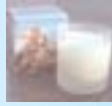


SPECIAL FUNDRAISING EVENTS

CANDLE FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT POSITIVE CONNECTIONS

Angelic Dreamz Home Décor is selling fragrant candles to raise money for the Elton John Foundation, an international non-profit organization funding patient care services and prevention education for men, women and children living with HIV and AIDS. *Plus ten percent of the sales will be donated to TPCP.* Visit the website at http://angelicdreamz.com/store/elton_john_candle.html. Call 800-860-9934 or 305-899-1717.



JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON CELEBRATING PEACE AND COMMUNITY! Sunday, September 12th, 2-5pm.

Featuring: Storyteller Rafael Manresa, Peace Dance, Dean Sweeney, inspirational talks by Jody Rowe Staley, Dr. Paul Canali, Dr. Harold Koning, Dr. Stacey Greene, Ernesto Ortiz and more. Poetry readings, chanting with the group "Inner Voice" and our Crystal Bowls, Guided Meditation with Phoenix, Shirley M. Hall and Jody Rowe Staley. Donation: Students - \$12, Adults - \$25. *All proceeds will be donated to the Center for Positive Connection and a children's charity.* Location: Danielson Gallery Ballroom, The Biltmore Hotel, 1200 Anastasia Ave., Coral Gables. Contact: Maria Chavez 305-442-0048, lotusbiltmore@aol.com or www.VioletFlameInc.com

LATINO MAN NEEDED FOR POZ INTERVIEW

POZ magazine, currently putting together a special edition focusing on HIV in the Latino community, is desperately searching for an HIV+ Latino man of Caribbean descent to interview for the magazine (extra points if he happens to be taking Viramune). Must be willing to use his real name and be photographed for the issue. Interested? Call 212-242-2163, ext. 218 or email NickB@poz.com.

MIAMI HEAT TICKETS ON SALE NOW

Jeff Turner, a sales representative for the Miami Heat, has game tickets available. And the only way to guarantee tickets for the upcoming season is to purchase season tickets. They start at \$18 a game. Call Turner at 786-777-4274.

TCPC RECOGNIZED FOR GOOD WORK

Sheri Kaplan, Executive Director of The Center for Positive Connections was named runner-up as part of the *Redbook Magazine* 2004 "Mothers & Shakers" awards for her efforts in providing a wide array of assistance and services to the HIV/AIDS community. *Miami Herald* (7/11, 7/14, 7/19), *Street Weekly*; an interview by Jessica Sick (8/6-12) and *Miami New Times* calendar (8/12-18) also took notice of Executive Director Sheri Kaplan's recent trip to the International AIDS Conference in Thailand where the latest in medical treatments, trends, updates and breakthroughs in the fight against the disease were presented. Read the coverage at the publications' websites, www.herald.com, www.miami.com/ml/ streetmiami.com, and www.miaminewtimes.com.



Sheri Kaplan (right), founder and director of The Center for Positive Connections and Sandra Thurman, former director of the White House Office of National AIDS Policy under the Clinton administration, and currently the founder and CEO of The International AIDS Trust.

ANNUAL LIMIT ON TITLE I DENTAL CARE SERVICES

Effective September 1, 2004, Ryan White Title I dental care services will be limited to \$3,000 per client per Ryan White Title I fiscal year without exemptions. Although the \$3,000 limitation was introduced in March 2004, exemptions have been allowed for certain patients with special treatment needs as certified by their dentist. However, as of September 1, 2004, exemptions will no longer be considered.

NEED PEER, GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING?

ARE YOU A RYAN WHITE CLIENT?

TCPC receives reimbursement from Ryan White Title I for psychosocial counseling for group, peer or individual counseling. If you or a family member are interested, please have your case manager send us a referral.

A BRIGHTER TOMORROW WITH LIFELINE

The LifeLine Medical Group's Infusion Therapy facility has been developed to develop close working relationships with medical professionals specializing in HIV/AIDS and Infectious Diseases. LifeLine can provide your patient's infusion treatments with a variety of medications prescribed by the referring physicians. Call 305-576-5330.

