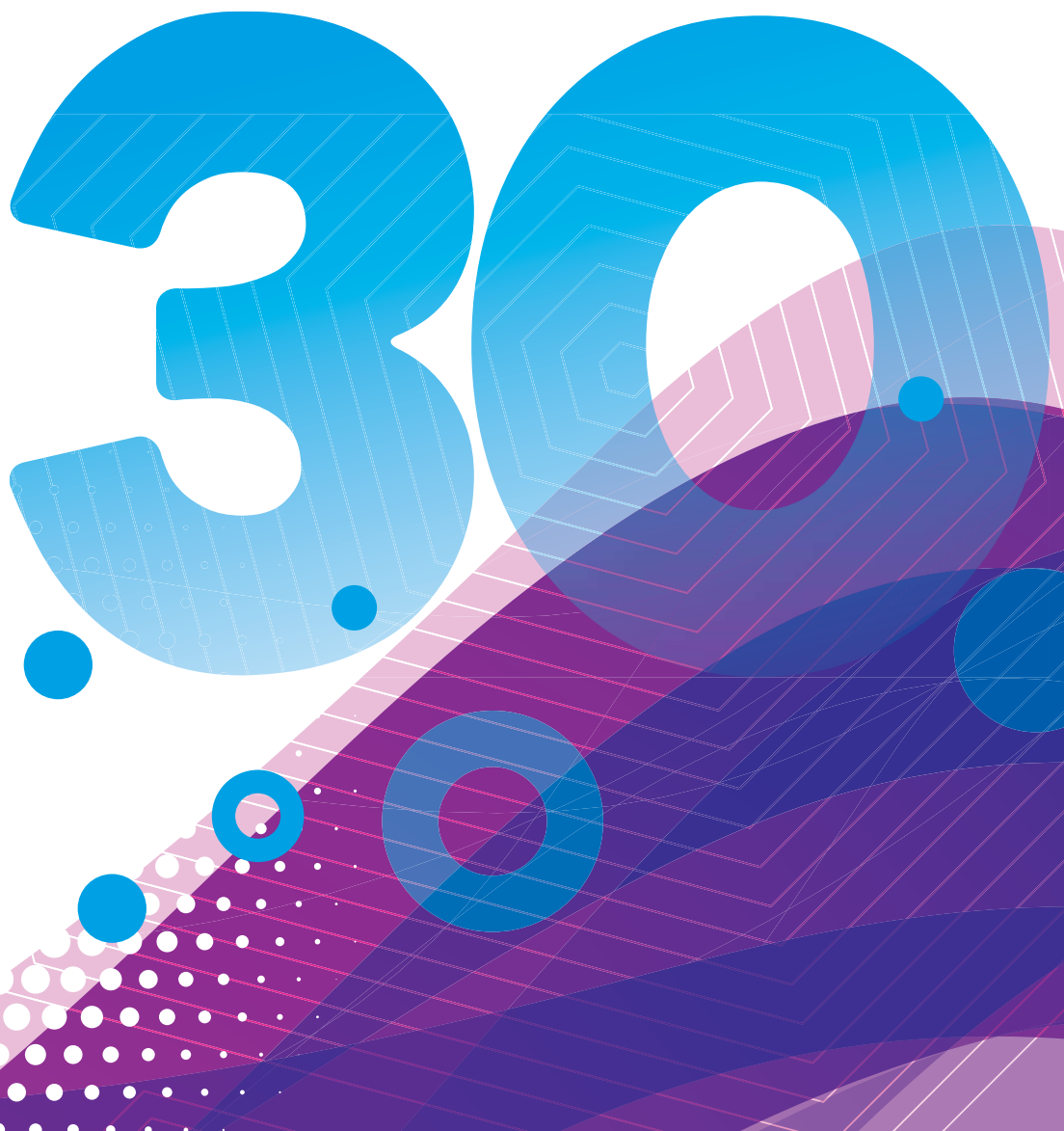


2017/2018 ANNUAL REPORT



Message from the Board Chair and Interim Executive Director

In 2017/18, PWA celebrated its 30th anniversary. Over thirty years ago on May 11th, 1987 when James St. James, Raymond Bernard and Russell Almond signed the incorporation papers that created the Toronto People With AIDS Foundation, the possibility that PWA would have a 30th anniversary must have been unfathomable. Since that time no cure has been found, but life-saving medications have been discovered. Devastating stigma continues, but untransmittability with an undetectable viral load and aging with HIV are possible for most, but not all.

So much has changed in 30 years. And yet, most of the core reasons why Jim, Ray and Russ created PWA - stigma; social isolation; the need for practical supports; a chosen family to turn to - continue to be a reality for thousands of people living with HIV/AIDS in Toronto. In 2017/18, over 2,500 people living with HIV/AIDS came to PWA for just these reasons - food; financial assistance; support accessing the Ontario Disability Support Program; and support getting HIV meds. But also to get a haircut, a massage, to volunteer, and to feel connected and a part of a welcoming and healing community.

To honor our 30th anniversary, PWA held several key events organized by our 30th Anniversary Planning committee. The Committee, made up of clients, donors, volunteers and staff, coined the phrase the "Family of HIV" to celebrate what PWA has meant and continues to mean for so many. Highlights of the year included the 30th birthday party for PWA, our "Family of HIV" Annual General Meeting, the World AIDS Day Community Carnation Memorial and Red Ribbon Brigade, and our Bike Rally kick-off party. Hundreds of our "Family" members - Bike Rally participants, clients, community partners and supporters, donors, staff and volunteers - came together throughout the year to remind us of how bold, beautiful and resilient our family has been and continues to be.

In 2017/18 we also saw an incredible outpouring of hard work and dedication by our Bike Rally family - the crew, riders, team leads, steering committee, co-chairs, and staff of our 19th annual fundraiser. Two hundred and fifty crew and riders raised close to \$900,000 resulting in one of the highest amount raised per participant in our history. Funds raised from the event touch every aspect of PWA's work, including the Financial Assistance program. Staff and volunteers

1987 PWA incorporates as a not-for-profit May 11 as the Toronto People With AIDS Foundation. The core PWA group meet where they can including a temporary office at Casey House before it opens. AZT, the first anti-HIV drug is approved in the US and Canada.

conducted a multi-year planning project engaging current, former and never-participated-before participants resulting in an exciting roadmap for the future of the Rally. The Bike Rally continued to be the lifeblood of PWA's ability to offer its critical support and services and to demonstrate how the Rally itself also provides a critical healing and welcoming space to those people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS who join it.

