



Our lives change forever.



Without a cure.



We live in the margins.



And HIV is not our only challenge.



Finding real support can help.



Sometimes, it's essential.

+ THE
NEEDS
HAVE
NEVER
GONE
AWAY.



For 36 years, HIV Edmonton has served our city's HIV+ community. We started in the midst of the AIDS crisis. Our work was as top-of-mind as you could get. A generation later, most Edmontonians hardly give HIV a second thought.

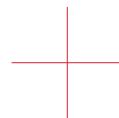
The landscape has changed, but the need hasn't. Our services change and save lives. And when people come to us, they get more than their basic needs met. They feel truly seen in a world that often pushes them aside. The heart of our work happens face to face. It can be as simple as a quick hello and a few free condoms. Sometimes it's setting them up with social supports, housing services, or addiction services—we continue to make hundreds of referrals each year. Often, it's a warm meal shared with familiar friends. Whatever the reason for their visit, clients know that at HIV Edmonton, stigma does not exist. They matter. And they will never feel forgotten.





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EVERY CONNECTION MAKES AN IMPACT.

**HIV EDMONTON DOESN'T SIMPLY WAIT FOR PEOPLE
TO COME TO US. WE GET OUT INTO THE COMMUNITY.**

Every year our events raise much needed awareness and funds. Our annual AIDS Walk and Superhero Run was vibrant, well attended and came with good weather. We were able to show Edmonton the amazing support of community by marching up Whyte Avenue.

Trying something new, we hosted our first Wine Survivor event for World AIDS Day allowing folks to participate from home while trying to outlast the other players to win!

Taste for Life continued to grow and get the community excited about food. They dine out, so our clients can dine in! It's a wonderful community dining experience.

Our team works hard to stay current on the ever-changing aspects of HIV. We developed and facilitated education presentations and took an informal approach to education by being on campus or at youth serving organizations. Building trust and relationships is our strength. This builds capacity and understanding while diminishing stigma. One participant had this feedback: "As a person who identifies as queer, I found this presentation so amazing, so helpful and important. I think everyone should have this presented to them." Another said, "I loved the inclusive nature of the conversation. A great group of people!"

+ THE
NUMBERS
CAN'T BE
IGNORED.

THIS WAS OUR YEAR.

+ 359 HIV EDMONTON
CLIENTS

+ 57 NEW CLIENTS

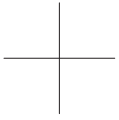
+ 110 NEW CASES
IN EDMONTON

+ 30,000 CONDOMS
DISTRIBUTED

+ 94 COMMUNITY
PARTNERSHIPS

+ 2,260 HIV PREVENTION
EDUCATION PARTICIPANTS

+ 8 CLIENT DEATHS



PROGRESS, ONE YEAR AT A TIME.

THE POLITICAL IS PERSONAL

For those who cannot have their voices heard, we are committed to amplifying their stories and continue to press for changes to not only improve but save people's lives.

MORE HOPE

The 2008 case of the Berlin patient cured of HIV was a defining moment in the field of HIV research—and a proof of principle that a cure was possible. This year, a patient in London became the second patient to be cured of HIV. Although not something that can be easily replicated, it brought new knowledge and hope.

ADDING OUR VOICE

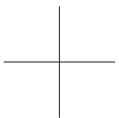
Adding our voice to the imperative work on changing discriminatory laws was an honour. It is our responsibility to protect people living with HIV and allow dignity over punishment. Our Executive Director was invited to present as a witness to the House of Commons Justice and Human Rights Committee on the Criminalization of HIV Non-Disclosure. This important work is about ending the unjust criminalization of people living with HIV in Canada.

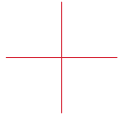
OUR COMMITMENT TO THE OPIOID CRISIS

The opioid crisis continues to be a political challenge. HIV Edmonton is steadfast in our commitment to supervised consumption services because they save lives and contribute to the health and well-being of people who use their services. Health services cannot be optional—they must be available to all people who need them.

A POWERFUL APOLOGY

There is nothing more personal than one's identity. This year brought an emotional and powerful apology from the Chief of Edmonton Police to the 2SLGBTQ community. HIV Edmonton was witness to this beginning of righting the historic wrongs against the 2SLGBTQ community.





AN UNFORGETTABLE EFFORT

MESSAGE FROM
OUR BOARD CHAIR
+ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

We are proud of the work achieved by HIV Edmonton this year. Despite facing numerous shifts in an ever-challenging landscape, HIV Edmonton remains committed to delivering the highest quality of services to its clientele. It is an ever-evolving organization that responds with dignity, integrity, and grace in an epoch of reduced funding, governmental change and varied external pressures. The Covid-19 pandemic, while presenting an all-consuming set of adversities, only served to reveal the true character of the team driving HIV Edmonton forward. The responsive, innovative, and forward-thinking expertise among the organization allowed for a nimble and effective response—ensuring ethical and efficient service-delivery to those impacted by, and living, with HIV.

Despite these trying times, HIV Edmonton remains committed to serving the community in solidarity while simultaneously acknowledging and honouring the diverse issues that drive the HIV epidemic. We wholeheartedly thank the staff, board members, volunteers and generous funders who support this integral line of work. We remain grateful for the trust and the support as we continue towards our *Vision of Zero*.

Sandra Christensen-Moore, Board Chair
+ **Shelley Williams**, Executive Director



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