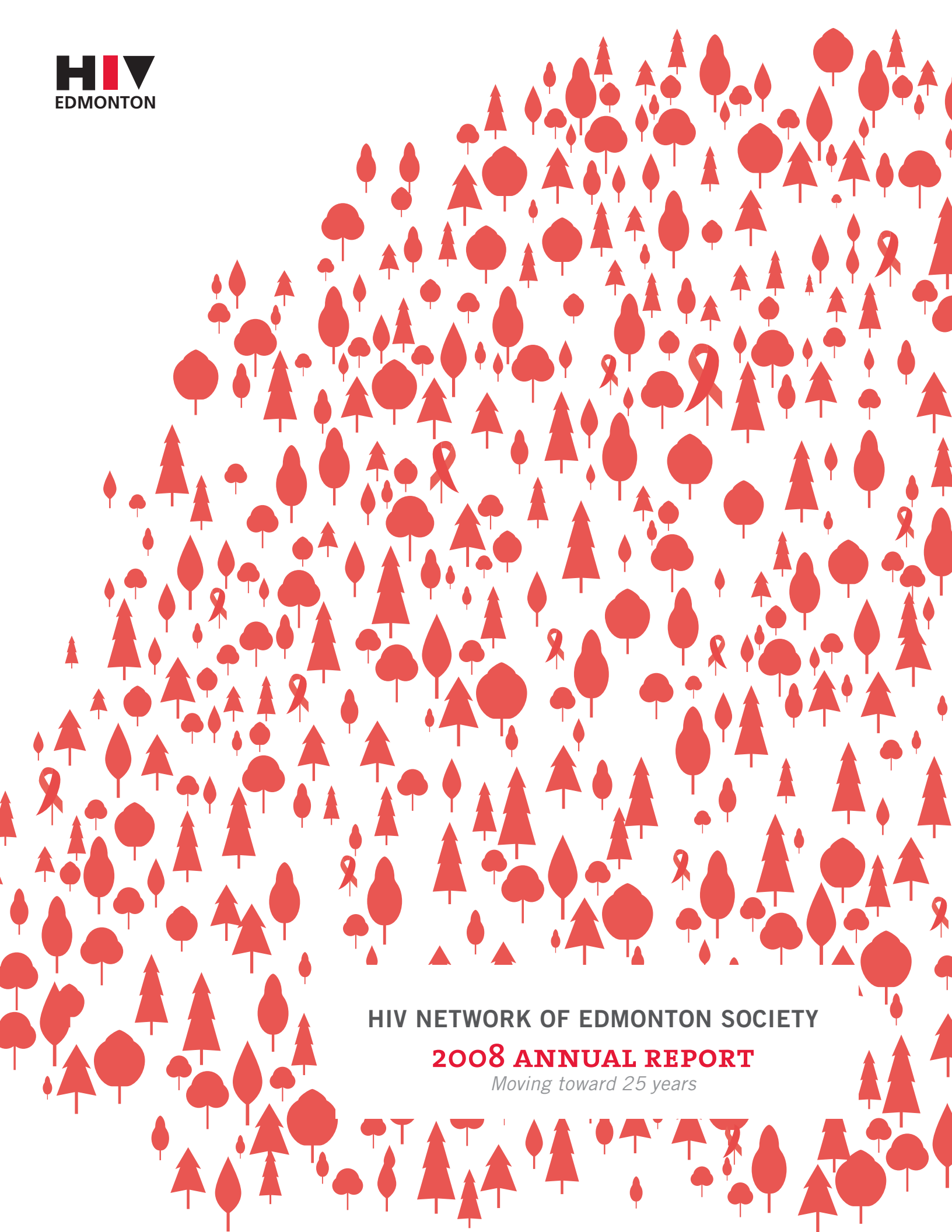
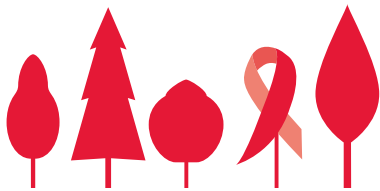


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HIV NETWORK OF EDMONTON SOCIETY

2008 ANNUAL REPORT

Moving toward 25 years



HIV EDMONTON STAFF

Words cannot describe the dedication of HIV Edmonton's passionate staff. Whether full-time or part-time, contract or here for the long haul, these people bring energy, commitment, and a can-do attitude to the organization and the people we help.

