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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 or 412-345-0596.

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Christine Ebersole wows 'em during "standing o" show

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Steve Hough, Christine Ebersole and Nachum Golan

Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force hosted its 26th Annual Benefit at the Pittsburgh Public Theater on March 14... an eye-opening night, to be sure!

[The event](#) drew a crowd of 400 guests, who were wined, dined, and entertained throughout the evening. Beginning with a cocktail party, guests were treated to tasty samplings from across the city before moving into the auditorium for captivating performances by Bunny Bixler, Kierra Darshall and Tony Award-winning Christine Ebersole, as well as the presentation of the Kerry Stoner Award to Nachum Golan and Steve Hough for their continued support of PATF. The evening was brought to a close with a decadent post-show dessert party.

With more than \$140,000 raised to support PATF in its mission to empower all individuals living with HIV/AIDS and preventing the spread of infection, the 26th Annual Benefit was a fabulous, tremendous and eye-opening success.

Many thanks to lead sponsors BNY Mellon, Highmark, UPMC, FedExGround, WestPenn Allegheny Health Systems, and Broadway Cares, and media sponsors Pittsburgh Post-Gazette and WYEP-FM.




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Chuck Christen, Shennod Moore, Pastor Glenn Grayson, and the Rev. Donald Green

A concert focusing on FAITH

More than 100 attend third annual event

The Third Annual FAITH Gospel Concert on March 25 was an afternoon full of music, dance and spiritual enlightenment. Taking place at Wesley Center AME Zion Church, Hill District, the concert drew more than 100 people from throughout the city.

Guests enjoyed musical and dance selections by the Wesley Center AME Zion Dance Troupe, Clarisse Jordan, the Wesley Center AME Church Choir, and the Mt. Ararat Male Chorus. The Urban League Young Professionals of Greater Pittsburgh served as honorary chair of the event.

For information about FAITH, call Shennod Moore, Director of Community Outreach, at 412-345-0585 or email smoore@patf.org.



City Councilman Corey O'Connor speaking at PATF press conference

Press conference highlights HIV Commission legislation
Groundbreaking announcement takes place at PATF

City Councilman Corey O'Connor announced his plans to propose legislation to create the Pittsburgh HIV/AIDS Commission, on March 30, at PATF.

The important legislation was designed to bring all concerned parties to the table. Endorsed by new City Councilman Corey O'Connor, the commission is to include those from various nonprofit organizations, the political sphere, the business community, and academia, in order to address the HIV epidemic.

The new collaborative will work together to increase communication between service providers, raise awareness about prevention and treatment options, assess needs of the targeted community and provide recommendations and consultation to policy makers.

Numerous media outlets attended the event, including the [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#) and [Essential Public Radio](#).

Wall of Red Ribbon Champions starting soon
Consider supporting PATF via 2012 Spring Appeal

PATF will launch its third annual "Wall of Red Ribbon Champions" spring appeal the week of April 22. Please mark your calendar, and consider supporting PATF. By donating just \$25, your name will be posted on the Wall of Red Ribbon Champions, on PATF's website. You also will receive a red ribbon pin. Watch for more information in the weeks ahead.



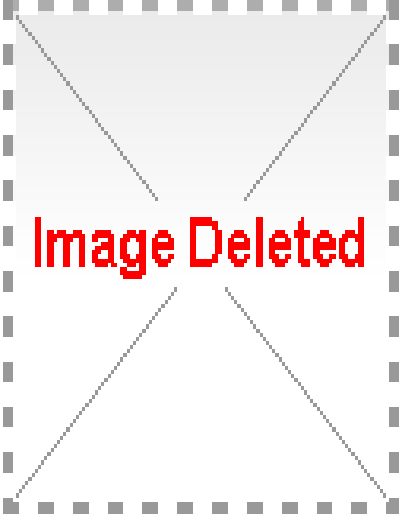
Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force testing hours
PATF to be closed on Easter Sunday

Please note that PATF will be closed Easter Sunday, April 8.

Testing typically is available at our office at 5913 Penn Ave., in East Liberty during the following times:

Sundays: Noon to 4 p.m. (No rapid testing.)
Mondays: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Tuesdays: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Wednesdays: 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. *
Thursdays: 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Fridays: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (No rapid testing.)

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- PATF recently hired **Shennod Moore** as Director of Community Outreach. A **Mt. Washington** resident, Shennod earned his BA from West Virginia University. Previous jobs include working at Allegheny General Hospital's Positive Health Clinic, teaching in the Washington, DC public school system, and working for the Children's National Medical Center in Washington, DC. 
- **The Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force will host its Annual Meeting the evening of Monday, May 21.** Save the date! For this year's Annual Meeting, PATF would like to extend a call for entertainment. We are searching for a few talented acts for the evening, and we need your help. Have a talent or a friend with a talent? Singers, dancers, cellists, rappers, all are welcome! Email sorr@patf.org or call 412-345-0596 if you're interested in participating.
- PATF staffer and Girlfriends Project Coordinator **Lisa Dukes** has been invited to speak on a panel of distinguished women in public health by the University of Pittsburgh's Association of Women in Public Health (AWPH) on Monday, April 9.
- **Save the date!** PATF's FAITH Initiative will host Pittsburgh Faith Community: Sound the Alarm, a Conference on HIV and Faith Based Communities, on Saturday, May 19, 9 a.m.- 4:30 p.m., at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Keynote speaker will be Linda Scruggs, MHS. A variety of workshops will be offered. Watch for more details in the near future.
- **Black History Achievement Award recipients:** PATF staff members Lisa Dukes and Pamela Smith, PATF Speakers Bureau volunteers Clarisse Jordan and Michael Hellman, PATF Food Pantry volunteer Theresa Orlando, and HIV activists/speakers Sheila Taylor and Rev. Terry Fluker were honored with the Black History Achievement Award at a dinner at the Marriott Pittsburgh Airport Hotel, on April 2. The award was accompanied by a proclamation by Governor Corbett and City of Pittsburgh Mayor Luke Ravenstahl. Congratulations to all.

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