



The Pride Center Expands Services and Building Bridges to a Healthy Future

by Jorge Gardela, Senior Health Outreach Manager



The Pride Center at Equality Park, one of the country's top LGBT community centers, is at the forefront to secure a healthy future in the battle against HIV/AIDS and STDs in Broward County. Benefiting from a seventeen-year track record of providing prevention services to thousands of people, Pride Center clients are educated, counseled and linked to services for HIV, hepatitis and other communicable

The Pride Center, awarded a multi-year grant from the CDC (Centers for Disease Control), will expand its ability to empower, educate, and transform the lives of many at high risk for HIV infection. Expanded services will include comprehensive risk assessments through one-on-one counseling sessions and a number of support programs that will encourage risk reduction.

CDC funding for this program comes not a moment too soon for Broward County faced with the challenge of being first in the nation for new AIDS diagnoses and second for new HIV infections, according to the CDC's latest Surveillance Report.

"The Pride Center is very proud to be part of the CDC's efforts towards stopping the growth of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in our area," stated Paul Hyman, Executive Director. "The funding allows us to grow capacity to help individuals decrease risk behavior and reduce transmission of HIV and STD's through individual risk-reduction planning and reducing barriers to successful behavioral change.

The CDC grant enables The Pride Center to incorporate the CDC's "Health and Community Services Program" (HCSP) which includes: counseling testing and referral services, RESPECT Intervention for behavioral change and Comprehensive Risk Counseling Services when assisting those at highest risk for HIV infection. In addition to health education, The Pride Center provides testing services through its Minority Testing Initiative (MTI).

"The Pride Center has demonstrated meaningful results with its current HIV prevention programs," explains Jorge Gardela, Senior Health Outreach Manager. "CDC funding will enable the agency to continue its important work in the community on a much larger scale. We will we be better able to address the health concerns of the LGBT community, and show care and compassion to diverse communities in

Addressing diverse cultural needs, the Center emphasizes inclusion among its staff including: Tony White, Counseling, Testing and Referral Coordinator; Mauricio Ferrer, Health Coordinator for HCSP; Emilio Aponte, RESPECT Coordinator; Andres Santofimio, Comprehensive Risk Counseling Specialist; and S. F. Makalani-MaHee, Data Entry/Control Specialist. They join existing staff: Blue Mannix, Minority Testing Initiative Manager and Testing Specialists Albert Taylor and Daniel Dardenne. We are particularly grateful to our team of skilled and generous volunteers, whose participation is invaluable.

Pride Center Welcomes **New Board Members**

Joe Angelo

Joe Angelo hails from Philadelphia, Pa., and earned undergraduate degrees from Drexel University and The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. In 1996 he moved to Florida; with his partner, Brandon Xavier Lyle, they soon made Wilton Manors their home. Later, he earned his MBA from The University of Miami. Joe is very active in the community, and was a co-founder of the Westside Association of Wilton Manors. He has also made a significant investment in the community through numerous civic and city board involvement. In 2004 residents elected Joe as a Commissioner for the City of Wilton Manors. As a result of that election, Joe became the



first openly gay African-American elected official in Florida's history. Four years later, Joe earned a par-tial scholarship to attend The John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, and in 2009 he was awarded an MPA degree. Joe spent a number of years in the engineering and electric utility sector, and now does private consulting.

Irwin Drucker, originally from New York City, has lived in the Fort Lauderdale area since 1983. Irwin is a graduate of Georgetown University, and received his MBA from New York University Stern School of Business. Irwin has worked for IBM for the past twenty-seven years. In 1999, Irwin established the first GLBT supplier diversity program in the world, at IBM. Since then, he has been instrumental in the establishment of both the National and International Gay and Lesbian Chambers of Commerce, and is a member of both of their Boards of Directors. In addition, Irwin was named GLBT Supplier Diversity Advocate of the Year by the National Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce in 2008. Irwin became involved with the GLCC/Pride Center as a Founders Circle member in



David Feinberg

David Feinberg is currently Senior Vice President and South Florida District Manager at Northwest Savings Bank. A New York City native, David has been in South Florida for the last 17 years, where he has worked for several local banks and brings over 22 years of banking experience to the communities he serves. Prior to his career at Northwest Savings Bank, David worked for AmTrust Bank, where he held various positions over his 9 year career with them, including Regional Vice President.