Early in the new fiscal year of 2018/19, Murray Jose-Boerbridge, PWA's longstanding Executive Director, said good-bye to PWA to pursue a new role as the Director of the Toronto HIV/AIDS Network. The change in leadership resulted in an opportunity for the agency to re-align its vision to the future with PWA's new strategic plan. Thanks to the agency's interim leadership team there has been no interruption to services or programs during this transition. The board recruitment's committee is working to ensure new leadership is in place before the end of the year.

Finally, as we ended the 2017/18 year and closed our 30th anniversary, a new vision for the future of PWA emerged from our strategic planning conducted last year - a vision to be the PHA Hub. As the PHA Hub, PWA will become a primary point of contact, community and support for people living with HIV/AIDS in Toronto. This new vision came from our clients, volunteers and staff, and also Bike Rally participants, community partners and donors - our full community and family. As we move forward from reflecting on our 30 past years, we excitedly anticipate the future as we implement PWA's new strategic plan to keep fulfilling our mission to enhance the health and well-being of people living with HIV/AIDS in Toronto.

Together we make a positive difference.



Francisco Remolino
Board Chair/President

Suzanne Paddock
Interim Executive Director

1988 Toronto People With AIDS Foundation obtains an office in January next to ACT at 464 Yonge St. First full-time benefits and assistance counsellor supports PHAs to get social assistance. Casey House Hospice opens and Fife House Foundation forms to provide supportive housing for people living with HIV/AIDS.

30 Years of PWA

On May 11, 2018 the Toronto People With AIDS Foundation (PWA) embarked a year-long celebration in recognition of 30 years of service and meaningful engagement of people living with HIV and AIDS. In the early part of 1986 it became clear that poverty and social isolation were two grave problems facing people living with HIV/AIDS (PHAs). Jim St. James, a local figure and outspoken PHA “believed that PHAs would live longer if they didn’t have the burden of financial stress and if they could be together to gain strength from one-another.”¹ On May 11th, 1987 Jim and fellow PHAs Raymond Barnard and Russell Almond became the founding directors of PWA. For 30 years thousands of men, trans-men, trans-women, women and children living with and affected by HIV and AIDS have counted on PWA and we have responded with compassion, understanding, and perseverance.



**Jim St James and
June Callwood**

PWA’s 30th Anniversary Planning Committee (page 4) – an enthusiastic collective of clients, staff, volunteers, and donors - were charged with identifying new and existing opportunities for celebration within PWA’s annual operating program. We kicked off the celebrations at PWA in May 2017 and wrapped up an exhaustive year of initiatives at the ROM in May 2018. From Love Bowl to PWA’s Friends For Life Bike Rally; Pride to World AIDS Day; volunteer recognition to client Holiday Bags; newsletters to tweets; and program evaluation to strategic planning – we honored our past, celebrated the present, and set the path for our future.

As HIV has transformed into a more manageable disease the needs of people living with HIV have become increasingly complex. PWA is emboldened to respond to the diverse needs of its stakeholders and if the past 30 years have taught us anything, it is that together, we can truly make a positive difference.



¹ June Callwood, Jim: A Life With AIDS

- **1989** PWA receives core funding from the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care which means more staff and more programs. The PWA Speakers Bureau outreach begins, including speaking in schools. The Montreal Manifesto, an international bill of rights for people with HIV/AIDS, is published.

PWA's 30th Anniversary Planning Committee

In preparation for our 30 anniversary and to assist in creating meaningful and community engaging activities, PWA formed an anniversary planning committee involving clients, volunteers, donors, and staff.



The role of the Committee was to provide guidance into the design and coordination of PWA's 30th anniversary activities. PWA has a long and rich history serving people living with HIV/AIDS; it was important to plan and implement unique ways to highlight PWA and its many years of service to the community.

Committee members brought a range of knowledge and history of engagement with PWA, the community, and the intersecting issues facing the many different communities of people living with HIV/AIDS in Toronto. The committees planning was guided and influenced by the values of Celebration and Remembrance, Community and Friendship, Knowledge and Awareness, Inclusivity and Meaningful Engagement, and Strength and Resilience.

The common thread uniting the group was a passion for making a positive difference for people living with HIV/AIDS in Toronto. We celebrated and remembered PWA's 30 years by incorporating anniversary activities into many of our annual events: Pride celebrations including the Parade and the Community Fair, PWA's Friends For Life Bike Rally, our Annual General Meeting, Love Bowl, High Heel Strut, and World AIDS Day Community Carnation Memorial. Specific 30th anniversary and new annual initiatives were developed and produced: 30th Anniversary Kick-Off and Wrap-Up events, World AIDS Day Red Ribbon Brigade, and PWA's Friends For Life Bike Rally leadership volunteers created the Thirty For Thirty 30-hour spin-a-thon.

With heartfelt thanks to the following individuals who truly made a difference in celebrating the incredible story of the Toronto People With AIDS Foundation:

Chantal Mukandoli, Dakarayi Chigugudhlo, Murray Hodge, Jaclyn Bristow, Gareth Henry, Rajesh Pisharody, Robb Walker, Nick Papadogiannis, Trevor Ouellette, Ian Smith, Rachel Dickson, Mike Twamley, and Suzanne Paddock. And special mention to the 2017 PWA's Friends For Life Bike Rally Steering Committee for their amazing contributions to the anniversary celebrations.

1990 PWA and every AIDS Service Organization in Ontario, led by AIDS ACTION NOW! Oppose attempts to classify HIV/AIDS as "virulent" and subject to quarantine orders. The federal Health Minister announces the first National AIDS strategy.



Participation in over 8 events



A dedicated committee of 11 individuals

Shared stories and Journeys

“An incredible opportunity to engage with other staff and volunteers and share with the community the 30 year story of PWA” -Robb



FAMILY OF HIV



“Being part of the 30th Anniversary planning committee was a rewarding collaboration with clients, volunteers, and stakeholders as we commemorated PWA’s milestone anniversary” -Nick



- **1991** New Treatment Resource Centre provides information on Living with AIDS and produces easy to understand treatment information. The 1st Canadian AIDS Awareness Week launches.

