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World AIDS Day



December 1st

Greetings Friends:

On December 1st, we embark on another day of remembrance of those who are living with and have died from AIDS. This year marked 25 years of knowing about the AIDS virus which is now destroying the African American community. 25 years of pain and loss of loved ones. 25 years of education and prevention. 25 years of denial, hatred, and ostracizing from the Black church. We have got to wake up! African Americans make up 13% of the US population, but make up over 50% of the newly diagnosed cases of HIV. AIDS has become one of the leading causes of death in our community.

On December 1st I ask that you take time out to educate and encourage people to get tested in your community. AIDS is color blind and has no respect of gender. Don't let it be another 25 years of devastation. Please get tested.

Ronnie E. Bass / Executive Director

S1C Employee of the Month



Fareed Covington

S1C Volunteer Outreach Coordinator



Fareed is one of S1C most dedicated, unselfish, kind and willing staff member that we have. Fareed has been with us since 2003 and has been unwavering in his duties. He is a great asset to S1C and the community in which we serve. Thank you again for your time, talent and love.



December Calendar

Dec 1 – FCDHW 2nd

Annual

Dec 1 - Stop AIDS; Keep the Promise -Accountability

WRFG 89.3 S1C on at 1:00-1:30pm

Dec 1 – S1C Club outreach (Club 708) 10pm – 2am

Dec 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

– Evening Chat

Sundays at 6:30pm

Dec 4,11,18,25 – HIV State of Emergency meeting 6pm ASP

Dec 4,11,18,25 – ITLA meeting / Colony Square Hotel

Dec 11 – PLWA Education session Jerusalem House 6pm

Dec 13 – PLWA Education session Edgewood House 1:30pm

Dec 14 – PLWA Education session Northwest Ministries 1pm

Dec 16 – Jerusalem House Christmas Party 6pm

Dec 19 – S1C Christmas Party 6pm

Dec 20 – Common Ground 11am



Condoms urged in prisons to curb AIDS

Black leaders call for steps to slow HIV's spread in minority populations

U.S. prisons should make condoms available to inmates and test for HIV as part of a broader effort to curb the spread of AIDS among blacks, hit disproportionately hard by the incurable disease, experts urged Thursday.

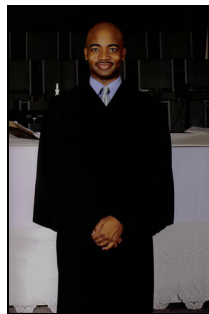
The National Minority AIDS Council advocacy group, backed by U.S. black lawmakers and medical leaders, issued a series of recommendations aimed at U.S. policymakers to slow the epidemic among blacks, 10 times more likely than whites to have AIDS.

"In 2006, AIDS in America is a black disease," said Phill Wilson, executive director of the Black AIDS Institute in Los Angeles.

Entire story link:

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/15753803/from/ET/>

We call him Chaplain



Rev. Paris Ealey, MS

We call him Chaplain. **Rev. Paris Ealey** is S1C newest staff member. Rev. Ealey serves as chaplain and spiritual advisor for the organization. He is gifted in listening and counseling on everyday issues. Chaplain Ealey is a person of great character and is anointed to serve people that are in need of spiritual guidance and up lifting. S1C welcome you and is looking forward to you doing great things for the agency.



Merry Christmas



For your Holiday Meals

HIV Testing



S1C is now administering HIV testing with **OraQuick Advance**. This has allowed us to conduct HIV testing during street and club outreach. Our in-house testing days are on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays, at the Mitchell Street location. 10am – 4pm

FREE HIV Testing!

Become a volunteer in the community-based HIV testing program of Someone Cares, Inc. We are in the process of recruiting new HIV testing volunteers. Wouldn't you LOVE to help make a difference in our community, while learning a valuable skill for your job resume and help save lives all at the same time? Just contact Someone Cares, Inc., for training opportunities. We can train you to use the new OraQuick Advance rapid HIV testing device, learn how to provide proper counseling and connect people to medical resources and much-needed support services. Just call 770-226-0075 for more details.