David Guzman

David Guzman is Senior Vice President and Community Bank President for the Broward region of Wells Fargo's Florida Community Bank. He manages \$3.8 billion in deposits and 44 banking stores currently operating under the Wachovia brand. David joined Wells Fargo in 2002 and has worked in the financial services industry since 1996. He most recently served as the District Manager for the Beverly Hills Corridor region in the greater Los Angeles region. Prior to that, he was district manager in the Santa Barbara/Ventura market for the Wells Fargo Pacific Coast Community Bank as well as the North Valley community in the San Fernando Valley Commu-



nity Bank. Prior to joining Wells Fargo, he served as chief financial officer for Fringe Consulting Group, Inc., and also worked as a financial services officer at Bank of America. David holds a bachelor's degree in finance from California State University Northridge and graduated from the Consumer Bankers Association Graduate School of Retail Bank Management.

Donn Rubin, a Michigan native, moved to Miami, Florida in 1973. He started his career in the health care industry. While attending the University of Miami, Donn met his current partner, Stephen Harmon in 1977. Eventually joining Chas. Harmon & Company, Donn grew to become CFO and Board Member of the Chas. Harmon Family Trust. After the company was sold in 1993, Donn relocated to Los Angeles, joining Cedars-Sinai Medical Center as a Department Director. Chief among his duties was overseeing Major Gift Giving. Donn was active in the Los Angeles GLCC and the Kol



Ami Synagogue. Coming back to South Florida in 2005, Donn used his financial background to join the Mortgage Banking world. Currently with Academy Mortgage Home Loan Corporation, Donn has offices in both Wilton Manors and Boca Raton. Serving the community here for the past 5 years has been his passion and pleasure. Donn is active in many non-profit organizations, and is honored to join the Board of Directors of The Pride Center at Equality Park.

Pride Center Calendar of Events

Every Tue. Seniors Coffee & Conversation at the Pride Center, 10:30am-12pm. 2nd & 4th Tues. Seniors Game Afternoon at the Pride Center, 1:00pm-3:00pm. 1st & 3rd Tues. Senior Movies at the Pride Center, 1:00pm-3:00pm

Fri., Nov 5 Diwali Celebration, a fundraiser for the Pride Center hosted by Jayant Goyle and Greg Dudzek. \$50 per person, limited to 100. Must RSVP by November 1 to rboo@PrideCenterFlorida.org.

Sat., Nov 6 & Dec 4 Pride Center Flea Market, 8:00am-2:00pm. (1st Sat of the

Sun., Nov 7 25th Anniversary "Desert Hearts" movie showing and T-dance at the Pride Center, 1:00pm-5:30pm.

Thu., Nov 11 Founders Circle Reception, 6:00pm-8:00pm, hosted by Broward General Hospital. Contact Robert Boo, Director of Development, for more informa-

tion about the Founders Circle, 954-463-9005 or rboo@PrideCenterFlorida.org. Sat., Nov 13 & Dec 11 Gay BINGO at the Pride Center, 7:00pm-10:30pm. (2nd

Sat., Nov 13 Special Holiday Craft Fair at the Pride Center, 10:00am-2:00pm For more information contact David Yalen at dyalen@PrideCenterFlorida.org.

Mon., Nov 15 & Dec 20 Sage Movie Night at the Pride Center, 4:00pm-6:00pm

Thu., Nov 18 Lavender Events for Women Presents "Lavender Speaks" (open mic) at the Pride Center, 7:30pm 9:30pm. (3rd Thu of the month)

Thu., Nov 25 **Thanksgiving Dinner** for anyone who would like to dine with other friends at the Pride Center, Noon 2:00 PM. Volunteers and food donations welcomed. Food provided by Church Of The Holy Spirit Song. Contact Linda Jain for more details at (954) 463-9005.