REAL LIFE SOLUTIONS WITH COMM-CARE PHARMACY

Comm-care Pharmacy provides comprehensive HIV/AIDS pharmaceutical care, including home infusion therapies, nutritional supplements, and AIDS wasting therapies. Free delivery and internet access available. Call 954-568-6212 in Ft. Lauderdale, 561-615-0564 in West Palm Beach, or toll free at 888-203-7973.

HIV STUDY FOCUSES ON FOOT PAIN

Are you or someone you know suffering from HIV-associated pain, burning or discomfort in both feet? If so, you may be eligible for a study by Neurology Clinical Research Inc. testing a drug to treat Painful HIV-Associated Distal Symmetrical Polyneuropathy. For more information, call 954-475-8171.

THAT'S P.H.A.T.

Preventing HIV Among Teens (P.H.A.T.), a peer-based group dedicated to educating young adults aged 13-19 about HIV/AIDS, is looking for Youth Coordinators interested in having P.H.A.T. representatives share their knowledge about the disease with individuals or groups. Call 305-576-1234.

POSITIVE PARTNERS IN CALIF

The Positive Partners Study is examining the possibility that someone already living with HIV could be infected with another strain of HIV, a process called superinfection or re-infection. Couples with HIV are encouraged to enroll in the study conducted at the University of California in San Francisco. Call 415-476-9296 ext. 361.

A NEW START TO A HEALTHIER LIFE

New Start is offering a wide variety of services to those living with HIV and recovering from addiction. Stress reduction, coping skills, support groups. Information, call 305-919-4215 or 4200.

HIV LEADERSHIP AWARDS

In an effort to call attention to the "heroes" in the world of HIV, be they well known or "unsung," The Body - an AIDS and HIV information resource - will bestow awards in four different categories: medical professionals; case managers and social workers; prevention educators; and inspiring people with HIV. Submit nominations to www.thebody.com/hivawards through November 30, 2004. Award recipients will be announced in Spring 2005 to coincide with The Body's 10th anniversary and recipients will be profiled by The Body.

NEW HIV DRUG TRUVADA NOW AVAILABLE

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has granted accelerated approval of Truvada - a fixed dose combination of anti-HIV medications Emtriva and Viread. Truvada combines 200mg of emtricitabine and 300 mg of tenofovir fumarate in one tablet, taken once a day in combination with other antiretroviral agents. Visit www.Truvada.com or call Gilead Sciences, Inc. at 1-800-GILEAD-5 or 1-650-574-3000.

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There's something for everyone

CHECK OUT OUR SUPPORT GROUPS at the Center and NYC

Call or e-mail us to be put on our mailing list. Or better yet, sign up to receive the newsletter by e-mail.

Want to help run a support group? Call us with your interest.

MIAMI SUPPORT GROUPS

HETEROSEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP

Every Wednesday • 7-9 pm

HETERO & FAMILY & FRIENDS SUPPORT GROUP

1st Wednesday of the month • 7-9 pm

GAY SUPPORT GROUP

Every Tuesday • 7-9 pm

GRUPO DE APOYO EN ESPAÑOL

Every Monday • 7:45-9:45 pm

SPANISH FAMILY & FRIENDS

4th Monday of the month • 7:45-9:45 pm

WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP

4th Saturday of the month • 1-3 pm at TCPC

Luncheon provided by Pfizer/Agouron

GROUPS FUNDED BY RYAN WHITE TITLE I & CDBG/CITY OF N. MIAMI

NEW YORK

Hetero Support Group

Join our HIV heterosexual peer-led support group in NYC every Wednesday. 6-8 pm.

TCPC in collaboration with NATAP (National AIDS Treatment Advocacy Project) offers services at NATAP, 580 Broadway, #1010, NYC.

For info & directions, call the 1-888-26-NATAP or the Center at 1-888-pos-conn(767-2666).

Facilitator: Michael 201-921-4592.

For social activities: Alice 718-815-1930,

Dianne 646-220-4886, Susan 201-240-4098.

SAVE THESE DATE: Socials on the last Sunday of the month. Activity to be determined. Call for information



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AIDS VOTE

AIDS VOTE is a joint project supported by dozens of the nation's leading HIV/AIDS service, advocacy and research organizations. Goals: to educate and inform presidential candidates of the concrete steps necessary to ensure our country is the world leader on HIV/AIDS and public health, and to educate and inform voters on the stands taken by the candidates on these crucial issues. Go to www.aidsvote.org.