Tsion Demeke Abate
Jasmine Abrahamson
Chi Chung Lau
Dolan Badger
Misty Bjerky
Jill Delarue
Joyce LaBriola
QC Gu

Debra Jakubec
Ted Kerr
Helen Larson
Sue Ann Paydli
Jen Pollard
Robert Smith
Lynn Sutankayo
Leanne Warrenchuk



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Creating and delivering services and programs that will make a meaningful impact in the lives of clients and help reduce the transmission of HIV takes a team of creative, intelligent and informed people. Our volunteer board of directors has given superb direction and support throughout this past year.

Kelly Butler
Ryan Cooper
Anne Fanning
Susan Jamieson
Kari Jesswein
Jeffrey Terrance Keller
Tamar Koleba

Sarah Hayward (Past Chair)
Deana MacFadyen
James Mabey
Ian Quigley
Mary-Karen Reid
Jessica Saunders
Elexis Schloss

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



This year you'll read about many new and interesting developments in our Community Education work, including innovative programming, like Bodymapping, a psychosocial form of art therapy.

The Community Education team also began doing proactive rural work with healthcare providers and sexual health nurses from the regions formerly known as the Aspen and East Central health regions.

We also held gatherings with aboriginal grandmothers called 'Kohkum' (Cree for grandmother) Circles. This program was modeled after the Stephan Lewis Grandmother group. Our goal is to teach aboriginal grandmothers about HIV and healthy sexuality so they can teach their grandchildren to stay safe from HIV.

Coordinated by the Community Education team, HIV Edmonton is working on participatory community-based research with both the 'Newcomer' community and the Gay/Bisexual /MSM men's community. As both these projects are ongoing, we expect to present results in next years' Annual Report.

You will read about our Support and Outreach team's continuing work in supporting those living with HIV with our weekly drop-in and the ongoing success with our Talking Circle. HIV Edmonton also expanded the Ross Armstrong Program this past year to include a summer BBQ.

Further in this report you will find out about our novel artist-in-residence program. In its first year, the program has moved beyond infancy and is continuously producing results and offering a different view of HIV Edmonton to the community.

*The 2008/2009 year
has been an exciting
year indeed!*

In support of provincial work, our executive director, Debra Jakubec, has been Chair of the Alberta Community Council on HIV and HIV Edmonton has been working in partnership with AIDS Calgary. While some of the work we do is less formal, we also formally partnered on the AIDS Walk (Alberta Throwdown!), developed a Gay Men's Advisory Council and presented to the Standing Committee on Health regarding incoming electronic health records.

2008/2009 also saw the creation of a Fund Development strategy, which is being implemented this coming year.

It has been a busy but very productive year—refreshing—with many new beginnings and successes all year long. The staff and board look forward in anticipation to 2010, which will include preparing for our 25th Anniversary in 2011.

JEFF KELLER, CHAIR

DEBRA JAKUBEC, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

FUND DEVELOPMENT AND VOLUNTEERS

FUND DEVELOPMENT

Last year saw many exciting changes in Fund Development for HIV Edmonton. At the end of 2007/2008, 74% of HIV Edmonton's revenue came from the single source of contribution agreements. Looking ahead to the agency's future, the board and administration recognized the need to diversify funding sources.

Upon completion of a fund development review, administration and the board decided to invest in establishing a Fund Development department. A fund development plan was created and approved with the goals of establishing this department with appropriate systems, processes, and resources, and of diversifying funding sources and increasing revenue.

A key element of the fund development plan was to hire a full-time staff person to fulfill the role of Fund Development Coordinator. This position was filled at the end of March. A fund development committee has been formed with recruiting in place for more committee and event volunteers.

This year we saw several increases in funding sources:

- More individual donors, with staff and volunteers joining our monthly giving program
- Increased corporate donations with the development of a sponsorship program
- A significant increase in both pledge and sponsorship money raised by the annual Scotiabank AIDS Walk for Life

Work has begun on the feasibility of a capital campaign and this will continue into 2009/2010 with strategic planning sessions and a space study.