Thu., Dec 2 Founders Circle Reception, 5:30pm-7:30pm, hosted by Allied Kitchen & Bath. Guests are encouraged to bring a new unwrapped toy for a child. Contact Robert Boo, Director of Development for more information about the Founders Circle, 954-463-9005 or rboo@PrideCenterFlorida.org.

Thu., Dec 2 South Florida Symphony Orchestra, Master Concert Series II, 8:00pm, Broward Center. Pride Center members receive special pricing. Look for more details on our website, PrideCenterFlorida.org.

Sat., Dec 4 Lavender Events for Women Holiday Variety Show at the Pride Center, 7:00pm-10:00pm. For more information contact Donna Woessner, Women & Senior Services Coordinator, at dwoessner@PrideCenterFlorida.org.

Tue., Dec 7 3rd Annual Hot Spots Magazine and Embassy Suites Holiday Celebration, 7:00pm-10:00pm, hosted at the Embassy Suites Fort Lauderdale, 1100 SE 17th Street. Tickets can be purchased by visiting our website, PrideCenterFlorida.org. For more information contact Robert Boo, Director of Development, at rboo@PrideCenterFlorida.org.

From the Executive Director:

Steadfast Nurturing and Hard Won Battles

In recent weeks, we have been confronted by the bitter and violent reality of LGBT young people taking their own lives, in the face of bigotry and hatred. Increased reporting and visibility alert us to these tragic events, which take place far too frequently for many, many years. Despite our progress, the world is a dangerous place for LGBT young people.

By definition, kids are not in charge of their own lives. Their parents, care givers, adult family members, educators, clergy, peers and others set the stage for young peoples' well being and self concept. Kids who often do not decide for themselves what to eat for dinner, decide in desperation to take their own lives. No child should have to bear such responsibility and horror.

As an out, proud gay adult I came face-toface with my own feelings of hopelessness, helplessness, anger and resignation over the suicidal deaths of these young people in recent weeks. The intractable hate and igno-

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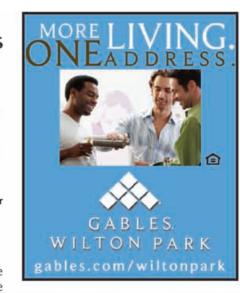
rance that ruined these lives sometimes seems insurmountable. Yet, there are battles that must be fought. There is a war going on and our children are paying the ultimate price, with their lives. Their surviving parents, siblings, friends, loved ones and by Paul Hyman, communities will never know Executive Director the contributions that these young people would have

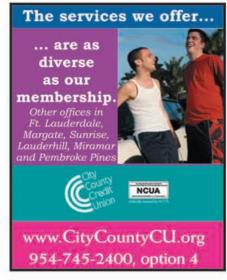


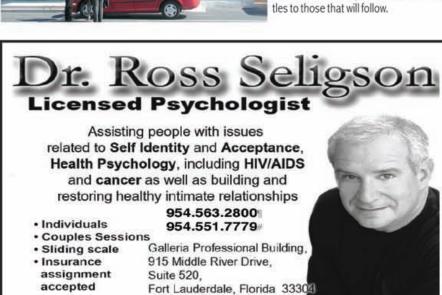
We can mobilize emotionally and spiritually, as we did at a recent vigil in collaboration with Sunshine Cathedral. We can disseminate social media messages, as is being done with the "It Gets Better" campaign. However, right herein our community, we have an opportunity to mobilize and demand change. An ACT UP moment is upon us!

