

Philadelphia FIGHT 2015 Annual Report



PHILADELPHIA
FIGHT

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS

25 Years  Serving Our Community

FIGHT Stories



“ I was blind for a long time because all I did was get high. Now, I can appreciate seeing a flower bloom.
Tramaine



“ Since I’ve been on PrEP, my life has been moving in a positive direction. I have become more of a leader. Hopefully, sharing my story will inspire others.
Marcus



“ I’m big, I’m beautiful, and I’m loud. FIGHT made me see that HIV doesn’t change any of that.
Vernetta



“ Even after living with HIV for 30 years, I still talk about it. My story shows people that there is hope.
Roy



“ FIGHT helped me learn how to be an HIV activist. Advocacy is my therapy. I’ll never be quiet again.
Lena



“ If you have HIV, don’t throw the towel in because it’s not over. As long as God wakes you up and puts air in your lungs, you have a fighting chance.
Levi

Philadelphia FIGHT 2015 in Review

PHILADELPHIA FIGHT MARKED A MAJOR MILESTONE IN 2015: OUR 25TH ANNIVERSARY. What started in 1990 as a small, volunteer-driven research project to address the burgeoning AIDS epidemic has evolved into the Philadelphia FIGHT Community Health Centers—the largest, most comprehensive AIDS Service Organization in the city. As we turn the corner on our second quarter century of service, we have much to celebrate and even more to anticipate.

Last year, FIGHT opened the Office of Dental Services, enabling us to offer oral health examinations and basic dental care to existing and new patients.

In June we presented our 21st annual AIDS Education Month, featuring the first-ever End AIDS Summit. The Summit was our largest AEM event to date, attracting more than 1,500 attendees.

In December we celebrated FIGHT’s 25th Anniversary Gala with Lifetime Achievement Honoree Greg Louganis. With more than 400 people attending, it was our most successful fundraising event yet. We raised over \$125,000 to support FIGHT’s HIV primary medical care at the Jonathan Lax Treatment Center and primary care for youth and adults at very high risk of acquiring HIV at the Y-HEP and John Bell Health Centers.

In our 25-year battle against AIDS, we have lived through times of tragedy and miracles. At last the miracles are more frequent; we are winning the FIGHT.

We now have over 30 drugs that effectively treat people living with HIV without making them sick. We have PrEP (Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis), a one-pill-a-day regimen that prevents HIV infection, regardless of behavior. We continue our long-standing partnership with The Wistar Institute, engaging in research projects to help find a cure for AIDS.

We’ve enabled thousands of people to control their HIV and reclaim their lives. Our patients with HIV know they can lead a normal life with a normal lifespan. We’ve developed and sustained a broad scope of medical and educational programs to better address the physical, spiritual, and mental health of our patients in a way that was almost unimaginable a few decades ago. And we continue to offer all of this to our patients regardless of their life circumstances or ability to pay.

With your support, we will continue to provide top-quality care and programs that bring us closer to our ultimate goal: Ending AIDS in the lifetime of those currently living with HIV. In 1990 we set out with the spirit of hope and belief in doing the right thing. Look how far we’ve come.



Jane Shull
Executive Director

Who We Are

OUR MISSION

Philadelphia FIGHT is a comprehensive health services organization dedicated primarily to low-income people living with HIV/AIDS and to those at high risk. Our mission is to provide clients with state-of-the art, culturally competent HIV specialty care, primary care, consumer education, advocacy, social services, outreach, and access to the most advanced clinical research.

OUR MODEL

We offer a full array of HIV services in one stop. Clients can work with FIGHT from start to finish—from testing to primary medical care, case management, mental health therapy, substance abuse programs, and education. FIGHT offers programs and services to clients regardless of their gender, race, ethnicity, religious beliefs, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, insurance status, or ability to pay.

OUR CLIENTS

Philadelphia FIGHT serves some of the city’s most marginalized and disenfranchised individuals. Annually, we provide direct services to more than 8,000 people and assist approximately 10,000 through community outreach.

Please see page 5 for the demographics of our client population.

FIGHT Leadership

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Statement of Activities

REVENUE

Patient Fees and Insurance	20,830,104
Government Contracts and Grants	5,236,650
Other Grants and Contributions	292,875
Industry Research Studies	277,797
Miscellaneous Income	7,708

Total Revenue. 26,645,134

EXPENSES

Patient Services - Medical	17,721,390
Educational Programs	2,596,180
Patient Services - Behavioral Health	1,018,279
Client Services	924,372
Institute for Community Justice	595,814
Faith-Based Initiatives	181,125

Total Program Expenses 23,037,159

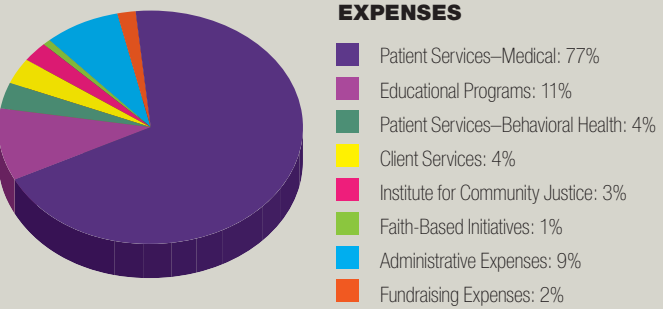
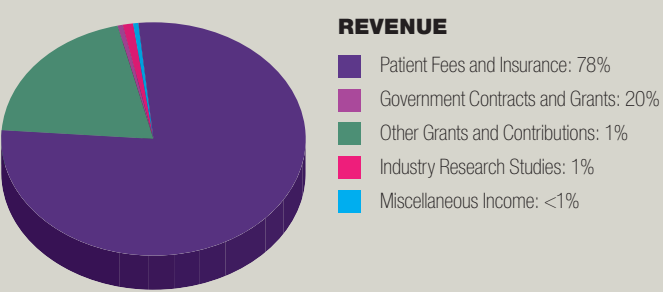
Administrative Expenses	2,470,876
Fundraising Expenses	505,340