Taking steps to build on HIV Edmonton's fundraising infrastructure, The Raiser's Edge—fund development

software—was purchased and two key staff attended a four-day training session. This database program is industry standard and will allow HIV Edmonton to compile information on donors as well as other funding sources. This information will be invaluable to the future success of the organization.

Looking Ahead

We look forward to 2009/2010 as we continue striving to diversify the sources of funding and create a culture of giving for HIV Edmonton.

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

For the past 23 years, HIV Edmonton has been able to provide programs and services to our clients and community because of the dedication, kindness, and compassion of our outstanding volunteers.

Our HIV Edmonton board is comprised of volunteers who not only give their time to govern the agency, but also actively volunteer at our casino fundraiser, monthly Ross Armstrong nights, and other events.

When the call goes out for help, our volunteers are quick to step up and get involved. Whether labelling condoms for use in safe sex kits, preparing and serving a hot meal for our clients at the drop-in, or carrying out the many other tasks that need doing, our volunteers are dedicated to helping those in need.

HIV Edmonton staff and volunteers work together as a team toward a common goal to create a more compassionate, stigma-free community for people living with HIV and AIDS.

In 2008/2009, 332 dedicated volunteers donated 1,473 hours to the cause, allowing us to continue to provide programs and support to those who need it most.

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

Since the beginning, art has played a vital role within the AIDS movement. Today art continues to help us explore facts and feelings around HIV and AIDS and express the social, sexual, political and spiritual realities that come along with being sick or healthy, infected or affected.

Edmonton-based artist Ted Kerr, HIV Edmonton's first artist in residence, worked with HIV Edmonton during the past year to answer the question: How can art be part of an AIDS-aware community in Edmonton?

In part, Kerr's response has been through action. He participated in the Scotiabank AIDS Walk for Life and AIDS Awareness Week, helped to co-facilitate and roll out the bodymapping exhibit, hosted film screening/discussion nights, worked with community organizations like Metro Cinema to include HIV-related programming, and worked with other artists to create postcards that looked at issues around being gay in Edmonton.

During Kerr's time as HIV Edmonton's artist in residence news about the residency, as well as the power of art at an AIDS service organization has appeared in *The Edmonton Journal* as well as *The Canadian Medical Association Journal*. Over 100 people from various Edmonton communities have engaged in dialogue around HIV and AIDS, with art as the catalyst at various events such as film screenings and community talks, and 5000 postcards Kerr created have been printed and are being distributed. Kerr, along with HIV Edmonton, is sharing the word that AIDS is not over and that HIV is preventable, as well as eliminating stigma and discrimination.

Speaking about his experience as HIV Edmonton's artist in residence, Kerr says he sees how "art can serve the community as a means to create conversation, relay information, and act as a catalyst for new ways of thinking about sex, sexuality, drugs, health, and death."



Artist in Residence: Ted Kerr (left)



Within Edmonton's growing HIV-aware community, art is a vital tool HIV Edmonton can employ to help stop new infections of HIV and eliminate the suffering caused by the virus and the social issues that come with the HIV-positive diagnosis.

In the future, HIV Edmonton will continue to use art, artists, and creativity to increase awareness, compassion, and knowledge about HIV and AIDS in Edmonton.

SUPPORT AND OUTREACH

SUPPORT SERVICES

In 2008/2009, HIV Edmonton continued to offer high-quality support services to people living with HIV, their friends and family members, and those at risk. This year the Support and Outreach team saw a drastic increase in the number of clients accessing our services and the number of visits to our office by people requesting support. Over 5,344 people came to our office asking for support.

When discussing client visits in the thousands, it is easy to forget that the work we do with people is very personal.



5,344
CLIENT ENTRIES
a 46% increase over last year



322
NEW CLIENTS
a 62% increase over last year

Faye

Faye has been an HIV Edmonton client since July 2007. When she registered she was considered at high risk for HIV due to addictions and homelessness. She has tested positive for other sexually transmitted infections in the last year and has visited the office 109 times in 2008/2009.

Faye has been working with staff around a variety of concerns including issues related to cocaine abuse, unsuccessful attempts to control drug use, coping difficulties, physical health, pregnancy, and poverty. In the last year she has spent time in a detoxification centre and in treatment. This is the first time she has attempted to stop using drugs in the past six years.