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1992 PWA establishes a Foodbank specifically for people living with HIV/AIDS. PWA supports Voices of Positive Women and administers funds. Ontario's Ministry of Health establishes anonymous HIV testing sites.



Gareth Henry

PWA staff member, and international and community activist Gareth Henry was one of the many team members who contributed to PWA's 30th Anniversary Planning Committee. Gareth, who works tirelessly to help others, shares his inspiring story.

Gareth came to Canada in January of 2008 fleeing homophobic persecution from his native country, Jamaica. Early on he made it his mission to facilitate positive change by helping others escape persecution and at times, death. Because of his stance on social justice, he became a target of police brutality. He experienced a horrific beating by police in front of a mob of 300+ people including being gun butted several times and thrown to the ground. His call for justice after this gruesome attack fell on deaf ears and he went into hiding as a result of threats he was receiving. It was not until police officers confronted him and told him they knew where he was hiding and that he will be killed, that he fled to Canada - a choice between life and death.

In Jamaica, young gay men live in sewers and on the streets living in poverty - some ravaged by HIV - because they cannot access needed health care and support. Because of this disparity and his own life-changing experiences, Gareth strongly believes that his native home needs to be held accountable for its horrific treatment of the LGBT community.

1993 PWA and ACT move to 399 Church St. PWA receives the first grant to a Canadian HIV/AIDS organization from MAC AIDS Fund. The AIDS Memorial in Cawthra Park (in 2014 renamed Barbara Hall Park) opens.

In 2012, Gareth's passion led him to join the staff at PWA. His excitement at the opportunity was a direct result of his passion for working in the HIV sector and finding ways to support individuals in realizing their full potential and living their lives to the fullest. Gareth began his career in the HIV sector at the age of 20, and considers it his calling to be of service to his community. A former co-chair of the advocacy group Jamaica Forum of Lesbians, All-Sexuals and Gays (J-FLAG), Gareth frequently helped people report anti-gay hate crimes to police. Alongside his duties at PWA, he works for Rainbow Railroad Rainbow, a non-profit organization that helps relocate LGBT individuals experiencing persecution around the world to travel to safety.

Gareth's commitment to help is global. His passion for facilitating positive change for others is such an important part of his life, it provides him with unending inspiration. As a result of his tireless activism and commitment to human rights, Gareth is currently featured in the Human Rights Museum in Winnipeg and the Refuge Canada Exhibit at the Canadian Immigration Museum in Halifax.

Gareth is the Interim Director of Programs and Services at PWA. He shares his Toronto home with his fiancé, also a conventional refugee.





1994 PWA participates in education of U of T Medical Students in 1994-1995 and receives award. PWA supports and administers funds for Positive Youth Outreach. After years of pressure the Ontario government announces that a catastrophic drug program will be implemented in 1995.

FOR 30 YEARS, PWA HAS BEEN HELPING MEN, TRANSMEN, TRANSWOMEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS. OUR RESPONSE IS INSPIRED BY THE VOICES AND EXPERIENCES OF PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS.

PWA has provided services to over 9000 individuals living with HIV/AIDS since our inception in 1987

In **2017/2018** PWA supplied approximately **239,009** services to **5,727** individuals

including **102,116** significant and unique practical services to **2,543** PHAs  **209,023** referral, information and outreach services to **4,906** individuals  training and education opportunities to **906** individuals



366 new clients engaged with PWA to support their health and well-being, **1,835** service navigation sessions were provided for **824** individuals, **1,727** referrals done for **633** individuals and **1,294** individual advocacy sessions were provided for **533** clients.

PRACTICAL SUPPORTS

Essentials Market is PWA's largest program providing over **19,074** distinct services to **1,540** individuals **952** meals were provided to **14** PHAs through the Food for Life meal delivery program in collaboration with Dixon Hall Neighbourhood Services **757** clients accessed over **\$150,178** in financial assistance which includes the Medical Disability Fund and the Medical Assistance and Treatment Fund.



COMMUNITY ACCESS

700 Appointments and Consultations for Treatment Access program **505** financial Counselling appointments **31** units related to Immigration, and **127** sessions related to housing | PWA provided over **35%** of referrals to the Toronto coordinated Access Program



HEALTH & THERAPEUTIC CARE



279 PHAs accessed **1135** Therapeutic Care services
29 Yoga sessions **703** Massages that includes Reflexology/
Reiki/Shiatsu **402** Acupuncture

*The above stats does not include approximately sessions through the Community PHA Naturopathic Clinic in collaboration with the Sherbourne Health Centre.

DREAMING AND ENGAGEMENT



145 Volunteers provided supported PWA programming and activities **22** PHA educators trained **388** health care students
40 Psychosocial Educational sessions were provided to
50 individuals **2450** people connected with PWA's PHA Peer Outreach volunteers for HIV and harm reduction information and supplies

1995 The HIV and AIDS Legal Clinic Ontario (HALCO) is established in partnership with the ACT and the PWA Foundation. PWA continues to obtain co-op commitments for dedicated units for PHAs. Dr. Charles Roy publishes his ground-breaking research *Living and Serving: Persons with HIV in the Canadian AIDS Movement*.

1996 Sutherland Chan partners with PWA to provide the first student massage clinic for PHAs. New family of anti-retroviral drugs called protease inhibitors is approved in the US. Ontario begins Viral Load testing.

PWA's Friends For Life Bike Rally

To borrow from the proverb "it takes a village," for 19 years, a community of dedicated and caring individuals have come together to make positive change in the lives of people living with HIV and AIDS. On Sunday, July 30th, 2017 250 Riders and Crew departed Toronto on the Friends For Life Bike Rally, PWA's annual fundraiser.



Participants arrived in Port Hope after 110 km where, for 48 people, this was the end of their adventure. The second annual 1-Day Ride from Toronto to Port Hope proved memorable with participant celebrating success before a tearful departure back to Toronto.

The remaining 202 Riders and Crew continued on their 6-day adventure, stopping in Adolphustown, Kingston, Johnstown, and Lancaster. On Friday, August 4th they arrived in Montreal, celebrating months of dedicated volunteerism, 6 days of adventure, and over \$897,000 raised.

The Bike Rally PWA's sustaining fundraiser. Raising over \$16 million dollars since 1999, and as a result, thousands of people living with HIV and AIDS have received critical supports from PWA.