JOBS

- Care Resource seeks a project specialist (IYHEP), registered dietitian, and medical care prevention coordinator. Send resumes and cover letter to hr@careresource.org or fax to 305-571-2020.
- A live-in caregiver is needed to assist an elderly gay male couple. Duties include serving as an escort to appointments, shopping, running errands, walking the dog, housework, etc. Call 305-893-1450 for details.
- Office Manager to ensure that daily operations of the agency run smoothly and to assist the Executive Director in accomplishing the mission of the agency. Salary commensurate with experience, paid health Insurance benefits, paid vacation time, sick and personal days. Qualified applicants should submit their resumé in confidence (no phone calls please): South Beach AIDS Project, Inc. (SoBAP) 1234 Washington Avenue #200, Miami Beach 33139. Fax 305-532-1813. Jobs@sobeaid.com.

SPECIAL EVENTS/CONFERENCES

- **FLORIDA'S 1st ANNUAL EARTHDANCE PEACE FESTIVAL – SEPTEMBER 18, MIAMI:** More than 200,000 people in more than 130 cities, including Miami for the first time, will come together for the 8th Annual Earthdance – The Global Dance Festival For Peace. Miracle Journeys Magazine, Bluesky Productions & Miami River Productions will join forces in this synchronized music and lifestyle event that will take place at Studio 57 complex, located in the heart of Miami near the Design district. Call 305-757-9770 or visit www.earthdance.info.
- **DALAI LAMA VISITS SOUTH FLORIDA – SEPTEMBER 19-21, 2004:** His HOS ODN, a non-profit organization dedicated to world peace through the teaching of Buddhist principles, is honoring the visit of His Holiness the Dalai Lama and introducing the Buddha Project for World Peace at The Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables, 1200 Anastasia Ave. He will also appear at the Office Depot Center in Broward. For details, call 305-672-8740. Website: odn-usa.org
- **THE ESSENCE OF BEING WORKSHOP – OCTOBER 15-17, MIAMI:** This 3-day workshop builds upon increasingly intense individual and group exercises which alternate logical and emotional problem solving areas of the brain, incorporating a whole brain process of learning. It's about becoming

totally aware of one's self and of any blocks that may be preventing us from living life to the fullest. If you're in financial hardship, inform Kaayla or sign up for group discount at the center. Contact Kaayla Slotkhin at 305-529-1621 or visit the website at www.essenceofbeing.com.

- **NATIONAL LATINO AIDS AWARENESS DAY – OCTOBER 15, 2004:** The National Organizing Committee for National Latino AIDS Awareness Day invites non-profit organizations, media outlets and businesses to join in the effort to develop awareness promote prevention and build leadership around HIV/AIDS issues in Latino communities nationwide. For more information, call the Latin Commission on AIDS at 212-675-3288 or www.latinoaids.org.
- **REVOLUTION, WHITE PARTY 2004 – NOVEMBER 24-29, 2004:** Care Resource, Florida's largest HIV/AIDS organization, is preparing for the 20th Annual White Party at Vizcaya. Call 305-576-1234 ext. 210 or email tmiros@careresource.org.
- **VISIONARY HEALTH'S REAL LIFE FORUMS – JANUARY 19, 2005, FT. LAUDERDALE:** This great program will include educational modules on HIV/HCV Co-Infection, Fusion Inhibitors 101, and much more. Pre-register by logging on to www.freehivinfo.com.
- **2005 NATIONAL HIV PREVENTION CONFERENCE – JUNE 12-15, 2005 – ATLANTA, GA:** The conference, convened by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other government and non-government agencies, is set for the Hyatt Regency Atlanta. Its sole focus is on HIV prevention, bringing together prevention programs, and science. Log on to www.cdc.gov/hiv/PDF/save_the_date.pdf.

MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS RESPONSIBILITY

If you are registered for a social event or an educational dinner lecture or have an appointment for a holistic service, you MUST give 24 hour notice if you need to cancel. People who DO NOT CANCEL and who are NO SHOWS for appointments or events will be placed on stand-by for future appointments and services and will be UNABLE TO MAKE ANOTHER APPOINTMENT FOR 3 WEEKS. An appointment is considered cancelled if a person is more than 15 minutes late. Due to the popularity of our services and the limited number of volunteer therapists, this policy is needed. Please be courteous to other members as well as our practitioners. REMEMBER: KEEP OR CANCEL!

