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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 Emma McAfee at 412-345-0593 or EMcAfee@patf.org.

PATF LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE!

New site features clean design and enhanced features

You may notice a few changes if you head over to www.patf.org. That's because PATF recently launched a new website. Designed by Marketspace Communications, new site features include an updated look, resources for parents, and a contact form that connects clients and case managers instantly.

Take a look at our new site today to find out more about PATF, the services and prevention programs we offer, general HIV/AIDS information, and ways that you can get involved and support our mission!

PATF and Elton John AIDS Foundation teaming up for WTT Smash Hits Tennis Event VIP Party

Event will feature a live auction with Elton John and Billie Jean King, delicious food and drinks, and a performance by local musician

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Don't forget to get your tickets for Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force and Elton John AIDS Foundation (EJAF) charity night of tennis on Tuesday, Oct. 16, at 7 p.m., at the Petersen Events Center.

PATF will host a pre-match VIP reception and live auction which will take place directly before the event, beginning at 5:30 p.m. The VIP ticket packages, including VIP courtside seating and admission to the VIP reception and auction, will be available for \$500. The pre-match live auction will include a piano bench signed by Elton John and King's Wimbledon tickets. **A portion of the funds raised at this pre-match VIP reception and auction will be earmarked for PATF. For VIP tickets, please call 412-345-0593 or [click here](#).**

Tennis stars participating in this year's event include Andre Agassi, Stefanie Graf, and Andy Roddick.

Corner reserved seats are \$40; premium reserved seats are \$75; and courtside seats are \$125. Order tickets through www.wttsmashhits.com or www.ticketmaster.com. For group sales of 10 or more tickets, call 412-924-8270.

PATF supporters can get a 10% discount on general admission tickets purchased through ticketmaster.com. Simply enter the code 'PATF'.

PATF adds five new members to Board of Directors
Local professionals bring experience and expertise from diverse fields

Canonsburg resident **Mary Bockovich** is Director of Development and Marketing at Familylinks, and has served as a board member for Sojourner House, a residential rehabilitation facility for addicted mothers and their children, since 2009. She serves as the board's Governance chair. She is a former board member of Association of Fundraising Professionals. Bockovich is a Duquesne University alumna.

Conrad Bricker, a Mt. Washington resident, has been a self-employed CPA since 1994. Previous employers include Deloitte & Touche, the Carpenters Union, and CBS Corporation (formerly Westinghouse Electric Corporation). Bricker earned his BS in Business Administration from Robert Morris University in 1986. He earned his CPA license in 1989.

Linda Bucci has been involved with Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force since the 1990's. She served as a member of the Speakers Bureau, the Buddy Program and Board of Directors. Linda's commitment and support of persons living with HIV/AIDS and those who care for them continues today as a 2012 member of the Board of Directors. Linda sits as a non-board member on the Development Committee of Heritage Community Initiatives in Braddock, PA. She, owner of Linda Bucci Boutique in Shadyside, lives in Squirrel Hill.

Anne Davis, a Lawrenceville resident, is a research recruiter/community educator for the Microbicide Trials Network Clinical Research Site at the University of Pittsburgh. She serves as co-chair of Community Partners under the HIV/AIDS Network Coordination and is a member of their Training and Ethics Working Groups. Davis is a member of the national Women's HIV Research Collaborative focused on advocacy for US-based HIV research, the Pittsburgh MSM Research Collaborative, the MSM HIV Prevention Group and the Prevention Committee of the AIDS Coalition of Southwestern Pennsylvania.

Brighton Heights resident **Mike Shusko**, who earned a BS in mathematics and an MBA from the University of Pittsburgh, has joined the PATF board, bringing 10 years of human resource and insurance consulting experience. Mike has served on PATF Finance Committee for the past year.

"We Can End AIDS March" Breaks Silence, Raises Awareness *Local HIV/AIDS advocates joined with thousands for march*

Thousands of people from throughout the world attended the "We Can End AIDS March," on July 24 during the International AIDS Conference.

Included in this group of people was a busload of supporters from Pittsburgh. This march - which combined five different awareness marches -- converged in front of the White House.

PATF Executive Director Chuck Christen said, "The March to End AIDS was an inspiration and a reminder that we are still fighting stigma, gaps in funding and research and rights for people living with HIV and AIDS. It is at times like this that I am proud to be living in this democracy and have the ability to lend my voice with others to fight for change and resources in a sea of need. We heard it over and over again.... Power to the People!"

PATF Announces New Mentoring Program *New outreach initiative links those newly diagnosed with HIV with others with the disease for support and guidance*

The mission of the volunteer mentoring program is to connect individuals newly diagnosed with HIV with a person who has lived with HIV/AIDS for at least three or more years. The purpose of the

mentor is to provide support for the newly diagnosed individual to help them cope with the diagnosis. Support can take many forms, some of which include: phone calls to check in with the newly diagnosed person, techniques on coping, sharing information related to HIV treatment, assisting the newly diagnosed person with talking with his or her doctor, when to disclose your status, sharing personal triumphs, passing the time or just hanging out.

Acts 33&34 (child abuse and criminal history) clearances are required. **For more information or to apply, please contact Shennod Moore, Director of Community Outreach, at 412-345-0585 or smoore@patf.org.**

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