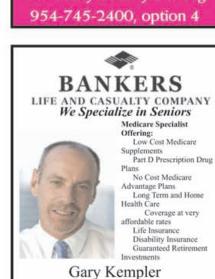
During the coming weeks, we will release plans to teach the community how to mobilize, how to affect

change in local, county and state government, how to intervience and are ernment, how to intervene, advocate and effectively demand and achieve policy changes and an infrastructure of support for young people. The status quo will not suffice. We owe much of our current independence and openness to generations that preceded us. We owe steadfast nurturing and hard-won bat-









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Pride Center Programs & Services

LATINOS - GALANES (Gay Latino No Estas Solo) provides outreach and direct services to more than five thousand Latinos in the region. Its impact and importance in the fight against HIV and AIDS is significant. Latin culture(s) are specifically targeted with programming that is comfortable and familiar to them.

YOUTH - B.U.S.Y. (Benefitting Under Served Youth) aims to connect disadvantaged youth with school-based support to increase academic skills by partnering with positive role models. All too frequently, these young people become school drop-outs. B.U.S.Y. assists with school work, while supporting teachers, school administrators and families, with the goal of helping students to succeed.

YOUTH - YEPSA (Youth Education and Prevention of Substance Abuse) provides a safe Internet presence offering a place for discussions leading to increased understanding and awareness of substance abuse and HIV. Prevention through education is the objective. This is a valuable, well received and extremely effective program for at-risk youth.

SENIORS - The Pride Center's Senior Advisory Council and the "Not-So-Serious-Seniors" provide fun and entertaining programs. The Pride Center also hosts SAGE (Senior Action in a Gay Environment) groups and Prime Timers events, which provide opportunities for seniors to come together on a regular basis.

The Assisted Living Facilities Project (ALF) is charged with the task of contacting and meeting with the administration of assisted living centers and nursing homes to determine their attitudes about the LGBT community and define training opportunities at each center.

WOMEN - Lavender Events for Women is a social networking program that enables women to come together and showcase their businesses, enjoy fun activities and discuss important topics. This initiative is expected to expand at the new campus, with forthcoming financial support.

TRANSGENDER - The Pride Center supports TERI (Transgender Equal Rights Initiative) with marketing and fiscal management support and meeting space. TERI provides information on many issues affecting the transgender community. In addition, the Pride Center supports TERI's

social and community initiatives.

HIV TESTING - This invaluable program is one of the most accessible and confidential testing programs offered in Broward County. Encouraging persons to seek testing, providing timely results and thoughtful, compassionate counseling make this one of the Pride Center's most important programs. More than 1,400 people used this free service in the past year.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE - The Pride Center helped to establish and supports the Gay Domestic Violence Coalition. Just as prevalent in the GLBT community as in other populations, the Pride Center's domestic violence hotline and group services provide discrete information and referral services for this hidden and growing issue.

HIV PREVENTION - The PALS Project gathers people living with HIV/AIDS to provide real social support, accurate HIV information and practical, effective tools to lead safer, richer lives. PALS (Positive Action for Living Safely) offers both the 17-week LIFE Program and the five-week CHOICES Program. The L.I.F.E. Program provides step-by-step coaching and fellowship to help participants create and implement personal health plans for long-term thriving with HIV. CHOICES presents fun, interactive small groups to discuss how to build healthy relationships, negotiate safer sex, lower stress and disclose HIV-status to family, friends and sex partners.

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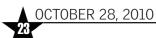
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With a tradition of giving back to the community instilled by his entire family, Howard Greenfield left a generous sum of over \$12,000 in his will to The Pride Center. This was not Howard's first gift to the Center. He was a long time supporter of the Center along with many other charities. According to Louis Gelb, nephew of Howard's long time partner Bill Rubin (and a dedicated Pride Center volunteer himself)

the entire Greenfield family is philanthropic. His sister, Lenore G. Rothman's estate is still donating

"Planned Giving" is an easy way to have the peace of mind that you can make a difference in the community you care about, long after you have passed on. You should always consult your attorney and/or CPA before making a bequest. Community organizations like The Pride Center can only thrive when they are fully-funded. Our future is only as strong as the people who make a difference.

