic"*.

Men Like Trees has an all male cast of six, aged from 20 to 60 years. Applicants should submit a photo (where possible) and resume and/or a letter of interest indicating the reason for their interest as well as any performing experience. Applications from those living with or affected by HIV/AIDS are encouraged to apply. Beginners are welcome. Additionally, people interested in volunteering and working with all the "behind the scene activities", including stage management, are also encouraged to apply expressing their area of interest.

Applicants should e-mail their application submissions to specialprojects@pwatoronto.org or deliver them to the reception desk at the Toronto People With AIDS Foundation, 399 Church St., 2nd Floor during the following times: Monday to Thursday 10am – 6pm or Friday, 9am – 5pm by October 5th 2007.

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For more information or to arrange an interview, contact:

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About the Toronto People With AIDS Foundation

The Toronto People With AIDS Foundation exists to promote the health and well-being of all people living with HIV/AIDS by providing accessible, direct, and practical support services. It is Canada's largest direct support service agency for people living with HIV/AIDS. For more information, please visit: www.pwatoronto.org.

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Gay Guide Toronto



Support PWA through GAY GUIDE TORONTO Win-Win Membership Drive. As part of GGT's 5th 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 October 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.

- **October 10th** Magical Makeover at Woody's on Church Street from 9pm – close
- **October 11th** State Dinner at Café California from 6pm – 8:30pm
- **October 11th** In Town Show at George's Play from 10pm –close
- **October 12th** Out of Town Show at George's Play from 8pm –close
- **October 13th** Coronation at Marriott Eaton Centre (Grand Ball Room) from 6pm - close
- **October 14th** Victory Brunch at Marriott Eaton Centre (Grand Ball Room) from 10am – 1pm

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Mr. Leatherman Toronto Competition Inc. (MLT)

MLT October Events:



- **October 21st** MLT Leather Brunch at the Churchmouse & Firkin

MLT is a volunteer-based, not-for-profit, registered corporation that is the proud producer of Canada's largest "leather" events. All of the fundraising throughout the year serves the community at large and Toronto's gay and lesbian community in particular. Each year the net proceeds benefit a charity chosen by the titleholder. Mr. Leatherman Toronto Mr. Steve Martin, Mr. Leather Fellowship, David Kraft and Bootblack Toronto "Eli" Diana Campanaro have chosen the Toronto People With AIDS Foundation as their charity of choice for 2007.

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Upcoming Events

1. **MLT Leather Brunch** November 18th
2. **MLT Leather Competition & Victory Ball!** November 24th
3. **PWA 20th Anniversary Speaker Series – We're Still Here** November 28th

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