1997 Series of pamphlets is produced on treatment issues along with Ask Your Questions sessions. PWA continues to assist PHAs with housing referrals. Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network forms.



1998 PWA begins only needle exchange specifically for PHAs. Naturopathic Clinic partnership begins with the College of Naturopathic Medicine (currently offered at the Sherbourne Health Centre). HIV/AIDS diagnosis is added to ODSP after efforts by PWA and other groups in Ontario.

The David Linton Spirit of the Bike Rally Award

David Linton (1964-2011) was the co-founder of PWAs Friends For Life Bike Rally and a long-time rider and supporter. As a past board member of Toronto People With AIDS Foundation he was a long-time supporter of the agency. His commitment to improving the lives of people living with HIV/AIDS in our community was inspiring and his passion shaped a Bike Rally that has endured and continues to grow.

The 2017 Recipient, Alexander Wu, was honoured posthumously for his dedication and years of volunteer service to the Bike Rally as a rider, Steering Committee member, and PWA board member. His enthusiasm and commitment to building community continues to inspire.

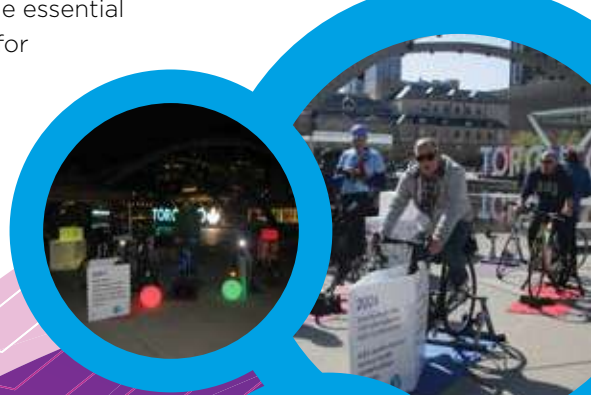


1999 1st Friends For Life Bike Rally is held and raises \$44,498. PWA adopts provocative position to support medicinal marijuana. HIV treatment effective in reducing mother to child transmission during pregnancy.

PWA's Friends For Life Bike Rally Honours 30 Years of PWA

PWA's Friends For Life Bike Rally honoured the PWA as it marked 30 years of providing practical support programs to people living with HIV/AIDS in Toronto.

For 30 hours - representing one hour for each year of PWA's services - Riders, Crew, supporters and clients jumped on stationary bikes in Nathan Phillips Square. The event started at 6:00 A.M. on Monday, April 24 and concluding at 12-noon on Tuesday, April 25 - a remarkable event that brought the community together. Bike Rally participants and PWA staff, clients and volunteers helped raise awareness about HIV/AIDS and highlighted the essential programs that PWA has provided for many over its thirty year history, a remarkable commitment to people living with HIV/AIDS.



2000 PWA develops a new strategic plan. 1st Canadian National Conference of Women and HIV/AIDS is held. More than 40 million people worldwide are estimated to have HIV/AIDS, half are women and nearly 25 million have died.

“The Thirty-for-Thirty event allowed the Friends for Life Bike Rally to honour and celebrate PWA’s incredible 30 years of support and leadership in our community, and to do so in the our city’s “town square”. Taking the Bike Rally and PWA to the heart of our civic life in an event that spoke of commitment, perseverance, community engagement, and outreach seemed the perfect way to honour PWA and remind the people of Toronto that our cause requires as much, and perhaps more, support and commitment today as it did in 1987.”

Ted Robinson, Co-Chair
2017 & 2018

30 Hours of Spinning

40 plus dedicated Bike Rally participants, staff, Volunteers, and Board members

Community Awareness and Engagement



2001 PWA offers workshops on HIV/AIDS medications, nutrition, alternative therapies and other topics. The Greater Involvement of People Living with HIV (GIPA) Principle is endorsed by 189 United Nations member countries as part of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS.

Toronto People With AIDS Foundation Statement of Operations

Year ended March 31

	2018	2017
Revenue		
Grants	\$ 1,325,854	\$ 1,228,302
Fundraising and donations – Bike Rally	897,348	1,024,650
Fundraising and donations – General	269,112	382,171
Bequests	784,939	613,401
Administrative fees, honoraria and other	34,610	38,133
Investment income	23,773	20,541
Total Revenue	3,335,636	3,307,198
Expenses		
Program Expenses		
Client Services		
Community Access	235,303	427,529
Dreaming and Engagement	464,002	434,523
Health and Therapeutic Care	297,187	298,068
Practical Support	403,139	306,008
	1,399,631	1,466,128
Financial Assistance		
Health and Wellness Fund	89,490	123,390
Medical Disability Fund	30,338	25,600
Positive Seniors Fund	21,400	18,600
Family Holiday Gift Certificates	5,550	6,778
Positive Children Fund	3,400	4,000
	150,178	178,368
Total PWA Program Expenses	1,549,809	1,644,496
Community Partners		
Toronto HIV/AIDS Network	123,117	106,117
THN Opening Doors	41,500	41,500
Latinos Positivos	25,000	25,605
Total Community Partner Expenses	189,617	173,222
Total Program Expenses Consolidated	1,739,426	1,817,718
General		
Fundraising – Bike Rally	433,228	425,345
Administration	259,884	324,834
Fundraising and Philanthropy	186,840	160,721
Amortization	84,512	77,519
Communications	87,018	61,994
Total General Expenses	1,051,482	1,050,413
Total Expenses	2,790,908	2,868,131
Excess of Revenue over Expenses	\$ 544,728	\$ 439,067

- **2002** PWA launches the Food For Life (Wakeford's Wagons) meal delivery partnership program. PWA begins the Pie in the Sky Thanksgiving fundraiser for PWA's Food Programs. HIV becomes the leading cause of death worldwide in people aged 15-59.