The money Howard left the center will be used to help fund the programs and services provided to the community. For a complete listing of programs and services provided by the Pride Center visit our website, PrideCenterFlorida.org. During the difficult economic times such as we have today, donations like Howard's are even more important and appreciated. If you would like to consider making a difference in your community, the way Howard did, please contact Robert Boo, Director of Development at rboo@PrideCenterFlorida.org or 954-463-9005.







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AA - Candlelight Meditation Group (Recovery) Tues 8:30-9:30 p AA - Each Day a New Beginning (Recovery) Daily Mon-Sun 9-10a AA - Northeast Group (Recovery) Mon 8:30-9:30p

AA - Sober, Proud and Gay (Recovery) Fri 8:30-10p
Assertiveness Skills Training (SunServe/Educational) Mon 5:30-6:30p
Crystal Meth Support Group (Support) Sun 9-10a
Coffee and Conversation/Senior Advisory Council (Social/Seniors) Tue 10:30a-12noon

Double Winners (Support) Wed 5:45-6:45p

Gay Bridge Club (Fun) Mon & Fri 1-4p Gay Catholics Group (Spiritual) Tue 7:30-9:30p

Italian Class (Educational) Thu 3-5p
Man2Man Talk (Social) Mon 7-8:30p
Mindfulness Skills Training (SunServe/Educational) Tue 5-6p
Monday Night Women's Group (Social) Mon 7:30-9p
Narcotics Anonymous Rainbow Group (Recovery) Wed 8-9p

New Path Narcotics Anonymous Group (Recovery) Mon, Tue, Thu 7-8p New Path Narcotics Anonymous Group (Recovery) Sat, Sun 4-5p Overeaters Anonymous (Recovery) Sun 12noon-1:30p Overeaters Anonymous (Recovery) Fri 7:30-9p POZ Attitudes Here and Now (HIV Support) Wed 7-9p

Positive Connections (HIV Support) Tue 6:30-8p SAGE Men's Social (Social, Seniors) Wed 1-3p

Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous (SLAA/Recovery) Fri 7-8p Senior Exercise Class (Health/Senior) Mon, Wed, Fri 10:15-11:15a Senior Exercise Class (Health/Senior) Mon, Wed, Fri 11:15-12:15a

Senior Gay Men's Support Group (Support) Mon 11a-12noon Smart Recovery (Non-12 Step Recovery) Thu 6:30-8:00p

Toastmasters (Educational) Mon 7:15-9:15p

Women 4 Women (Support) Wed 5:45-7:15p

Women's Non-Competitive Basketball (Social) Sat 3-5p Young Adult Group (23-35 yoa/GLCC Support) Thu 8:30-9:45p Youth Group (Social 12-17/18-23 yoa/SunServe) Tue 7:30-9:30p

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Ballet & Opera Group (Educational) 2nd & 4th Sun 1-4p

Bereavement Group (Support) 2nd & 4th Sun 2-4p

Bisexual Connections (Support) 1st & 3rd Wed 7:30-9:30p

Broward Anti War Coalition (Support) 1st & 3rd Wed 7:30-9:30p

Lavender Events for Women (Social) 2nd & 4th Mon 6:30-8p

Lovers & Friends (Closed) 2nd & 4th Sun 1-4p

Medicine Signs Meditation Group (Spiritual) 1, 3, 5 Thu 7-9p

POZ Long-Term Survivor Gay Men (HIV Support) 1st & 3rd Thu 6:30-8p

Senior Games Day (Social) 2nd & 4th Tue 1-4p

Spirituality Think Tank (Spiritual) 2nd & 4th Thu 7-8p

MONTHLY RECURRING MEETINGS/EVENTS

AVER (American Veterans for Equal Rights-Open to all Vets) 2nd Tue 7:30-9p Big Men's Club: Chubbies & Chasers (Social) 3rd Sat 1-4p Pride Center BINGO (Open to Public) 2nd Sat 7-10p Dolphin Democrats (Mthly Meeting) 2nd Wed 7:30-9:30p Lavender Speaks (Social) 3rd Thu 7:30-10p Pride Center Memorial Garden Club (Educational) 3rd Wed 7p-9p Pride Center Flea Market (Open to Public) 1st Sat 8a-2p Primetimers (Open to Public) 1st Sun 3-5p SAGE Computer Club (Educational) 2nd Wed 4-6p SAGE Movie (Movie/Social) 3rd Monday 4-6p S. F. Rainbow Alliance of the Deaf (Support) 1st Sun 2:30-3:30p TERI (Mthly Meeting) 3rd Mon 6:30-8p

