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### Dear Susan,

Welcome to **e-Perspectives**, a monthly e-newsletter that highlights current and upcoming Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force events, accomplishments and programs, as well as national and international HIV/AIDS information. Through **e-Perspectives**, we keep you posted on all that PATF does to improve the health and quality of life for people living with HIV/AIDS in southwestern Pennsylvania. A sincere thank-you for your support and interest in PATF.

Have questions or comments about **e-Perspectives**? Please contact editor Susan Orr at [sorr@patf.org](mailto:sorr@patf.org) or 412-345-0596.

### Calling all art students!

***PATF inviting students to enter annual benefit art contest***

PATF is gearing up for its 26th Annual Benefit - to take place Wednesday, March 14 at the Pittsburgh Public Theater - by inviting local student artists age 18 and older to enter an art contest. The contest's theme coincides with this year's organization theme, "Open Your Eyes."

PATF will accept art submissions Monday, Jan. 9 through Tuesday, Feb. 1. Submissions may be graphic design, painting, mixed media, sculpture, photography, fashion or jewelry design.

There will be six finalists:

- First place: \$500 (The winner will be announced at PATF's Annual Benefit. First-place artwork could be featured in the Annual Benefit Program.)
- Second place: \$250
- Third place: \$100
- Fourth place: \$50
- Fifth place: \$50
- Sixth place: \$50

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The aforementioned top six finalists will have an opportunity to network and present artwork to prominent PATF donors, sponsors and leaders in art at PATF's Annual Benefit, as well as a VIP reception on Wednesday, Feb. 22, at the Duquesne Club.

The first 50 artists to sign up will receive a \$10 gift certificate to a bar/restaurant in Station Square, once artwork is submitted.

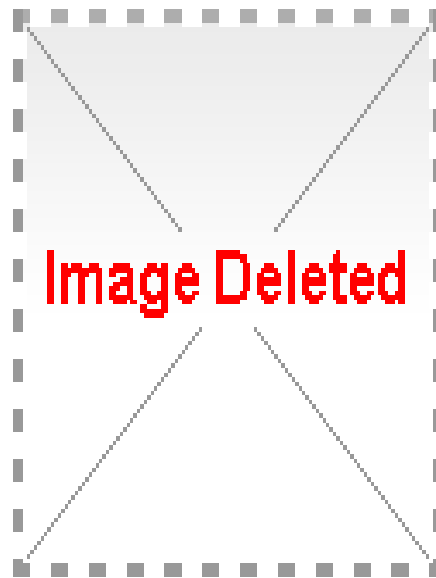
For an entry form and official rules, visit [patf.org/Artcontest.asp](http://patf.org/Artcontest.asp). For information, call 412-345-0569 or email [jficarri@patf.org](mailto:jficarri@patf.org)

**Annual benefit: It's countdown time!**

***Plans underway for PATF's party of the year***

Mark your calendars for PATF's 26th Annual Benefit at the Pittsburgh Public Theater! This event, to take place Wednesday, March 14, 2012, at the O'Reilly Theater, will feature the extraordinarily talented, Tony Award-winning Christine Ebersole.

Sponsors and VIP ticket buyers will also enjoy a VIP reception on Wednesday, Feb. 22, at the Duquesne Club. We look forward to a very special event! Stay tuned for more information.



PATF fall 2011 intern Marrae Hill helped to coordinate the World AIDS Day Flash Mob that took place Dec. 1 at noon in Market Square. She is a Point Park University student.

**Third annual (PITTSBURGH)RED efforts reach new audiences**

***World AIDS Day attracts thousands throughout city***

More than 20 organizations throughout Pittsburgh joined forces for the third consecutive year via (PITTSBURGH)RED, to commemorate World AIDS Day, on Dec. 1.

In addition to a mayoral press conference at the City-County Building, 20,000 fact cards with red ribbons affixed to them were distributed, and a candlelight vigil attended by hundreds of people took place in Oakland directly before the 24th annual memorial

service at Heinz Chapel. A flash mob commemorating World AIDS Day also took place at noon, in Market Square. Click [here](#) to watch footage.

PATF and the Allegheny County Health Department also added a mobile HIV testing unit 10 p.m.-1 a.m., on Liberty Avenue, on World AIDS Day.

A sincere thanks goes to the following dining establishments who participated in the World AIDS Day Red Plate Special fundraiser. To date, about \$3,000 has been collected. Participating establishments included:

Abay, East Liberty  
La Gourmandine, Lawrenceville  
Legume, Oakland  
Lincoln's P&G, Millvale  
Pittsburgh Café, Oakland  
Quiet Storm, Garfield  
Round Corner Cantina, Lawrenceville  
Square Cafe, Regent Square  
Tana, East Liberty

#### **e-Extras**

- **Save the date!** The Second Annual Gospel Concert in Observance of National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day will take place Saturday, Feb. 18. Watch for more details in upcoming weeks!
- **PATF's Client Holiday Party** on Nov. 29 at East Liberty Presbyterian Church was the most well-attended holiday party to date. PATF is already brainstorming to make next year's party bigger and better than ever! PATF would appreciate volunteers from the community helping to plan and implement this event. For info: [sorr@patf.org](mailto:sorr@patf.org)
- Kudos to **Girlfriends** and **Girl Talk projects** for the recent success at retreats. Nearly 30 girls, three parents and six vendors attended Girl Talk's Dec. 11 "Night with the Girls" retreat at PATF. The evening focused on learning ways to love themselves and improve their self-images. Each girl received a journal and was asked to write a thought in it everyday. The girls took advantage of massages, makeup applications, and nail designs. They also participated in a workshop about healthy eating. The Girlfriend Project on Dec. 3 at PATF with similar offerings was equally well-attended. Congratulations to both Prevention Department programs on a job well done!
- **Staff changes:**
  - Welcome to new staff member Ana Robinson, Case Manager for Supportive Services.
  - Tony Anderson, who had been Director of Community Outreach, recently resigned from PATF. We thank Tony for his service and good work implementing and driving the FAITH Initiative. PATF is in the process of hiring a new Director of Community Outreach and plans to continue with the FAITH Initiative, Volunteer program, and Speakers Bureau.

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