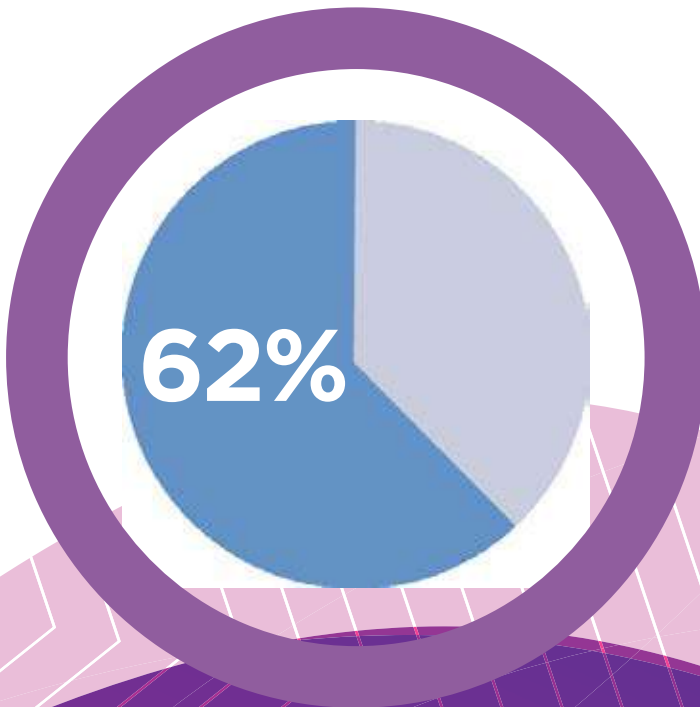
Good Works Ratio

Revenues

- Grants = 40%
- Fundraising & Donations (Bike Rally) = 27%
- Fundraising and Donations = 8%
- Bequests = 23%
- Admin fees, honoraria & Other = 1%
- Investment Income = 1%

Expenses

- General = 37%
- Client services = 51%
- Financial Assistance = 6%
- Community Partners = 6%



2003 PWA partners with the Committee for Accessible AIDS Treatment (CAAT) to develop the HIV Medication Access Project for PHAs facing access barriers related to their immigration status. Becomes a PWA program within a year. InSite, North America's first supervised injection site, opens for drug users in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside.

Thank you!

We are grateful for the generous support from donors, sponsors, partners and friends. You have made a positive difference in the lives of thousands of people living with HIV and AIDS.

GOVERNMENT FUNDERS

AIDS Bureau, Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care
City of Toronto, Community Services Partnerships
Public Health Agency of Canada, AIDS Community Action Program
Toronto Central Local Health Integration Network

AGENCY PARTNERS

Visionary (\$50,000+)

MAC AIDS Fund
Scotiabank

Leader (\$20,000 - \$49,999)

Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine
The Village Pharmacy

Major (\$12,000 - \$19,999)

Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College
Starbucks Coffee Canada
TICOT Social Society

Champion (\$5000 - \$11,999)

Adam Bryan Charitable Trust
Tracy Bryan Charitable Trust
Eglinton Charity Foundation Rotary
General Motors Canada
McGregor Industries Inc.
The Ben & Hilda Katz Charitable Foundation
YMCA

Community (\$2000 - \$4999)

Canada's Wonderland
Chris Edwards Memorial Fundraiser, The Stars Reach Out to PWA
CHUM Charitable Foundation
Cycle Solutions
Laisley/Reed LLP

Mankind Grooming Studio
Mazon Canada
Niko Apparel Systems
Pride & Remembrance Foundation
Spearhead LDSC
Unifor Social Justice Fund
Woody's

Supporter (up to \$1999)

Akashi Art Projects
Art Gallery of Ontario
Bike Balls
Browns Dining Solutions
Buddies in Bad Times Theatre
Churchill Cellars
COBS Bread Bakery
Courtyard Marriott Toronto Downtown
Fairmont Royal York
FreshCo.
Hair of the Dog
Highlander Brew Co.
Jade Elektra / DJ Relentless
Johnson & Johnson
Live Nation
Loblaw
O'Grady's
Ottway Herbs & Vitamins
Presidential Gourmet
Proctor & Gamble
ROOTS Canada
Steam Whistle
Stonemill Bakehouse
Sweet Pete's
Take a Walk on the Wild Side
TJX Canada
Toronto International Film Festival

Media

IN Magazine

2004 Amalgamation discussions help to identify PWA and ACT partnership opportunities and to clarify PWA's work as a separate agency. Estimated HIV prevalence in Ontario is 20,260.

INDIVIDUAL BENEFACTORS

Monthly, Positive Life Champions

Glen Ashenhurst
Greg Bodnar
Paul Breckenridge
Ray Brillinger
Jack Connell
Kevin Gillis
John Goodhew
Keith J. Holland
Julie Hunt
Karen Li
Patricia Lucas
John & Bernadette McAuley
Robert Muir
David Parkes
Bentley Patey
Ross Reid
Brian Scott
Paul Smith
Wayne Smith & Ross Slater
Diane Thiel
Maria Thomadakis
Nicola J. Townsend
Mike Twamley
Robb Walker
Jon Wollaston
Anonymous (8)

Major - (\$2000+)

Juanita Albro
Glenn Ashenhurst
A J Bernard
Alexander Eaton
Eddie Florez
Albert J Haddad &
Rodney Rosseau
Beverly Kupper
Zena Langendoen
Tim Leonard
Kim McBrien - Indigo Dragonfly
Eugene Palermo
Lisa Philpott
Gaye, John, and JD Potter
Jon Sherman - In Memory of Honey
and Barry Sherman
Timothy Thompson
Ian Toone
Markus Tyler
C. Anne Washington
The Wu Family - In Memory of Alex Wu
Anonymous (2)

PLANNED GIVING

Estates

The Estate of Kenneth R. Andre
The Estate of Kathleen M. Rye
The Estate of James Drewry Stewart

Leave a Positive Legacy Society Members

Thomas Barritt
Robb Walker

PWA's Friends For Life Bike Rally

Each year hundreds of participants dedicate 45,000+ volunteer hours and engage over 15,000 friends, family and others to raising funds for and awareness about PWA, HIV and AIDS. We celebrate all participants in their incredible contributions and give special recognition to Top Fundraisers for their extraordinary efforts. (R - Rider, C - Crew)