Faye now receives income from Income Support; it's her first steady income in years. She successfully cut down on her crack use and gave birth to a healthy baby. Faye is currently in a residential treatment program and continues to test negative for HIV.

Peter

Peter has been a client at HIV Edmonton since May 2005. He is HIV-positive and Hepatitis C-positive and has been homeless for most of the last 15 years, primarily due to his alcohol use.

We have seen Peter 89 times in the last year and our work together has focused on poverty, money management, homelessness, addictions, and physical health. A year ago Peter had no income, was living on

the street, and primarily saw his doctors when he was admitted to hospital. Now he has been able to attend some doctor's appointments with the assistance of Support and Outreach staff, is receiving Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH), and has been in housing three out of the last four months.

In the last year, Peter has reported that he has "cut way down" on drinking hairspray and mouthwash. Support and Outreach staff also assisted in reuniting him with his family; an emotional reunification for everyone involved.

TALKING CIRCLE

In the last year HIV Edmonton has hosted the weekly Talking Circle, where our clients have an opportunity to smudge and share their concerns, challenges, and joys in a safe and supportive environment. Thirty-three people have participated in our Talking Circle this year, many attending weekly.



NUTRITION SUPPORT

Access to adequate nutrition is a challenge for many of our clients. To help address the need for a high-calorie and high-protein diet, we have been distributing cans of Ensure™ meal replacement. Our biggest challenge in this program is that demand for Ensure™ far exceeds the current supply. We have been exploring options for increasing our supply and hope that in the future we can help more people improve their health through nutrition.

ACUPUNCTURE CLINIC

In the summer of 2008 Dr. Jennifer Yee, a naturopathic doctor, approached us offering to do free acupuncture sessions with our clients. Dr. Jen now comes twice a month and sees a number of clients looking for new ways to cope with everything from chronic pain to quitting smoking.

ROSS ARMSTRONG PROGRAM

The Ross Armstrong Program gives people living with HIV vitamins, hygiene supplies, and a \$10 grocery card. This year we had 477 visits to the Ross Armstrong Program.

We also held a summer BBQ and a Christmas dinner. Both were thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended and the Christmas dinner was remarkably successful. With the support of volunteers and the board, we served a traditional turkey dinner to 65 appreciative people.

“These training sessions have helped me achieve my personal goals of experiencing and witnessing the world of non-profit work.”

BEN CHU



HIV EDMONTON AND CATIE CONTINUE INCREASING CAPACITY

HIV Edmonton's capacity-building partnership with Canadian Aids Treatment Information Exchange (CATIE) resulted in a new role this year. Community Education Coordinator, Lynn Sutankayo, became the prairie region's representative for capacity building.

Lynn joined the three representatives from the BC, Ontario, and Atlantic regions in CATIE's first ever Train-the-Trainer workshop, held in Toronto. The workshop taught facilitation skills in CATIE's core training treatment workshops: Viral Replication, Starting Treatment, and Adherence and Resistance.

CATIE also facilitated a three-day treatment and prevention workshop at HIV Edmonton, which was attended by nurses and HIV workers from Edmonton and across Alberta. Training included HIV Treatment Core Training and CATIE's newest prevention workshop, Beyond the Banana: Biology of HIV Transmission.

CATIE's trainings help support HIV Edmonton in providing up-to-date, quality education to the community and those affected by HIV.

HIV EDMONTON AND SIHA – A STRONG PARTNERSHIP

HIV Edmonton and the Students' International Health Association (SIHA) continue to work together to facilitate the Think Positive, Test Negative workshops in schools across Edmonton, beginning with the annual training of SIHA local chapter members early in the school year.

As SIHA focused on expanding their curriculum, HIV Edmonton supported the 2008 SIHA Summer Student, Ben Chu, a second-year university science student. Ben brought enthusiasm and humour to the office and presentations to 700 youth in CALM classes and youth centres.

*“I have
a very different outlook
on HIV than when I came in
here today.”*

BONNYVILLE WORKSHOP PARTICIPANT

*“We got to know all about
HIV and AIDS
and how you prevent it.”*

GRADE 6 STUDENT IN KIKINO METIS SETTLEMENT



COMMUNITY EDUCATION

REACHING RURAL COMMUNITIES

Early in 2008, the Alberta Community HIV Fund notified HIV Edmonton that we would receive funding to provide services to the Alberta Health Service areas formerly known as the Aspen and East Central Health regions.

