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▲ Philadelphia FIGHT 2012 Review

Philadelphia FIGHT's HIV prevention and treatment initiatives operate with the clear understanding that everyone, regardless of insurance status, ability to pay, or life situation deserves to be treated with dignity and respect – and to be afforded access to quality resources and care. This belief has not changed since our founding in 1990, and our goal remains: *to end the AIDS epidemic in the lifetime of those currently living with HIV.*



We made many strides in 2012 thanks to a hardworking, dedicated group of over 100 staff and volunteers ready to serve the HIV+ community and educate countless others. In the past year, FIGHT provided data through a research trial indicating the first-ever clinical evidence that HIV reservoirs

in patients could be reduced, and their HIV controlled, through the use of pegylated interferon and without continued antiretroviral therapy. Our strong partnership with the Wistar Institute helped make this discovery possible. Apart from our research and expanded clinical services, we began the city's first HIV Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) Program at the beautiful new facilities of our Youth Health Empowerment Project. Our AIDS Library celebrated its 25th anniversary, we expanded late night HIV testing at our Locust Street location, our Institute for Community Justice concluded a six year

grant which added valuable data to what we know about the transition from jail to care, and we hosted the biggest AIDS Education Month in the event's 20 year history last June. And the list goes on...

FIGHT's financial position remained strong in 2012 thanks to the continued confidence of our funders and donors, to whom we offer our resounding thanks. More details about our financial position and sources of funding, as well as a full picture of our programs and accomplishments can be found in this annual report.

Looking back on 2012 and the over 20 years since FIGHT's founding, we have a lot to be proud of...and we have a lot left to do. For the past two decades, we have fought tirelessly and tenaciously to provide the best medical care possible to those who are HIV positive, and the best in prevention and resources to those who are not. We look forward to the challenges and successes of 2013, and we will keep fighting until our mission is fulfilled.

Jane Shull,
Executive Director



Our Mission

Philadelphia FIGHT is a comprehensive AIDS service organization that offers HIV education, advocacy, social, mental health, and substance abuse services, youth prevention and leadership programs, outreach to people living with HIV and those at high risk, and access to the most advanced clinical research and state of the art, culturally competent HIV primary care. Our goal is to end the AIDS epidemic in the lifetime of those living with HIV.

Our Model

One-Stop Service. It can be very difficult to access and navigate the health care system. We offer comprehensive care in one location to reduce health care barriers. Clients can work with FIGHT from start to finish, from testing to care, case management, mental health therapy, drug recovery, and education. Our varied education programs—Project TEACH, the AIDS Library, Institute for Community Justice, Y-HEP, and more—make it possible for anyone to obtain the information they need.

Our Clients

In 2012 we served over 8,000 clients and reached approximately 10,000 people through community outreach. We serve some of the city's most marginalized and disenfranchised individuals. 55% have a history of incarceration, 65% have a history of substance abuse and/or dependence, 55% were men who had sex with men, and 56% present with mental health challenges including depression. See the included graphs for our client population.

▲ Meet Our Program Directors



MEDICAL DIRECTOR • KARAM MOUNZER, MD

I joined Philadelphia FIGHT as the Medical Director in 2000. It is a pleasure to work in a place where the clinic providers and all FIGHT staff are invested in enhancing each patient's well-being and quality of life. I am honored to oversee the healthcare delivery at the Jonathan Lax Center and the research studies at FIGHT.



LAX CENTER ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR • SARAH SMITH

As Administrative Director of the Lax Center, I supervise all ancillary staff and coordinate with the directors of other FIGHT programs. I work to facilitate a positive environment for both the staff and patients, oversee research staff ensuring that we are working accurately within the designated time deadlines, and serve as a Physician Assistant in the Lax Center providing comprehensive, holistic HIV primary care and gynecological care to our patients.



EDUCATION DIRECTOR • JULIET FINK

My role is to ensure that FIGHT is a hub for learning, growth, and change for all people in Philadelphia and the AIDS community at-large. Through the AIDS Library, the Critical Path Project, Safety Counts, Counseling and Testing, AIDS Education Month, and Project TEACH, my goal is to enable our community to access the life-saving information they need, empowering individuals to teach others about what they have learned.



DIRECTOR OF THE ICJ • HANNAH ZELLMAN

As the Director of FIGHT's Institute for Community Justice, I oversee FIGHT's array of prison programming, which is built around our mission to reduce not only the number of people in prison living with HIV, but also the lasting effects of mass imprisonment on communities.



DIRECTOR OF Y-HEP • TIFFANY THOMPSON

I am responsible for ensuring that we fulfill our mission of empowering youth (ages 13-24) to make healthy decisions as they transition into adulthood. Using a harm reduction model, we accomplish this mission through a variety of programs including our drop-in center, youth development programs, family planning clinic, and therapy, outreach and prevention services.

