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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.

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**Nineteen days and counting!**  
*Annual Benefit to take place March 16*



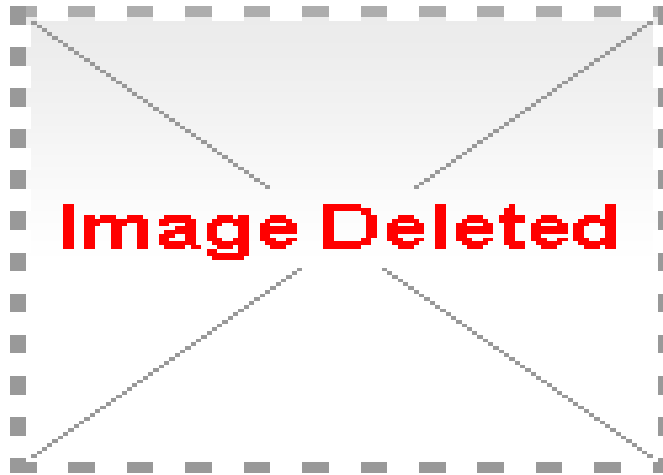
Make sure you're on the guest list for Tony Award winner Alan Cumming's one-night-only, one-man performance, at PATF's 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Benefit, on Thursday, March 16. Whether you come for the riveting entertainment, to commemorate PATF's 25th year, or to honor Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS, we promise you a night of enjoyment, laughter, friends, and fun. Come to the benefit on March 16 to see a stellar entertainer and lend support to a crucial cause.

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### **It takes a village to raise awareness!**

*Hundreds attend second annual Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day concert*

It takes a village to raise awareness. On Feb. 6, awareness was most definitely raised, thanks to outstanding public support. The Homewood AME Zion Church witnessed an afternoon of celebration and commemoration for people who have struggled with, and learned to live with HIV/AIDS. The vocal talents of Pittsburgh Gospel Choir and Mt. Ararat Baptist Church Mass Choir brought the church to life and the audience to its feet. The real-life testimonies from members of the congregation filled the space with a tangible emotion, and conjured tears. It was a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon.

Thanks to everyone who made the event such a poignant success. To peruse inspiring images from the event, please click [here](#).

### **HIV/AIDS experts share insights**

*Article highlights recent research*

At the International HIV/AIDS Conference in Vienna, HIV/AIDS experts, including Dr. Ronald Stall of the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health, shared their insights. View their interviews and learn more in [this](#) article from NIDA.

### **A cure for AIDS?**

*Researchers pursue radical new ways to control infection*

Click [here](#) for the full story.

## **A message from the executive director**

### ***PATF's Boyle discusses the HIV prevention debate***

A recent public service announcement campaign in New York has launched debate about the appropriate way to address the nation's ongoing struggle with HIV/AIDS. As mentioned in the "Change.org" editorial about the campaign -- [here](#) - the word debate does not accurately describe the disagreement, because everyone who cares about this issue is devoted to improving the lives of people with HIV/AIDS. Still, people are divided about whether the scare tactics employed in the new HIV prevention PSAs are too negative to be helpful.

Let's face it: There is no single tactic that works for everyone. HIV prevention is a difficult and complicated issue. From my experience, different people respond to different messages. For some, fear of negative consequences may keep them from engaging in risky behaviors; for others, fear may be ineffective. However, I believe that we must use every tool we have at our disposal to combat HIV transmission. Too many people are becoming infected. Regardless of how effective medical treatment can be in managing HIV/AIDS, preventing disease always beats treating it.

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