Until this time, our ability to provide services in these areas had been significantly limited by funding constraints. Within the parameters of the additional 2008 ACHF funding, HIV Edmonton hopes to be able to offer specific, targeted services to better meet the needs of these regions' populations.

The results of consultations with the two former regions clearly indicate a strong interest in accessing HIV Edmonton services. While the regions differ in terms of geography, industries, and demographics, commonalities exist in the enthusiasm for access to a toll-free line, support services for diagnosed individuals, and access to regular updates and HIV and AIDS education for youth, service providers, and community agencies.

HIV Edmonton provided two-day HIV and AIDS training for eight nurses and sexual health consultants from the former Aspen and East Central regions. HIV Edmonton would like to thank those participants for their collaboration and support in making HIV Edmonton's education programs more accessible to communities across Alberta.

Rural Workshops

HIV Edmonton worked with Brian Huskins, educator, advocate, and principal associate of Huskins & Associates Consulting, Inc. to deliver HIV presentations to 11 educational institutions in rural areas surrounding Edmonton.

COMMUNITIES VISITED

BONNYVILLE, VERMILION,
KIKINO, COLD LAKE, BASHAW,
BAWLf, SEDGEWICK,
LAC LA BICHE,
PLAMONDON

Students learned:

- How important it is to accept others and be supportive, not judgmental
- That it's alright to talk about HIV and AIDS and it shouldn't be a taboo subject
- Basic prevention information
- More up-to-date numbers about infection rates in Canada
- That the HIV number keeps increasing and that it is a preventable disease. It does not come and get you; you get it from unprotected sexual intercourse with an infected person
- That AIDS is not a homosexual disease and that such stereotypes need to be dismissed

1,191 grade 9–12 students in rural areas received our workshop

Before the workshop, 44% of rural students reported “fair” knowledge of HIV and AIDS. After the workshop, 72% reported “very good” knowledge of HIV and AIDS.

*“I have learned
so much from all of you.*

*Through experience,
it is the personal touch
that hits and teaches the most.”*

VERMILION WORKSHOP PARTICIPANT



COMMUNITY EDUCATION RESULTS

	2007/08	2008/09
1 ADULT ATTENDEES	300	260
2 YOUTH ATTENDEES	700	667
3 NUMBER OF WORKSHOPS	16	39
4 SIHA PRESENTATIONS	37	12
5 TRIPLE THREAT:		
• More knowledge to protect themselves from HIV and AIDS	89%	95%
• More comfortable about HIV and AIDS after the presentation	69%	76%
6 PROFFESIONAL:		
• Feel more comfortable talking about HIV and AIDS as result of the workshop	93%	-
7 BASIC AND DETAILED COMBINED:		
• More knowledge to protect themselves from HIV and AIDS	-	93%
• More comfortable about HIV and AIDS after the presentation	-	84%

4,810
OFFICE VISITS

a 42% increase
over last year

*“When I tested
positive in 1991,*

*I wanted to provide information to people
to ensure they never became
infected with HIV.*

*This work takes me back to that core
motivation and I love it.”*

BRIAN HUSKINS, WORKSHOP FACILITATOR FOR RURAL SCHOOLS.



EVENTS

SPONSORS:

Platinum



GILEAD

CANPAR

Silver



MERCK FROSST

Venture
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unlimited
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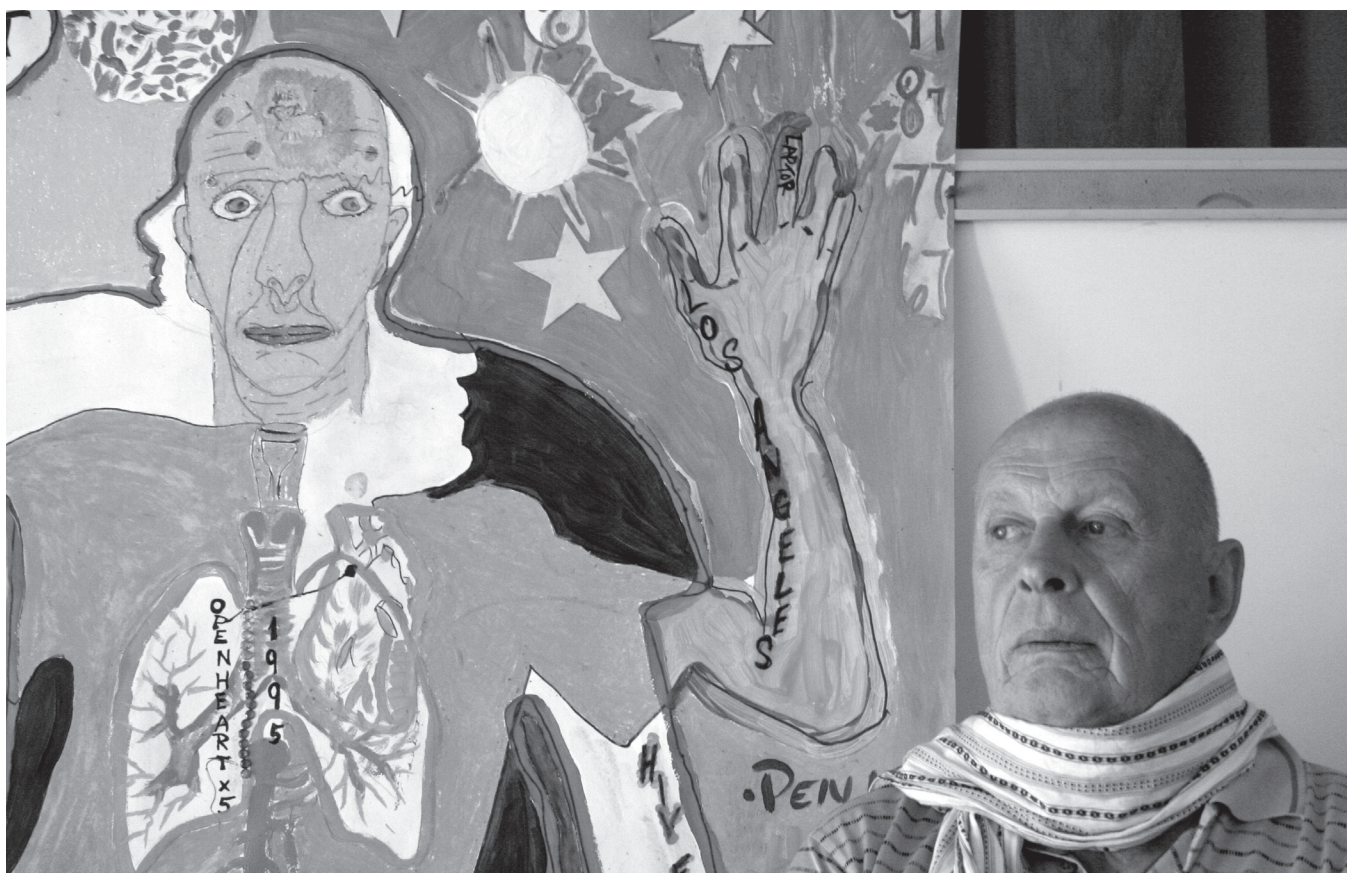
SCOTIABANK AIDS WALK FOR LIFE

For the past 18 years, HIV Edmonton has held the AIDS Walk for Life as a fundraising event. This year the Walk was renamed the Scotiabank AIDS Walk for Life. To date, over 500,000 Canadians have joined the Walk, raising much-needed funds for local AIDS service organizations.

Our 2008 Walk saw 299 walkers participate individually or as members of 39 teams to raise an astounding \$92,670. With the help of 36 Scotiabank AIDS Walk for Life sponsors, our Walk for Life raised \$152,376.