▲ Our Programs and Services

The **Jonathan Lax Center** offers access to HIV primary care, on-site laboratory services, and on-site medication assistance and adherence programs without regard for ability to pay or insurance status. Our services are provided by HIV specialists in a treatment-team environment that respects the dignity and worth of each individual we see.

We conduct advanced **clinical research** of new drugs and treatment options. We offer all expanded access protocols to assure that people in Philadelphia get early access to medications.

The **Diana Baldwin Clinic** offers mental health services such as individual psychotherapy, partner and family counseling, crisis sessions, and a women's support group. FIGHT also sponsors several peer-run support groups, including a Long-Term Survivors Support Group.

Medical Case Management works with individuals to meet needs such as housing, public entitlements, and health insurance. Case managers work with Lax Center providers to ensure that each individual's needs are fully addressed. Our care outreach workers focus on building client relationships, establishing a strong foundation for successful care.

The **HIV Counseling and Testing Team** wants you to get tested. If you want to know your status, we offer confidential, rapid testing on-site and outreach testing throughout Philadelphia.

Y-HEP (The Youth Health Empowerment Project) offers a safe space for youth 13-24 to talk about sexuality, gender, and HIV/STIs. Y-HEP offers a variety of clinical and outreach programs, including the Peer Education Academy, which trains youth to be leaders on social and sexual health issues, and the Drop In Center, a safe space for youth to come in off the streets and have a meal, a shower, get clothes, or simply relax with staff and friends. Y-HEP also provides support to youth through one-on-one counseling and holistic programs such as dance4life and I AM....

The **AIDS Library** is the only lending library devoted to HIV/AIDS in the United States and offers a friendly environment with a wealth of resources and media to access HIV information. We also have a computer classroom on site to build computer and Internet skills.

Project TEACH (Treatment Education Advocates Combating HIV) is our signature education program that focuses on medical information as well as topics that address individuals' psychosocial, social, and economic needs. TEACH welcomes all individuals with varying levels of HIV knowledge. We also offer TEACH Outside for individuals who are HIV-positive and formerly incarcerated and Frontline TEACH for allies who want to gain more information.

The **Institute for Community Justice** functions as part of FIGHT's commitment to locally-rooted, national work to reduce not only the number of people in prison living with HIV, but also the lasting effects of mass imprisonment on communities most affected. Our Care Outreach team visits inmates who are HIV-positive and we partner with families, providers, and other support networks in the transition home. We offer services tailored to ex-inmates such as TEACH Outside, and a support group for the previously incarcerated. The ICJ also operates TEACH In/TEACH Out, Prison Health News, and the Support Center for Prison Advocacy.

The **Critical Path AIDS Project** was founded by people living with HIV/AIDS to offer a range of up-to-date, online HIV prevention and treatment information and research. Critical Path now encompasses FIGHT's Public Computing Center initiative, e-mail list-serves, and website hosting.

TEACH Recovery Education and Empowerment (TREE) is an Intensive Outpatient Program for people living with HIV who are also battling substance abuse issues. It meets three times per week and offers individual and family sessions. The group combines recovery support for both mental illness and substance abuse with the educational components of Project TEACH classes.

"I like to hang out in the AIDS Library. I like to be around folks that know what I go through and folks who care about helping people."

—Ben, Peer Educator

▲ 2012 Noteworthy News and Accomplishments

The Lax Center continues to add “Centers of Excellence” as a treatment model with an expanded Latino Care Group and a Hepatitis C Treatment Team. The Lax Center saw a 20% increase in its patient population over the past year.

FIGHT provided data through a clinical trial indicating the **first-ever clinical evidence** that the HIV reservoirs in a patient could be reduced, and their HIV controlled, through the use of pegylated interferon and without continued antiretroviral therapy. Luis Montaner, DVM, DPhil coordinated the research on behalf of the **Wistar Institute** and FIGHT is pleased to continue its over 10 years of partnership there.

All important information for patients was translated into Spanish, Spanish voicemail options were added to our phone system, and six bilingual staff members were brought on board in 2012 in an effort to expand outreach to **Philadelphia’s Latino community**.

The Lax Center’s Research Department brought cutting edge **Hepatitis C treatment** to our HIV+ clients and 38 patients were treated for Hepatitis C co-infection in 2012. In addition, FIGHT participated in over 15 research studies, a cornerstone of the agency for over 20 years.

Laura Bamford, MD joined the Lax Center in 2012, bringing her expertise in Hepatitis care along with her HIV experience.

The **Still Rising Program**, designed to support women in the journey of healing the whole self mentally, emotionally, spiritually and physically, continued to expand in 2012 with the addition of a community service graduation requirement and many new graduates.



