

Save this Date

HIV doesn't know about current economic conditions, but we do. Our governmental funding has been cut, and more than ever we need your continuing support. The proceeds from this event will help fund HIV/AIDS education, awareness, prevention and confidential testing in our community.

Join us on November 15th for

The 19th Annual Feast for AIDS

at The Beach Club in Pebble Beach

Champagne Reception with an exceptional evening featuring a Gourmet Seven-Course dinner paired with selected fine wines created by the Restaurants of Pebble Beach and Guest Chefs.

Dazzling Silent Auction and Dancing
Black Tie Optional



By Nov. 1st \$150, after \$175

For tickets & info, call Daniela at 442-3959.

Central Coast HIV/AIDS Services

P.O. Box 1931
Monterey, CA 93942

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ARE YOU POSITIVE YOU'RE NEGATIVE?

Two young Americans become infected with HIV EVERY HOUR!

Reminder! World AIDS Day is Dec. 1st. Check our website, call or email CCHAS for ways to participate or get involved with various events in our area.

Fall 2009



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SUBJ: MCAP & John XXIII consolidate to strengthen community service to Monterey and San Benito counties!

Dear Friends,

As a valued supporter of the Monterey County AIDS Project (MCAP) and John XXIII HIV/AIDS Services (John XXIII), your dedication to our mission of community service has allowed us to collectively make a positive and lasting impact throughout Monterey and San Benito counties. It is in this spirit that we contact you to announce an exciting development which will unite our organizations and help ensure the continuation of vital services.

Given the nature of the HIV/AIDS epidemic, the needs of our clients and the current economic recession, the Boards of Directors of both MCAP and John XXIII have come to the wise decision to consolidate the operations of both agencies into one organization – Central Coast HIV/AIDS Services, or CCHAS. Both agencies have come to the conclusion that, all things considered, this is a prudent and necessary move to ensure that HIV/AIDS services for our clients are sustained into the future.

What does this all mean? Simply put, both agencies are working hard to guarantee that from everyone's perspective, it's going to seem like nothing more than a name change. Both the John XXIII office on Baldwin Street in Salinas and the MCAP office on Hamilton Avenue in Seaside will continue to operate as normal (i.e., same addresses, same phone numbers, etc.). Please note that all email addresses will also remain the same for the next few months or so.

For our clients who live in the Salinas area and have been primarily receiving services at John XXIII's Baldwin Street office, nothing will really change. For our clients who live on the Peninsula and have been primarily receiving services at MCAP's Hamilton House office, we are expecting to augment the staffing at that office in the coming months as part of the consolidation process. In either location, all our clients can continue to contact client services staff regarding office hours and services.

Again, both our agencies feel that this is a very positive and future-oriented move, and we ask that everyone bear with us as we go forward with the consolidation process in the coming months. Thank you in advance for your patience, understanding and support. We welcome your input, questions and comments.

Warmest regards,

Lynn Stockman
Lynn Stockman
Chair, Board of Directors
MCAP

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Kevin Logan
Chair, Board of Directors
John XXIII

Kathleen Banks
Executive Director
MCAP

Tom Melville
Executive Director
John XXIII



Together as One

While significant progress has been achieved in the battle to overcome HIV and AIDS, the unfortunate fact remains that every member of our community continues to be impacted by the effects of

this destructive epidemic. In response to the increasing needs of our at-risk local population and the state of the economy, the MCAP and John XXIII Boards of Directors have prudently concluded that our two organizations must be combined to ensure a strong future of reliable, effective and quality service to clients in need and the community at large.

It is with great pride and promise that MCAP and John XXIII announce our consolidation as Central Coast HIV/AIDS Services (CCHAS). The Boards and staff members of MCAP and John XXIII are working diligently to unify our operations and services. While it is extremely important to honor the legacy and achievements of our previous entities, our new name was chosen to convey that the entire Monterey and San Benito county region has a focused and enduring resource which can be relied upon going forward.

We thank you for your support and patience as MCAP and John XXIII unite to better fight the HIV/AIDS epidemic. We encourage your input and welcome your questions and comments.

Together, we are stronger. Together, we are focused. Together, our mission is one.

With warm regards,

-Kathleen Banks & Tom Melville



We Remember

We remember the following people who have completed their journey with HIV/AIDS since the beginning of 2009. The ripple they have made in the pond of life extends far to the many whose lives they have touched.

Jose B.

Johnnie J.

Stephanie M.

Eric S.

Hardy W.

Antonio C.



The Staff at CCHAS

(Left to right) Michael Ibarra, Client Services Coordinator – Tom Melville, Executive Director – Katie Murphy, Director of Development – Norma Baker, Volunteer Associate (AmeriCorps*VISTA) – Dennis Beasley, Community Health Educator/HIV Test Counselor – Emiko Torres, Community Health Educator/HIV Test Counselor – Daniela Mejia, Office Administrator – Yesica Naranjo, Client Services Coordinator – Jim Smith, Director of HIV Education, Prevention & Testing – Rod Montre, Community Health Educator/HIV Test Counselor – Eric Vogelgesang, Client Services Manager – Alma Luna, Client Services Coordinator. (not pictured – Eduardo Schulz, Director of Client Services)

The Salinas, Seaside and Monterey areas had the highest number of HIV/AIDS cases diagnosed between 2002 and 2006. The highest cases of HIV/AIDS diagnoses were in the following zip codes: 93940, 93950, 93953, 93955, 93906 and 93905.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q: Who will be the Executive Director of CCHAS?

A: Tom Melville will be the Executive Director. Tom was John XXIII Executive Director from 1995-97 and returned to the position last month. In between times, he served as Executive Officer of the Coalition of Homeless Services Providers (1997-2005) and was Director of Development at the Community Foundation for Monterey County (2005-09).

Tom replaces Sara Wilson, who was appointed Interim Executive Director this past February after Katherine Thoeni's departure from John XXIII following a long, dedicated and distinguished term as head of the agency for almost 12 years. Sarah will be attending seminary in Berkeley.

Kathleen Banks will be taking a break from her many years of community service to spend more time with her young children, ages four and six. Kat joined MCAP

back in 1997, working for its first Executive Director, then subsequent ones until she assumed the position in 2006. She is credited with streamlining MCAP operations, cross-training staff and creating other efficiencies that allowed more money to be directed to client care. She's been the heart and soul of MCAP, and our gratitude for her many contributions is immense.

Q: Will CCHAS still need volunteers?

A: Yes! Volunteers are essential to our mission of community service. Anyone interested should call the Volunteer Coordinator at 831-442-3959.

Q: When will I hear next about what's going on with CCHAS?

A: Stay tuned! In the coming months, announcements about these and other happenings will be in the next issue of this newsletter.

Q: If I'd like to send in written input, comments or questions, what's the best way to do this?

A: Use email! It saves time and paper. Send your written input, comments and/or questions to info@cchas.org. We'd love to hear from you, and your email will be answered as quickly as possible.

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