...AT THE CENTER FOR POSITIVE CONNECTIONS

All new and current clients using our services must provide documentation of HIV status, income level and residency. Please bring your documents the next time you stop by for services. We need this documentation in order to fulfill required federal guidelines from the City and County for the services provided here at the center. The government requires that all client files contain proof of status, income and residency.

Please remember to bring in these documents so we can serve you and also get **reimbursed for the services we provide**. However if you are not comfortable with this request we will be happy to continue providing services to you but we will not be reimbursed for the services we provided you.

All Ryan White Clients and Case Managers – See boxed story on page 1

Volunteers greatly needed and appreciated at the center. If you have a few hours to spare, come by and give us a hand. You will help us to continue helping YOU and OTHERS WHO USE OUR CENTER. Hours are flexible.

TCPC Staff and Administrative Volunteers			
Sheri Kaplan <i>Executive Director</i>	Eddie Orozco Milly Miranda <i>Peer Counselors</i>	Kelly Patterson <i>Director of Development & Outreach</i>	
Robert Diaz <i>Finance Director</i>	Andrea Engle & Lenny Sullivan <i>HOPWA Housing Specialist</i>	Barbara Salim <i>Administrative Assistant</i>	
Gil Friedman <i>Webmaster</i>		Tim Sharp <i>Receptionist</i>	
Volunteers			
Alina Hammer	William Masso	Patricia Josue	
Serafin Cruz	Kelly Blanchard	Riva Saker	
Marcos Solano	Leticia Cione	Guillermo Zambrano	
Tony Rodriguez	Adam Miller	George Gambino	
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Arnetta E. Phillips	Crici Stroy-Martin	Louis Robinson	

IMPORTANT: MEMBERSHIP DUES POLICY

The Center for Positive Connections has a \$5 monthly membership fee (\$1.25 a week or \$60 a year). Those who wish to pay membership annually can pay \$50 for the entire year in one lump sum. (Savings: \$10). OR: you may volunteer 2 hours a month in lieu of the payment. For those on disability, membership fee is \$2 a month (\$1.50 a week or \$24 a year). \$20 for the entire year in one lump sum. (Savings: \$4). Fee is waived for those residing in treatment facilities. **No one will be turned away due to lack of funds.** Suggested fees for holistic and other services will be as follows and will be collected from the receptionist upon signing in for services.

- Body Work (Massage, Reiki, Cranial, Trager etc.): \$5-10 per session.
- Acupuncture, Haircuts, Astrology, Yoga and Meditation: \$3-5 per session
- Suggested donation for individual mental health counseling for those not on Ryan White: \$5.
- Educational lectures and social activities are currently funded programs, however, donations will be gratefully accepted.

HOURS OF OPERATION Monday – Thursday 9am-9pm, Friday 9am-7pm

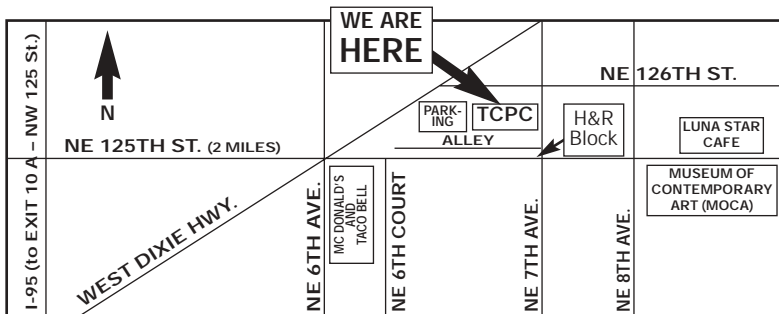
12570 NE 7th Ave., Suite 104, N. Miami 33161
305-891-2066 • fax 305-891-5053 • toll-free 888-pos-conn (767-2666)
email@positiveconnections.org • www.positiveconnections.org

ADVERTISING RATES FOR POSITIVE VOICES MONTHLY:

- BC size \$65
- 1/2 page \$175
- 1/4 page \$125
- Full page \$300
- 1/3 page \$150

Distribution 3500 + e-mail blast and website posting
Contact Sheri at TCPC 305-891-2066

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SEPTEMBER SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

RESERVE AT 305-891-2066



BON VOYAGE

September 1 to 8
Off to Alaska on TCPC's
7th Annual Poz Cruise

PLAY BALL...Marlins vs.