Transgender Support Group (Support) 3rd Fri 7-8:30p

Women in Network (Social) 1st Wed 7-9p

Cirque du Soleil's touring production KOOZA is hitting Miami this winter, and friends of Ft. Lauderdale's Pride Center can receive 15% off select performances!

Cirque du Soleil is pleased to announce that it will return to Miami with its big top touring production, KOOZA, starting Friday, November 12th, 2010. KOOZA will perform for a limited engagement under the trademark blue-and-yellow Grand Chapiteau (Big Top) at Miami's Bicentennial Park.

KOOZA is a return to the origins of Cirque du Soleil: It combines two circus traditions - acrobatic performance and the art of clowning. The show is set in an electrifying and exotic visual world full of surprises, thrills, chills, audacity and total involvement. Truly an adrenaline rush of acrobatics in a crazy kingdom!

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June Founders Reception

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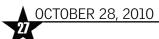
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"AfterLIFE" Provides Opportunities for Camaraderie

By Michael Childers

activities for people living with HIV/ADS, developed continue to gather informally. The LIFE Program is an 18-week health enhancement program provided by the Pride Center's PALS Project. Many people form bonds of trusted support during the LIFE program, and AfterLIFE is a way to strengthen those bonds. It is also a way for graduates of different cycles of the LIFE program to meet and develop friendships.

The initial idea for AfterLIFE was developed about three years ago by two graduates of the LIFE Program. They wanted to keep the feelings of camaraderie they had developed, so they organized their first AfterLIFE event, a barbecue at one of their homes for members of their own cycle. This party went so well, they planned more events and invited the graduates of other cycles. As the program grew and more graduates became involved in planning, they integrated different types of events. Now in addition to social activities, the AfterLIFE program includes educational, charitable and community events.

The program is currently thriving with monthly social events such as bowling at Manor Lanes the third Thursday of the month, game night at the Pride Center on the fourth Wednesday of the month and movie nights and social gatherings scheduled throughout the year. On the educational front, AfterLIFE helps to promote Life Goes On, all day seminars provided to LIFE graduates throughout the year that focus in-depth on life areas covered during the 18-week program.

AfterLIFE, a volunteer-organized program of AfterLIFE also collaborates and promotes the educational and support programs of other from a desire for graduates of the LIFE program to community groups, including Positive Attitudes at the Pride Center and BOLT events at Fusion. This year AfterLIFE volunteers were instrumental in organizing the Pride Center Team for the Florida AIDS Walk, the largest team to participate and a team which raised around \$23,000 for HIV and AIDS-related organizations.

> Going forward, the volunteers of the AfterLIFE program hope to build upon their many successes. There are exciting events planned and more in the planning stages. Next year's Florida AIDS Walk is expected to be a greater success on all fronts. The future will also bring new participants as each new LIFE cycle graduates and all current graduates are invited to join any AfterLIFE event.

> If you're interested in participating in any events, or enrolling in the 18-week LIFE Program, please call the PALS Project at the Pride Center, (954) 463-9011. The PALS Project offers health education, wellness empowerment, risk-reduction counseling, service linkage, and emotional and practical support to the nearly 9,500 gay and bisexual men living with HIV/AIDS in Broward County. PALS helps men lead safer, richer lives.

> Funded by the Florida Department of Health, Bureau of HIV/AIDS, PALS also provides the fiveweek CHOICES program. CHOICES helps build coping skills to handle some stressors of living with HIV, including building healthier relationships, negotiating safer sex, lowering stress and disclosing HIV-status.