NAESM Will Host its 2007 National African American MSM Leadership Conference on HIV/AIDS in Charlotte, NC



Atlanta, GA • National AIDS Education & Services for Minorities, Inc. (NAESM) announces it will host its 3rd National African American MSM Leadership Conference on HIV/AIDS in Charlotte, North Carolina from January 25 – 28, 2007. According to NAESM, this conference is the only one of its kind in that it focuses solely on African American men who have sex with men, a population whose HIV/AIDS infection rates are disproportionate when compared to those of other ethnic and risk exposure populations in the United States.

Currently, NAESM is accepting abstracts, sponsorship, registration, and scholarships. For more information, visit www.naesmonline.org.

DHR hosted Syphilis Elimination Effort Project

On November 13th DHR hosted a state wide SEE meeting of ASO and CBO in Atlanta Georgia. In its efforts to curve the re-emergent of Syphilis cases reported in the state, DHR expressed a need for community support in combating Syphilis. The Atlanta Metropolitan area rank number one in syphilis cases reported in Georgia. DHR is seeking to enhance surveillance and strengthen community involvement & partnership to decrease the spread of syphilis. **Kevin Ramos is the SEE Project Coordinator.**

Volunteers Needed

S1C welcome all volunteers. We encourage you to volunteer with S1c which will give you an insight into how we serve the community here in Metro Atlanta. Your in-kind service help us keep the doors open

Our Mission

Our mission is to empower the African American and Latino MSM community, through HIV education and prevention methods, assisting them to take control of their lives in making sound sexual decisions. To broaden people living with AIDS knowledge base to help them make conscientious choices about available health care options, and enhance their skills to live a healthy and fulfilling life.

Please Donate

S1C is able to carry out our vital mission through your generous financial contributions. We are a 501 (c) 3 agency. Your donations are tax deductible. Please give to help us, help others that are in need. Thank you.

Mark A. Douglas receives award

Mark Anthony Douglas, CEO/Executive Director of My Bothaz Home, Inc. in Savannah, GA , Shown at the spirit of Excellence Award dinner, held in November at the Savannah Marriott... Mark won the award for "Male Extraordinaire" for 2006. Mark says "God is good. Thank you all for your continuing support."



Touching Lives through Peer Educating



Wade Stimage – S1C Peer Educator,

Wade Changes lives through giving back his life experiences and knowledge in which he has received over the past 10 years of living with AIDS. Wade has a miracle life story that he doesn't mind revealing.

Wade was referred to S1C by a kind and caring young lady, Judy Clark, at Cobb County Public Health Department, 4 years ago. He was living in destitution. He had given up on life and was spiraling out of control. Wade had been a substance abuse user, homeless, in an abusive relationship, suffering from depression, incarcerated and on top of all of that, living with AIDS.

After becoming involved in S1C Peer Educators program (which is funded by **Morehouse School of Medicine / Center of Excellence on Health Disparities**, Wade is now healthy, clean from drugs, stable, married, gainfully employed and doing great things in his community.

Wade now volunteers with S1C as a Peer Educator trainer; conducting Empowerment workshops. His enthusiasm, energetic personality, realness, straight forward talk, spiritual confidence and love of his fellow man have inspired consumers to have hope and a desire to change their lifestyle. Every where we go consumers request Wade to come back. Wade is proof to what God can do. Wade we at S1C love you and wish you well.

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Someone Cares, The question now is, Do you?



The **Fulton County Department of Health and Wellness** will hold a **"Stop AIDS: Keep The Promise"** event as part of the county's second annual HIV/AIDS Community Summit held in conjunction with World AIDS Day on December 1, 2006.

The free event brings together decision-makers, community stakeholders, and organizations committed to the fight against HIV/AIDS. The Summit will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Loudermilk Conference center, 40 Courtland Street, Atlanta. All individuals and organizations interested in fighting this disease are encouraged to attend.



My time. Your time.
It's about time.

JOIN OUR HIV VACCINE STUDY

Seeking HIV negative, men who have sex with men, ages 18 to 45 to participate in an HIV vaccine clinical trial (the STEP study). The purpose of this study is to see if the investigational HIV vaccine is safe and may lower the chance of getting HIV. We hope to learn more about HIV vaccines and prevention of HIV infection. This study is being performed by Dr. Frances Priddy at the **Emory Hope Clinic**, 603 Church Street, Decatur, GA 30030. Study volunteers are compensated for time and travel expenses and will receive confidential HIV counseling and testing.

Get info: www.hopeclinic.emory.edu or vaccine@emory.edu



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**MERRY CHRISTMAS from
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