Thursday, September 9th, 3:05pm
...New York Mets

Tuesday, September 14th, 7:05pm
...Montreal Expos



Thirty tickets for each game at the Pro Player Stadium. Two tickets per member. Pick-up yours while they last.

Sponsored by the Ballpark Buddies/Corporate Partners for Youth Program

Friday September 17th • 6-10pm

Albert Silverberg Self-Help Library Dedication Party



Over 1000 self-help books from Albert's private collection were donated to the center for our clients to read and borrow. A new private quiet room in the Holistic sanctuary has been dedicated for this library (the old gym) and we are inviting you to the ribbon cutting ceremony (at

8pm) and we will party till 10pm or later.

Free refreshments and wine from 6-10pm.

Private sessions of the QXCI biofeedback machine will be available by donation. You can call to make a private appointment for a QXCI beginning at 6pm We welcome you to bring a few of your own self help books that you would like to add to our collection. Love donations will be collected to keep the center going. RSVP

Library and refreshments and QXCI sessions sponsored by Sue and Jeff Atlas.



NEW YORK TRAVELING DINNERS & SOCIALS For social activities: Dianne 646-220-4886, Susan 201-240-4098 or Alice 718-815-1930.

Sunday, September 26th • 8pm

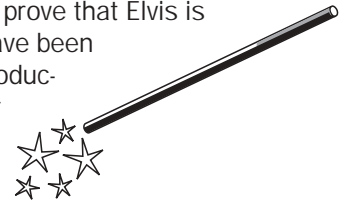
NEW WAVE MAGIC SHOW



Marco Polo Resort, 19201 Collins Ave,
Sunny Isles Beach

NEW WAVE MAGIC is a dazzling whirlwind of Magic, Music, Costumes, Special Effects, Showgirls, Comedy, and Dance unlike anything ever seen in South Florida. Watch them levitate in mid-air, they'll make beautiful showgirls appear... and disappear... they will even prove that Elvis is still alive! Kevin and Caruso have been entertaining audiences and producing shows around the world for

15 years. 20 tickets available. Call 1-800-600-6244 for additional tickets.



Sponsored by Kevin and Caruso of New Wave Magic

Monday, September 27 • 4-8pm



FLORIDA FAMILY DAY PICNIC

for the HIV/AIDS infected and affected families
See page 6 for details.



Fundraiser to benefit TCPC

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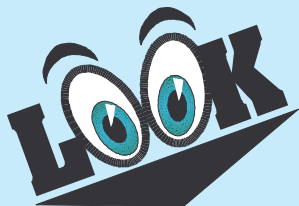


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Contact: Maria Chavez 305-442-0048, lotusbiltmore@aol.com or www.VioletFlameInc.com



Dinner will be
Served
6:30-7pm

Lectures/
Demonstrations
7-10pm

Remember:

It is necessary that you call to register at least 48 hours prior to the workshop date so that we may order catering and provide educational packets. Seating is limited to 20.

DISCLAIMER: The information presented by the speakers for our educational lectures do not reflect the opinion of the Center, its staff or its Board of Directors or sponsors.

Lectures sponsored by
**The Green Family
Foundation**

September Educational Dinner Lectures

For the infected & affected HIV+ Community

Lectures on Tuesdays this month

Tuesday, September 14th

“The Ancient Philosophy of African Traditional Medicine and Its Fight Against HIV/AIDS”

African Traditional Medicine has come a long way in its fight against HIV/AIDS. Throughout sub-Saharan Africa, African Traditional Medicine is used by around 70-80% of the population. Local people trust their traditional medicine practitioners and their medicines are more readily available than western biomedicines which in many cases are unaffordable/inaccessible. As a result African traditional medicine can no longer be ignored by International Agencies like the WHO, who have now set up an AFRO department in central Africa to test the claims for cures as they call it by African traditional doctors.