Former Y-HEP Director and State Representative Brian Sims cut the ribbon on Y-HEP’s new Empowerment Center and office space as AACO’s Jane Baker and Y-HEP’s new Director Tiffany Thompson look on.

Y-HEP moved into a beautiful **new space** at 1417 Locust Street, furthering our ability to meet the needs of Philadelphia’s youth. Y-HEP also came under **new leadership** in 2012, with the promotion of Tiffany Thompson as the program’s director.

The **I AM Project** at Y-HEP began as a means to better address the needs of young men of color who have sex with men. **I AM Men’s Health** was begun as the first HIV Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (**PrEP**) program in the city, inclusive of a weekly support group and routine healthcare for participants.

In 2012, **Project TEACH**, **TEACH Outside**, and **Latino TEACH** ran 9 classes and graduated a total of 181 HIV+ students. In addition, the first TEACH evening class was offered for the first time since 2005, allowing students with daytime obligations to enroll and complete the course.

Thanks to a grant from the National Library of Medicine, an **online version of Frontline TEACH** was held at two AIDS Service Organizations in the city using Critical Path’s new mobile computer lab. 31 students completed the program in 2012.

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Russel Kaufman, MD, President and CEO of the Wistar Institute stands with Wistar scientist and FIGHT Board Member Luis Montaner and his staff after receiving the Jonathan Lax Award at FIGHT’s annual We Remember Gala.

▲ 2012 Noteworthy News and Accomplishments (continued)

FIGHT's **Peer Education Program** provided over 4800 local homeless shelter staff and residents with up-to-date HIV education through 252 presentations in 2012!

Counseling and Testing expanded its very successful **late night testing initiative** to a weekly event, and now offers on-site testing and street outreach every Wednesday night from 8pm-1am in partnership with Woody's and 13th Street Pizza.

FIGHT had a very strong presence at 2012's **International AIDS Conference**. Project TEACH alumni, peer educators, staff and outreach workers participated as presenters on panels and as participants in activist movements. Tiffany Thompson, Kamelah Jefferson, and Cliff Brown from Y-HEP presented a very successful workshop that was widely received.

Counseling and Testing moved to a **new office space** on the 3rd floor of 1233 Locust Street, complete with a dedicated waiting area and 2 new testing rooms that have improved the department's capacity and the quality of service provided to consumers. The number of newly diagnosed patients referred to care increased by 275% over the previous year.

Critical Path hosted over **60,000 visits at its 27 public computer centers** across the City, including more than 16,000 at the Critical Path, AIDS Library, ICJ, and YHEP centers and provided over **7,600 hours of free digital literacy training**.



dance4life program dancers educate the crowd during Antidote!, a breakdancing competition for young men and women during AIDS Education Month.

A **Care Outreach and Resources** position was created in the AIDS Library to connect visitors in need to case management support, and enhancing their existing connections to such support.

Reference Librarian and Temple School of Public Health interns created a new menu of **Online Health Videos**. Programs can be streamed in the AIDS Library, published in print, and viewed on www.aidslibrarian.wordpress.com. This resource will be regularly updated and will feature topics like HIV/AIDS info, Activism, Medical News, Women's Health, Drug & Alcohol, and more.

The **AIDS Library celebrated its 25th Anniversary** with an event honoring the work of Library founders Heshie Zinman and John Cunningham, and the many others who have made the AIDS Library what it is today. A video about the history of the Library was created and can be found at www.aidslibrary.org

Y-HEP's **dance4life** program established a new dance team to provide HIV and STI education to young people in a fun, interactive and innovative new format.

16 totally new positions were created at FIGHT in 2012 including additional program support staff, expanded case management, administrative support, and a new full-time coordinator of AIDS Education Month, Danielle Moskowitz!

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AIDS Library co-founders John Cunningham and Heshie Zinman listen as Chris Bartlett of the William Way Community Center dedicates a plaque commemorating the AIDS Library's 25th Anniversary.

2012 Noteworthy News and Accomplishments *(continued)*

2012 saw the biggest **AIDS Education Month** in its nearly 20 year history with keynote speakers Timothy Brown (the man cured of HIV) and Dr. Kenyatta Gilbert, new events such as **ANTIDOTE!** for youth and an expanded Faith Leaders and Community Summit, and the participation of Philadelphia District Attorney Seth Williams as the month's Honorary Chairperson.

The **TEACH Inside/TEACH Outside Program** at ICJ continued in 2012 with the graduation of 48 participants from this HIV and recidivism prevention course.



Jane Shull explains the importance of HIV testing and seeking HIV care to Fox 29 on National HIV Testing Day.

The **TREE Intensive Outpatient Drug and Alcohol Program** graduated its first group of 9 people in November, 2012 and the **Diana Baldwin Clinic** continues to provide HIV-informed, culturally competent, outpatient psychological services with the addition of two new psychologists.

