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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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### **PATF Welcomes Dr. Charles Christen as new Executive Director**

*Christen to take over reigns in mid-July*



PATF welcomes its new Executive Director, Dr. Charles Christen, DrPH, MEd. A Hazelwood resident and Pittsburgh native, Christen is currently serving as the Director of Operations for the Center for Health Environments and Communities at the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health. Dr. Christen is an accomplished researcher who has studied the impact of HIV prevention. He will lead PATF's advocacy efforts to fight the stigma associated with HIV/AIDS.

Click [here](#) to read the official press release for more information about Dr. Christen.

### **Kathi Boyle serves as Grand Marshal of Pittsburgh Pride Parade**

*PATF staffers participate in parade, man booth*



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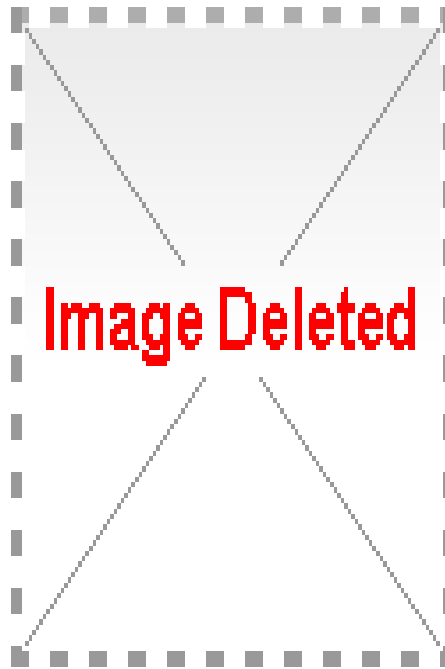
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### **AIDSVu.org Launched Online tool explores geography of HIV in U.S.**

Launched June 1, AIDSVu.org is an exciting new online tool that allows users to visually explore the geography of HIV in the United States.

A project of the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University, AIDSVu features a map of the United States showing the prevalence of HIV by county; the map can be understood and opened up on the national, state, or local level. The site features the most up-to-date data from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and shows the number of adults and adolescents living with HIV per 100,000 people in each county with a simple color code.

AIDSVu also features "Three Things You Can Do to Address HIV in Your Community." First, visitors can find a testing site in their communities using AIDSVu's test site locator tool to search by ZIP code or city and state. Next, visitors can download a PDF of "Talking



PATF Executive Director Kathi Boyle enjoying her role as Grand Marshal at this year's Pride Awareness March \_Photo by John Colombo

Kathi Boyle, PATF's Executive Director for the past seven years, served as the Grand Marshall for this year's Pride Awareness March on June 12. PATF staffers participated in the parade and also hosted an information booth at both Saturday and Sunday's festivities of the Delta Foundation's weeklong Pride celebration. According to City of Pittsburgh estimates, about 60,000 people attended 2011 Pride events.

### **Hundreds attend East End Community Health Fair Event brings community together for an afternoon of promoting awareness, conducting screenings and informing the public.**



The June 24 East End Community Health Fair was a great success outside the East Liberty Presbyterian Church. Hundreds attended the fair, which promoted health and raised awareness.

There were more than 25 agencies in attendance, including the American Heart and Stroke Association, and the Pittsburgh Police. PATF conducted HIV testing, and other organizations conducted screenings for various diseases and conditions.

### **30 Years Since First Cases of AIDS Reported**

Points" with information about the importance of HIV testing and tips for how to start a conversation about HIV testing with a doctor or other health care provider. Third, visitors to the site can find opportunities to volunteer with HIV/AIDS organizations in their communities and find out about HIV Prevention and Vaccine Trials Sites funded by the National Institutes of Health. For more information, visit <http://aidsvu.org/map>

### **CDC marks occasion with video chat**

June 5 marked 30 years since the CDC reported the first cases of AIDS. In recognition of this anniversary, AIDS.gov teamed up with the White House for a live video chat about HIV/AIDS on June 1.

Participants submitted questions during the event, and they were answered by Jeff Crowley, director of the White House's Office of National AIDS Policy, and Carl Dieffenbach, Ph.D., director of the Division of AIDS, NIAID, of the National Institutes of Health. Regina Benjamin, Surgeon General of the U.S. Public Health Service, provided opening remarks. For a recap, visit <http://aids.gov/thirty-years-of-aids>

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