In Kind

College Copy Shop
Mountain Park Lodges
World Health Club
Art Gallery of Alberta
The Main Staple Poster
Jasper Brewing Co.
Marmot Basin
The Citadel Theatre
Pizza 73
West Edmonton Mall
Prana Holistic Ltd.
Oxygen Products Ltd.
Soho Grafics & Desktop Solutions
Great Canadian Dollar & Party Store
Mayfield Inn & Suites
IKON Office Solutions Inc.
GAP
Raj Sherman, MLA, Edmonton-Meadowlark
Investors Group



BODYMAPPING

In the summer of 2008, through the generous support of the Canadian AIDS Treatment Information Exchange (CATIE), The Paint Spot, and the Edmonton Community Adult Learning Association (ECALA), HIV Edmonton volunteers and staff met at a retreat centre in St. Paul, Alberta, to engage in a process known as bodymapping.

Bodymapping, which is also called Living with X, is a unique opportunity for people living with HIV and AIDS to create a very personal self-portrait in a safe, respectful, and welcoming environment. Through a series of exercises and prompts, participants are encouraged to express themselves in a variety of artistic formats resulting in life-size, two-dimensional representations of their bodies and lives.

Bodymapping explores what it is like to be living with HIV. It also explores the unique life experiences of each individual.

For example, the final exercise asks participants to define themselves and their peers:

I am living with the experience, the compassion, and the satisfaction of life. A person living with a back-up, if not a plan...

I am a warrior living with challenges while walking in beauty.

I am living with sensitivity and strength, seeking freedom in the sky.

The bodymaps were displayed at the 2008 Scotiabank AIDS Walk for Life and during the month of February at the Carrot Coffeehouse.

Special thanks to CATIE's Bodymapping program and Project Manager Tricia Smith for assisting HIV Edmonton in facilitating the bodymapping workshop. Thanks also to Bodymapping Steering Committee members Don Short, Newfoundland, and Christine Lummis, British Columbia.



HIV EDMONTON, FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE AIDS NETWORK OF EDMONTON, BEGAN WITH FIVE PEOPLE GATHERED AROUND MICHAEL PHAIR'S KITCHEN TABLE IN THE SUMMER OF 1984. BY 1986 THE NETWORK OFFICIALLY FINISHED ITS' REGISTRATION AND WAS INCORPORATED.

Over the next two years, leading up to our 25th celebration, we will spend time honoring our early champions, reflecting on the past, and remembering those we have lost to HIV and AIDS.

DEBRA JAKUBEC, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



FINANCIALS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

HIV NETWORK OF EDMONTON SOCIETY

	March 31	
	2009	2008
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	\$446,969	\$430,087
Accounts receivable	43,791	21,858
Prepaid expenses	14,808	14,804
	<u>505,568</u>	<u>466,749</u>
INVESTMENTS	17,747	22,389
EQUIPMENT	<u>26,279</u>	<u>10,346</u>
	<u>\$549,594</u>	<u>\$499,484</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 58,162	\$118,260
Deferred contributions	<u>72,546</u>	<u>2,558</u>
	130,708	120,818
NET ASSETS		
Invested in equipment	26,279	10,346
Internally restricted	282,313	36,020
Unrestricted	<u>110,294</u>	<u>332,300</u>
	<u>418,886</u>	<u>378,666</u>
	<u>\$549,594</u>	<u>\$499,484</u>

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS**HIV NETWORK OF EDMONTON SOCIETY**

	Year Ended March 31	
	2009	2008
REVENUE		
Alberta Community HIV Fund	\$ 861,445	\$728,451
Fund development	207,220	217,704
Other	17,667	23,961
Project	9,904	29,426
	<u>1,096,236</u>	<u>999,542</u>
EXPENSES		
Personnel	504,218	393,993
Contract services	138,749	54,029
Rent	95,613	93,609
Fund development	89,000	32,730
Materials	42,831	27,588
Travel	31,100	7,759
Communications	22,082	29,615
Evaluation	21,144	147,629
Insurance	17,761	20,692
Equipment rental	15,282	16,080
Project costs	14,700	12,678
Ross Armstrong purchases	14,195	7,529
Professional fees	11,914	21,111
Goods and Services Tax	10,735	13,925
Telephone and utilities	8,718	7,476
Amortization	5,646	3,778
Board meetings and liability insurance	4,823	2,790
Organizational memberships	3,656	1,994
Interest and bank charges	2,334	2,461
Other administration	1,515	1,415
	<u>1,056,016</u>	<u>898,881</u>
REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	<u>\$ 40,220</u>	<u>\$100,661</u>



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