2012 saw the conclusion of a six year SPNS grant which has added valuable data to what we know about the **transition from jail to care** nationally and in Philadelphia. This data will be used in scientific publications and in the enhanced understanding of how to better serve the ex-offender community.



Keynote speaker and former Mayor W. Wilson Goode, Sr. greets those in attendance at FIGHT's Faith Leaders and Community Summit.



Timothy Brown, also known as the "Berlin Patient," discussed his journey as the only person cured of HIV during last June's Prevention and Outreach Summit.



Volunteers from Janssen Therapeutics help unload boxes of the Greater Philadelphia AIDS Resource Guide during a volunteer day last Spring.

**"This place has really changed my life."
—Robert, TEACH Graduate**

▲ Statement of Activities For the year ending June 30, 2012

Revenue

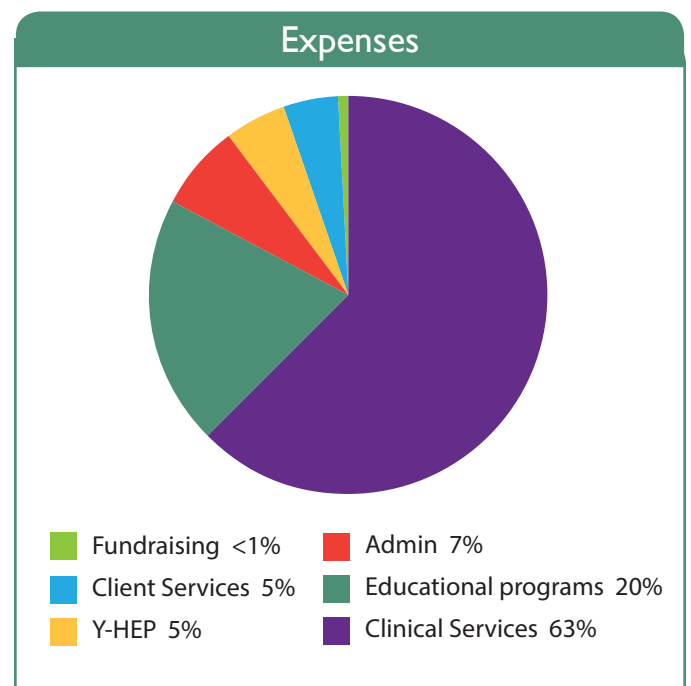
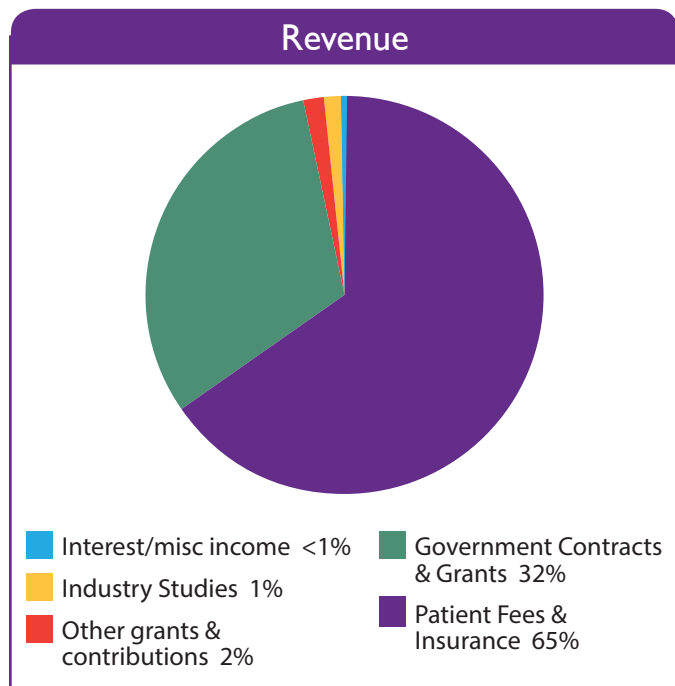
Patient Fees & Insurance.....	\$10,039,094
Government contracts and grants.....	\$4,839,275
Other grants and contributions	\$238,077
Industry Studies.....	\$209,990
Interest/miscellaneous income.....	\$29,010
Total Revenue.....	\$15,355,446

Expenses

Clinical services	\$9,220,980
Educational programs.....	\$2,974,492
Y-HEP	\$717,117
Client services.....	\$666,062
Total Program Expenses	\$13,578,651

Administrative expenses	\$1,043,514
Fundraising expenses	\$105,677
Total Expenses	\$14,727,842
Change in Net Assets	\$627,604

▲ Charts of Revenue/Expenses



▲ Fiscal Year 2012 Sources of Revenue

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—Joan, Lax Center Patient



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