- Provide insight into the ancient philosophies that guide African Traditional Medicine which is as old as the hills and the rivers and the mountains.
- Look at the similarities between African Traditional Medicine and Asian, Native American traditional medicines.
- Give people a better understanding of the ancient and natural forms of indigenous traditional medicine schools which have been around for thousands of years.
- Come away with an understanding of how they work and how people graduate from them live in rural indigenous villages around the world are still in possession of distinguished knowledge of medicine, life, spirit and provide information.

Presented by Poo Naa Kahnyisa Some-FU-SunPoo Naa is an initiated Baghbora (Traditional Medicine Healer) from the Dagaa Willi and Akan people of Ghana. Although she was originally educated under the English educational system, after her second Jupiter return at the age of 24 years she was called back home to Africa by her Ancestors to go through her initiation into the Medicine School of Baghbora's. Poo Naa has been given a Naa Dakoo which in English translates to a Queen Chair of Knowledge when she graduated from the Baghbora school after specializing in HIV/AIDS and is now beginning to treat patients with African Traditional Medicine. She is currently writing a book about African Traditional Medicine and its fight against HIV Aids and has traveled the world studying Traditional Medicine in Asia, Hawaii, Native America and Southern Africa.

Tuesday, September 28th

“MINI INTRO TO MASSAGE TECHNIQUES”

By attending this workshop and demonstration you will learn some basic principals and techniques to give a massage to others or yourself. You will walk away with a better understanding

- What is massage therapy?
- How does massage help you?
- How massage effects your bodies
- Learn some basic skills to relieve stress

Most of this lecture will be demonstration and hands-on practice. Leave any preconceived thoughts or ideas at home. For singles or couples. We will pair you up if you come without a partner. What to bring or wear:

- Wear a bathing suit
- Bring a beach towel or yoga mat or blanket (we have 8 yoga mats on site)
- Bring a pillow or cushion
- Any lubricant (lotion, oil, cream, gel)
- And an open mind and heart

Presented by “Moe” Sztylerman, LMT, a 1987 graduate of Educating Hands School of Massage, who specializes in therapeutic, medical and sports massage. He has studied neuromuscular massage, myofascial release, mattes stretching techniques and craniosacral therapy. He has worked in spa settings, chiropractors' offices and has spent over four years working on pre-post operative patients at Florida Sports Medicine Center in Miami. He has been a massage instructor at Educating Hands and Spacecoast Massage Institute in Cocoa Beach.

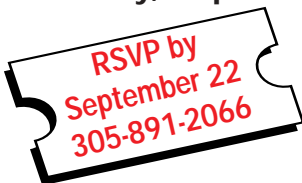


FLORIDA Family Day PICNIC

for the HIV/AIDS
infected and affected families



Monday, September 27 • 4-8pm



At the Knights of Columbus/
N. Miami Jaycee Hall
12100 West Dixie Highway, N. Miami

This fun-filled early evening PICNIC includes free picnic dinner for HIV+ families plus fun for the kids (small and big) –

- Magicians Lawrence Lemon & Mr. Entertainment • Clowns
- DJ BUDDY BEAR • Karaoke by JONI • Arts and Crafts.

The event's goal is to strengthen families by bringing them out together to unite with a meal. They are targeting different communities and populations throughout the state of Florida; Positive Connections was chosen as one of the 10 sites in Florida to host this statewide Family Picnic Day for the HIV families.

NEEDS: Volunteer labor, financial sponsors for face painters, bounce house, and pony rides. You do not have to be a client of Positive Connections to participate; all are welcome to unite from the HIV infected and affected community.

Please reserve by September 22nd.

Let us how many family members (spouse/partner, children, cousins, aunts, uncles, grandparents) you will be bringing. Call 305-891-2066, 1-888-767-2666 or email@positiveconnections.org

All food and beverages and paper goods being provided by Publix and there's plenty of free parking.

Hosted by Positive Connections and sponsored by the Governor's Strengthening Families Initiative, Volunteer Florida Foundation, Publix and partnering with the Knights of Columbus and the North Miami Jaycees.

Are you an HIV+ woman and want to stay drug-free?

You may be eligible for a research study at the University of Miami. This program is designed to help women who are living with HIV and recently recovering from substance abuse problems.