Donald Ainslie - R	Bruce Mayhew - R
JoAnn Alafriz - R	Margaret McCormack - C
Ken Allen - R	Cameron McLean - R
Denny Tai Quoc An - C	Marc Montreuil - C
William Axelrod - R	Bruce Nasmith - R
Skot Beaumont - R	Karen O'Connor - C
A J Bernard - R	Trevor Ouellette - C
Jehd Canceran - C	Stephanie Pearl-McPhee - R
Jack Coop - R	Yannick Picard - R
Connie Crosby - C	Nancy Pryce - C
Billy Curtis - R	John Rawle - R
Paul Dawson - C	Ted Robinson - R
Perry de Man - R	Pato Rodriguez - R
Ryan Doornbos - R	Bill Smith - C
Eli Elsasser - R	Harvey St Amant - R
Derrin Gibbs - C	Andrew Starr - C
Brandon Hamilton - R	Jeff Stevenson - R
Jen Hendriks - R	Terry Sydenham - R
Dianne Hind - R	Mike Twamley - C
David Hughes - C	Gary van der Meer - R
Brent Everett James - C	Rob Veinott - R
Stephanie Jones - R	Kevin Vose/Devaux - R
David Knox - R	Robb Walker - R
Gord Lamb - R	John Windisman - R
Matthew Lamb - R	Steve Yeates - R
Donald Littlewood - C	Darrel Zehr - R
Pat Lucas - C	Arturo Zitani - C
Gilbert May - R	

The Donor list reflects April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018.
We make every effort to ensure the donor data is accurate.
If you wish to change how your gift is recognized please
contact us at donate@pwatoronto.org.

2005 PWA begins long partnership as beneficiary of Home + Style fundraiser.
The 16th International AIDS Conference is held in Toronto. AIDS deaths fall but
serious health complications emerge.

FRIENDS OF THE FOUNDATION

PWA annually recognizes individuals and organizations that make a positive difference in the lives of people living with HIV/AIDS through Community, Corporate, and Volunteer support. Each recipient embraces the agencies mission and demonstrate compassion, Kindness, Generosity and Courage. Over PWA's thirty year history we have been blessed with the support of this incredible group of people and corporations who have played a role in changing the lives of people living with HIV/AIDS.

1987-1998

Paul Maingot
Susanne Frost
Brenda Hoffle
Normand Savage
Stuart Turnbull
Patrice O'Donnell
Terry Lucas

Richard Peterson
David Kendall
Paul Fairley
Kevin McGrath
Jim March
Stephen Pugsley
Brian Fielding

Darren Gibson
Craig Barden
Richard Bender
Russell Almond
Brian Fisher
Blair McCallum
Bruce Burnham

Ray Barnard
Art Ward
Ron Kerr
Barry Cole
Jim St. James
Martin Vissers
Gerry Rowlin

1999-2017

Outstanding Community Support

Empress Chantal Cartier - TICOT
Irshad Manji Medid Corporation
Food for AllStreet Kids (FFASK)
Le petit Lian
Timothy's World Coffee
Starbucks Coffee (Front St)
Pet Valu Discount Pet Foods
Desmond Neil
Leonard Kelly (aka Empress Candice Kelly,
TICOT)
ODSP - Joyce Singh & Rosett Ferraro
Mr. Leatherman Toronto
Proud FM
TICOT- Alan Anderson
aka Empress XXI! Bitsie Venderbilt)
Helen & Sanford Haskill
Metropolitan Community Church
Rainbow Cinemas
Divers Cite
Mr. Spearhead - Dwayne Bryk
Institute of Traditional Medicine
Chris Edwards
Joan Anderson
Roger Richard (OW Liason)
Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College
Kevin Levesque - Miss Conception
Alphonso King Jr. - DJ Relentless
The Churchmouse and Firkin
Phoenix Community Works Enterprise
John Brodhagen Steamworks
Lisa Shields - ODSP
Spearhead LDSC
A1 Dental

1999-2017

Outstanding Corporate Support

Bar 501
Canada's Wonderland
Balloon Tickets
Woody's/Sailor
Zelda's
Second Cup
Supplements Plus
Bristol Myers Squibb Virology
Cundari Health
Rubbermaid - Darrel Zehr
Byzantium Restaurant
Freshland Flowers , Lex Banendale
& David Mackenzie
Via Rail - Darrell Shuurman
Canada's Wonderland - Dineene Beaven
M.A.C. AIDS Fund
The Village Pharmacy - Zahid Somani
George's Play - George Pratt
Whole Food Market
Sheraton Hotels - Robb Walker
MARS Canada
Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF)
Storage Stadium
Dave's Freshco
Corporate Specialty Services
DSM Computing Solutions Inc
Cycle Solutions
Small Wonders Pet Emporium
P & G Canada
Purpharm Inc. - Sy & Bill Wassenaar
McGregor Socks - Jeff Stephenson
Beaches Animal Hospital
Starbuck's

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Outstanding Volunteer Support

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Brian Bursten
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Paul Baker
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Rudy Stienback
David Linton
Danny Nashman
James Anok
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Betty David
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Maria Anna Gliddon
Rudi Steinbach
George Lam
Marcia Mayhew

Brian Smith
John Houston
Bruce Mayhew
Danny McMaster
Shane Patey
Erika Ayala Gonzalez
Lucinda Wallace
Robert Dykeman
Joy Vineberg
Stefanie McQuaid
Ian Mahaffy
Kyle Vose
David Smith
Raymond Helkio
Darrel Zehr
Sasha Olsen

Nancy Pryce
Alan Stewart
Cory Garlough
Dennis Hawkins
Dave Skitch
Karen O'Connor
Allan Hooey
Dr. Richard Kwan
Brent Everett James
Mark Alton

Outstanding Contributions

Pamela Bowes
Mirvish Productions
Ernesto Garcia

2017/2018 FRIENDS OF THE FOUNDATION RECIPIENTS

Outstanding Community Support

COBS Bread

With a vision to be the favourite bakery and a mission to develop strong customer and community relationships COBS Bread delivers. COBS Bread bakery is a company that since 2003 has been providing leftover goods to many local charities. The Team at the Bayview Avenue store for many years has been an incredible support to PWA with in-kind donation of product. The baked goods are a staple in helping create the welcoming experience for clients who come to PWA. We are so grateful for the partnership and their passion to give back to the community.



Highlander Brew Co.

Dwayne Wanner, President of the Highlander Brew Co., connected with PWA in 2012 through his involvement with participants on PWA's Friends For Life Bike Rally. A serial entrepreneur and community connector, Dwayne has for seven years enthusiastically volunteered his business, experience and networks to help PWA achieve fundraising success. In 2014 and 2015 Highlander Brew Co. crafted unique small-batch beers – The Bearded Lady and Centurion – in support of the Rally. In addition to donating product, it is not unusual to see Dwayne in attendance at PWA events volunteering his time and bartending talents.