This program may help you take your HIV medication, stay away from illegal drugs, reduce risky behavior, and improve family communications.

- You will receive either family therapy or HIV education.
- You will be paid up to \$385.00 for your participation (7 visits over 12 months).
- All information provided is strictly confidential.

You may qualify if YOU:

- Are an HIV+ WOMAN over the age of 18,
- Have a t-cell/CD4 count greater than 50, and
- Have been in residential drug treatment recently.

If interested, please contact Samantha Ross, Recruiter at (305) 243-8149.



Center For Family Studies – Dominion Towers
1400 NW 10th Avenue, 3rd floor – Suite 314B
Miami, Florida 33136

KUDOS AWARD

• **Volunteer of the month – Kelly Blanchard**, has been volunteering every Friday • **JULY VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH – Marcos Solano** came to us to provide 200 hours of community service. He is now finished and still offers his volunteer time once a week. When he was finishing off his hours he said, "Thank you to TCPC for opportunity to be of service and to make a difference. If there is anything I can do, call me." Why don't you consider volunteering just one day a week and help us out.

- **VOLUNTEER PRACTITIONER OF THE MONTH – Susan Schiedel**, Trager/RESET/Body Talk Practitioner who has been providing services at the center from 12-3pm on Mondays since November 2002. Thank you!
- **JESSICA SICK**, reporter for www.streetweekly.com – for the great interview and coverage she did on Sheri Kaplan, in the August 6-12th issue.
- **UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI/DEPT OF ADOLESCENT MEDICINE and Dr. Lawrence Friedman** for presenting certificate of achievement to TCPC for providing services & support to the HIV infected/affected community for the past 9 years.
- **THAILAND** – Thank you to the following private individuals for financial support, allowing Sheri to attend the conference in Thailand in July. **Kris K, Lenny S, Gary G, Andrea E, Danielle S, Vanessa W, Gabe C, Mark D, Richard, Jim D, Jose L, Jay F**, all the Staff of TCPC also combined their dollars to support the trip (**Liz, Barbara, Millie, Tim, Eddie, Lenny and Andrea**). Thank you for coming through.
- **EPISCOPAL CHURCH CENTER – UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI – Frank Corbishley**, Chaplain for collecting pennies for the "Penny from Heaven Campaign." Ana Carter stopped by with a load of change and we were thrilled to see that the church has been and will still be collecting pennies for our campaign. Please drop off your spare change at the center. Every penny counts!
- **MEDPOINT** for donating a new universal gym machine to the center. Thanks **Kepler, Lois, Marcos** and **Tony** for dismantling it, transporting and setting it up. It's giving and getting a work-out! Use our new, expanded gym for FREE during operating hours. Bring a towel, wear appropriate clothes.
- **ESSENCE OF BEING WORKSHOPS** – Thank you for the partial scholarship for Sheri to attend the "Passionate Manifestation", "Positive Vibes" and "The Working Game – Business and You" weekend workshops last month. Experience these self help workshop to remove the blockages in your life. Class attendees also made a financial donation of \$350 to the center to support the programs and services. The workshop returns Oct. 15-17. Call Kayla or Barry at 305-529-1621. www.essenceofbeing.com.
- **MAN'S HEALTH IS GOD'S WEALTH HEALTH FOOD STORE** for donating incense for the treatment rooms. Visit them at 831 NE 125th Street, North Miami.
- **ANGELIC DREAMZ.COM** for donating a gift basket to raffle off at our 9th Anniversary Celebration. Thank you for spearheading a fundraising campaign by donating proceeds to the center from the Elton John candle. See page 1.
- **ANDREA ENGLE** for her \$1000 donation on behalf of her mother and aunt who passed away at this time last year. The donation was given with love, and for all the love received here as a employee of the center. She is a housing specialist in the HOWA department. Thanks Andrea!
- **DR. CORKY STEINHART** for donating back his speakers' honorarium to the center from the Thailand dinner update held on August 12.
- **INTEGRATIVE HEALTH.COM/DR. JON KAISER** for donating a case of books "Healing HIV – How to Rebuild the Immune System" for the center's library and to give away at events. Save the date – Oct. 28th, we will be hosting his fall tour in Miami.
- **LIFELINE INFUSION THERAPY/JOE TURNER** for his private contribution of \$200 to assist with 9th Anniversary Party Buffet. Thanks Joe! Their number 305-576-5330.
- **THAILAND DINNER UPDATE:** Abbott, Boringer Ingelheim, GlaxoSmithKline, Serono, Tibotec, Pfizer, Walgreens, New Generations Health Center, Commcare Pharmacy for the financial support to make the event possible and to Porterhouse Bar and Grill for a great job.
- **DEBORAH JONES, PhD**, Assoc. Professor, Dept of Psychiatry at Barry University and her staff for creating and printing the Poster Abstract "Surviving and Thriving with a HIV Diagnosis" that Sheri presented at the Thailand AIDS Conference in July. For a copy of this abstract send a request via email to info@positiveconnections.org,