2007 PWA's 20th Anniversary. PWA provides early leadership as part of the new Ontario Working Group on Criminal Law + HIV exposure. Criminalization of HIV and lack of rationale for charges from case to case becomes a growing concern.

Outstanding Corporate Support

Brown's Dining Solutions

Since 2013, Brown's Dining Solutions has been providing vital food service on PWA's Friends For Life Bike Rally. Serving upwards of 4,500 meals over 6 days to very hungry riders and crew in campgrounds, parking lots and fields across southern Ontario is no small endeavour and the Brown's team never disappoint. Working closely with PWA staff and volunteers in annual planning, Brown's understands and the community approach to achieving a collective goal. They fuel not only participants on the Bike Rally, they enhance the Rally experience contributing to its continued success.



Johnson & Johnson

Johnson and Johnson has, for many years, remained an invaluable source of much-needed product support to PWA generously donating personal hygiene and other toiletry product for our Essentials Market and Holiday programs. Our J & J liaison, Julie Stroz, is always proactive reaching out and offering thousands of useful product helping to ease the financial burden on clients. They exemplify community giving and we are so grateful for their ongoing and unwavering support of PWA, a true example of corporate leadership.



Outstanding Volunteer Support

Renee Boni

Everyone who has visited PWA and accessed the Essentials Market or Therapeutic Care programs will have been greeted by Renee's friendly and welcoming smile. A volunteer since 2014, Renee was inspired to give back to the community by her son. What keeps her motivated is the opportunity to engage with clients every week and seeing them smile. Renee's positive, nurturing energy and commitment to serving everyone who walks through our doors epitomises the true volunteer spirit at PWA.



Serge Veilleux

Inspired by his lived experience, Serge began volunteering at PWA in 2014 assisting with the annual Holiday Hamper program. This introduction gave Serge the insight and passion to give back. He soon became a volunteer driver for PWA, a welcoming face at the Essentials Market reception desk, and an enthusiastic and committed crew member on PWA's Friend For Life Bike Rally. Serge truly exemplifies the spirit of giving, his time, and his heart to giving back to people living with HIV/AIDS.



2008 The 10th Friends For Life Bike Rally raises \$1,214,627, the 10 year total passes \$5,000,000 and more than 300 cyclists participated supported by a crew of 100. PWA is the honoured group at pride. Estimated 65,000 persons in Canada infected with HIV.

Raising FUN-ds

Since its inception, events have been a key ingredient in PWA's fundraising and awareness. PWA is blessed to be the charity of choice of many generous community partner organizations and individuals who raise funds through 3rd party events (see page 27). PWA also plans and produces, in addition to its sustaining annual fundraiser - the Friends For Life Bike Rally, several other signature annual events: Love Bowl, High Heel Strut, and World AIDS Day Community Carnation Memorial.

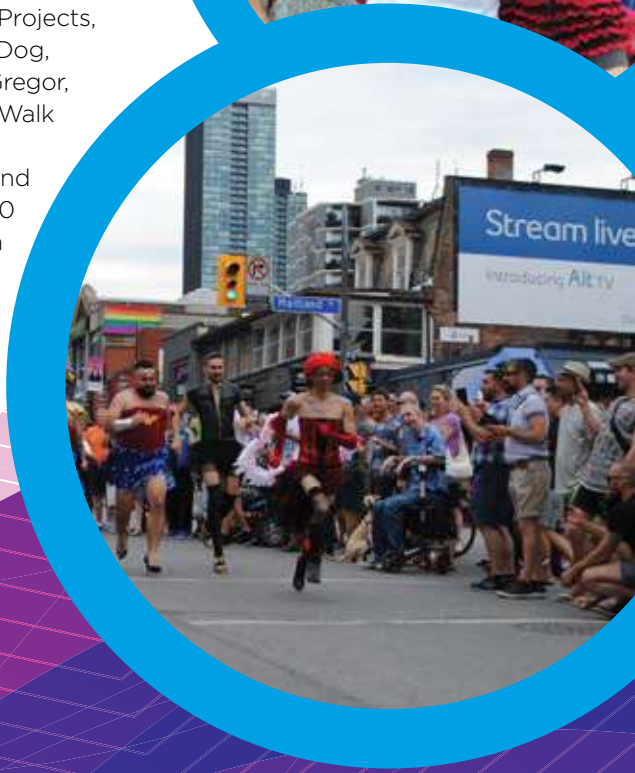
In preparation for PWA's 30th anniversary, PWA struck a planning committee to help incorporate anniversary celebrations into all community and annual events and identify new opportunities. What resulted was an incredible year full of celebrating our past and present, and building excitement about the future.

Love Bowl is a pledge based bowling fundraiser and tournament that brings together enthusiastic "bowlers" of all ages and skill for a fun afternoon of strikes, spares, and yes gutters! On March 3, five enthusiastic teams came together at Classic Bowl in Mississauga dressed in red and competed for Love Bowl glory. Generous sponsors: Churchill Cellars Wine, Highlander Brew Co., Marriott Hotels, Microsoft Canada, O'Grady's, Roots, Starbucks, and Steam Whistle donated an array of prizes. The event raised \$6,500 for PWA and participants heard from the Director of Programs and Services about how their efforts are making a positive difference in the lives of people living with HIV and AIDS.

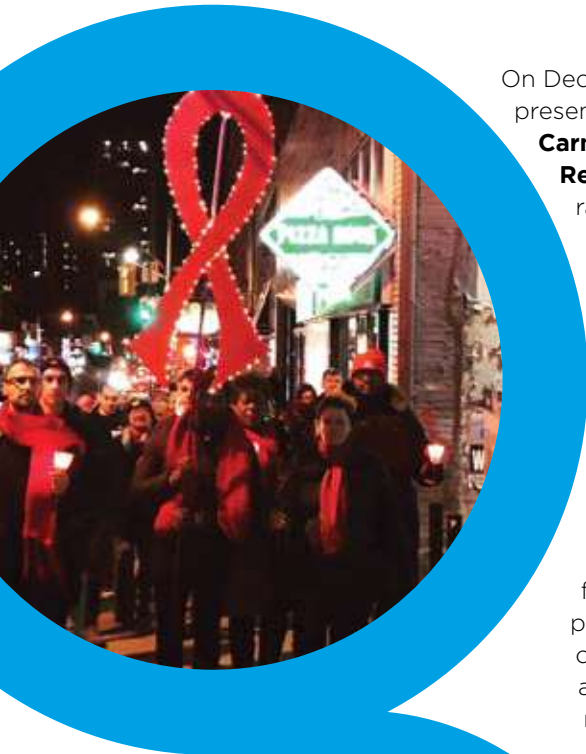


2009 Poz Prevention resource materials, developed in partnership with the Gay Men's Sexual Health Alliance, are recognized nationally and internationally as ground breaking. Opening Doors, an annual forum for PHAs and service providers is re-initiated in Toronto.