WANTED: HIV+ VOLUNTEERS FOR A RESEARCH STUDY OF IMMUNE STIMULATION.

There is a need for new treatments to promote immune recovery in HIV infection. A new approach to stimulating immunity is being tested at the University of Miami Medical Center. We need volunteers who are taking anti-HIV medication, have undetectable viral load and at least 300 or more T cells. The study requires 14 clinic visits over 28 weeks, with experimental treatment for four weeks. Payment offered at every study-related clinic visit to cover the costs of travel/time from work or home.

For more information, contact
Michael Picou R.N. at 305 324 4455, ext 4814;
or Patrick Haslett M.D. at 305 243 2189.

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Welcome new practitioners

- **Jennifer Zwerin, LMT** – Massage Therapist – a graduate of Educating Hands in Miami, currently in practice in Miami. She specializes in Swedish and deep tissue massage, and cranial sacral therapy and is working towards her certification in Craniosacral, and plans to assist in teaching Craniosacral for the Upledger Institute in Palm Beach County. She will be available by appointment on Wednesdays from 7-9pm.
- **Mara Rocha** – Johrei, the transfer of subtle, spiritual energy and promotes the purification process of our spirit, mind and body, freeing us from the negativity and toxic substances bringing us closer to the state of true health. Originally from São Paulo, Brazil, Mara got to know the Johrei movement in 1993 when she was suffering from crisis of depression and did not know how to deal with it. One day at lunch she started to cry without knowing why. The owner of the restaurant sat in front of her, raised her hand with the palm facing Mara and started giving her Johrei and Mara felt released. This lead Mara to study Mokichi Okada, his philosophy and teachings at the Johrei Center. Mara is a member of the Izunome Association USA and an active Johrei practitioner. To learn more, visit www.johrei.com or www.izunome.org. Mara will be available by appointment every Monday from 6-8pm.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>THE CENTER FOR POSITIVE CONNECTIONS SUPPORT & RESOURCE CENTER</p> <p>The Center for Positive Connections provides emotional, educational, social support & holistic services to the HIV infected community, targeting heterosexuals, newly diagnosed and affected family and friends. We serve all those infected regardless of sex, race, economic status, religious beliefs or sexual orientation. Please bring proof of status, residency and income to join and continue receiving services at TCPC.</p> <p>All activities are held at the Center unless otherwise indicated. Reservations are necessary for all events.</p>	<p>SEPT. 2004</p>	<p>Remember... Reservations are required for all activities 305-891-2066 And please call and cancel if you cannot attend.</p>	<p>Acupuncture Reiki Message NYC HETERO GROUP 6-8 PM Hetero - Family & Friends Group 7-9pm</p>	<p>Mental Health Guided Karmic Meditation 7-9pm Message Reiki</p>	<p>Visit our newly expanded gym equipped with a brand new Nautilus machine. Thanks Medpoint!</p>	<p>The Center's on the lookout for Volunteers... How about you?</p>
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<p>Family Picnic Day 4-9pm - 12100 W. Dixie Hwy.</p>	<p>WELCOME - JOHREI WITH MARA ROCHA</p>	<p>ASKING THE HARD QUESTIONS 6-8pm at Radisson Hotel</p>	<p>WELCOME JENNIFER ZWERIN, LMT</p>	<p>Albert Silverberg Self-Help Library Dedication Ceremony 6-10pm</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>26</p>
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