The outrageously fun second edition of **High Heel Strut** took place on the “catwalk” from Maitland to Alexander on June 18 during the Village BIA’s prePride Village Fest weekend. Hosted by incomparable local drag royalty, Morgan James, ten bold and fabulous participants worked their favorite heels dancing to music from DJ Phil Villeneuve, creating a spectacle for revelers of all ages. A panel of esteemed judges of community partners, PWA board, and volunteers added to the excitement scoring participants as they performed for the crowd. Sponsors Akasha Art Projects, Buddies in Bad Time, Hair of the Dog, Johnson & Johnson, Loblaw, McGregor, Ottway Herbs, Starbucks, Take a Walk on the Wild Side, and Vitamins provided prizes for participants and onlookers. The Strut raised \$3,500 and confirmation that anything in heels makes for a good time!



- **2010** The Foodbank’s transformation to an Essentials Market is complete. The Love Bowl begins – a Valentine’s themed bowl-a-thon.
- 18th International AIDS Conference in Vienna bases drug policies on evidence and supports harm reduction.



On December 1 - World AIDS Day - PWA presented the annual **Community Carnation Memorial** and introduced the **Red Ribbon Brigade** to honour and raise awareness about the annual international day of recognition of AIDS. During morning rush hour, wearing handmade red scarves by participants in PWA's Women Empowering Positive Women peer group, the Red Ribbon Brigade took HIV and AIDS awareness to the streets. They gave out hundreds of red ribbons reminding everyone that December 1st is World AIDS Day and that the fight is far from over. Later that afternoon we presented the 30th Anniversary edition of the Community Carnation Memorial at the 519 Community Center. The moving video and live presentation gave space for all living with and affected by HIV and AIDS to come together and grieve, reflect, honour and remember. The event concluded with the annual placing of carnations, donated by Demarco-Perpich Flowers, on the AIDS Memorial.





2012 A volunteer led Community Garden adds to PWA Food Programs. PWA marks its 25th Anniversary - honours the community that responded to HIV/AIDS and built PWA. The Supreme Court of Canada makes a new, very disappointing ruling on criminalization of HIV non-disclosure that will impact PHAs and challenge public health strategies for years to come.

Community Partner Spotlight

PWA's longevity is a testament to the incredible support from the community. In the early years of the agency and the AIDS crisis, PWA struggled to meet the rapidly growing demands. Individuals, groups and social clubs responded with empathy and generosity. Thirty years on, people are living longer with HIV, the need for support continues, and community partners endure. The following spotlight on The Imperial Court Of Toronto (TICOT), Spearhead Leather and Denim Club, and Chris Edwards highlight community partners who have made incredible contributions over the past 30 years.

The Imperial Court of Toronto - TICOT

TICOT is a non-profit community service organization with a vision to engage, inspire, and unit the local LGBTQA community. Their mission is to 'enhance the social experience of its members and to have a positive impact on the communities it serves through social and fundraising events.' The organization is completely run by volunteers who live fully by their mantra - to celebrate life through Friendship, Unity, and Nonsense: FUN!

In addition to their exhaustive annual fundraising events, TICOT always find time to participate in various PWA activities and events. PWA is proud to be a TICOT charity of choice. Their fundraising efforts support PWA's Essentials Market and Food Access programs.

Heartfelt thanks go out to the many Empresses and Emperors, and the entire court for their tireless efforts. In our 30 years together, TICOT has contributed hundreds of hours of service and raised over \$370,000.00 for PWA.



2013 PWA's Friends for Life Bike Rally celebrates 15 years; 4176 participants and \$12 million raise to date. PWA provides 221,500 services to 7,800 individuals this year.

Community Partner Spotlight

Spearhead Leather and Denim Social Club

Founded in 1970, Spearhead L.D.S.C. is one of the most enduring gay organizations of its kind in Canada. The leather social group was formed for the purpose of bringing together men who share similar interests and desire to support those most in need in the community. Spearhead has been constant presence in the community raising thousands of dollars for local AIDS charities.

PWA has proudly and humbly benefited from Spearheads vast community work. For three decades Spearhead has raised over \$45,000 in much needed funds and collected thousands of pounds of non-perishable food for PWA's Essentials Market through their various annual food drives, boat cruises, and other events.

Thank you to the generous Spearhead membership and Board of Directors for the unwavering support and recognition.



2014 The Melbourne Declaration: Nobody left Behind is launched at the 20th International AIDS Conference. New Study reports first direct evidence of HIV treatment reducing risk of HIV transmission.

Community Partner Spotlight

Chris Edwards, Stars Reach Out to PWA

Chris Edwards (1961-2016), a well-respected icon in the community, tirelessly raised funds for PWA. His signature event – an ensemble cast of character impersonations – was a biennial blow-out event of the best drag in Toronto. On January 26 fifteen seasoned and up-and-coming drag legends honoured Chris and entertained a boisterous crowd at Woody's. Co-hosted by Amanda Roberts and many of Toronto's Drag performers, this fun-fuelled night would have made Chris proud. Chris' dedication and commitment to people living with HIV/AIDS has changed lives and to this day his legacy continues to inspire.



2015 Volunteers provided 58,400 hours supporting programming and activities.



2016 PWA Friends for Life Bike Rally launches a One Day 110 KM ride Fundraiser.

2017 PWA celebrates 30 years of service to PHA's. PWA endorses the U=U consensus statement.

MISSION

We engage people living with HIV/AIDS in enhancing their health and well-being through practical and therapeutic support services and broader social change, and we inspire them to live into their dreams and discoveries.

VISION

We live in affirming, sustaining communities where we find inspiration and support for our dreams, health, well-being and meaningful contributions.

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