Total Expenses 26,013,375

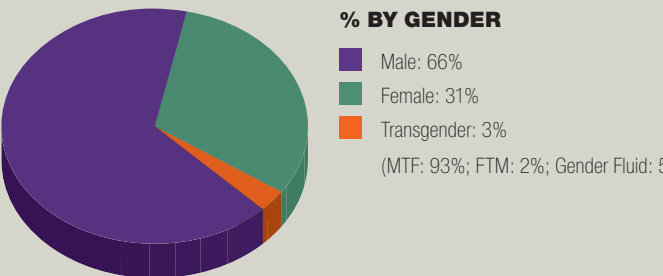
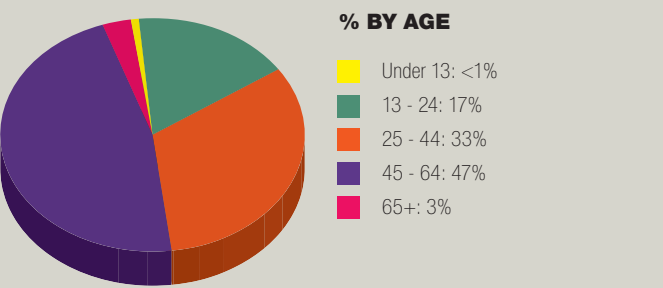
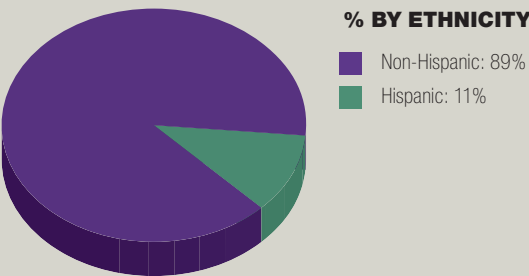
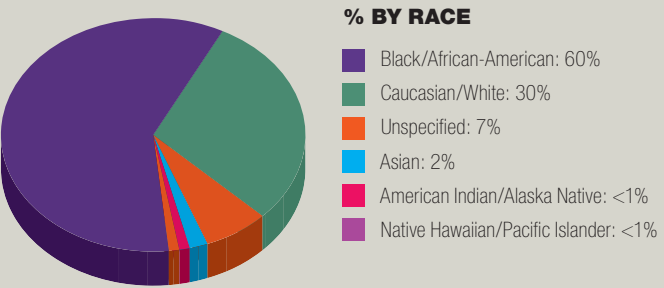
NET ASSETS

Net Assets, Beginning of Year	5,460,829
Net Assets, Ending of Year	6,092,588

Change in Net Assets 631,759



Client Population



(MTF: 93%; FTM: 2%; Gender Fluid: 5%)



Philadelphia FIGHT Programs

JONATHAN LAX TREATMENT CENTER

Located in the heart of Center City Philadelphia, the Jonathan Lax Treatment Center provides state-of-the-art HIV primary care, regardless of the patient's insurance status or ability to pay. Our team offers culturally competent, integrated, patient-centered medical care, social services, and now dental services on-site. We strive to combat social injustice by addressing the unique needs and circumstances of each individual.

Medical Case Management

Our staff helps individuals secure housing, health insurance, government benefits and the necessities of daily living. Case managers work closely with patients and their medical providers to eliminate barriers to wellness and to make sure that each individual's needs are fully addressed. Our goal is to ensure that all of our patients are treated with dignity and respect, regardless of their life circumstances.

Clinical Research

FIGHT conducts advanced clinical research of new drugs, vaccines, and treatment options, and we are working to find a cure. FIGHT has been collaborating with The Wistar Institute for more than two decades and is currently part of Wistar's randomized clinical

trial (one of the largest of its kind), using an immune system modulator to

decrease the HIV viral reservoirs of chronically infected patients. This is an easily accessible strategy, and, if successful, it will be a milestone in our quest to find a cure for HIV.

Clinica Bienestar

In partnership with Prevention Point Philadelphia, Philadelphia FIGHT established Clinica Bienestar (Well-Being Clinic) in December 2013. Located in North Philadelphia, it is funded by a Special Projects of National Significance (SPNS) grant.

Supported by the extensive case management, medical, and social services of Philadelphia FIGHT, Clinica Bienestar provides primary HIV medical care to Spanish-speaking individuals with a history of injection drug use.

JOHN BELL HEALTH CENTER

The John Bell Health Center provides primary medical care to everyone in the community with special emphasis on addressing the burden of chronic diseases among ex-offenders and on serving patients with special circumstances, such as homelessness or mental illness. Our team strives to provide a safe space for formerly incarcerated people to access health care upon their release and to mitigate certain socioeconomic factors, which are often linked to their imprisonment.

Y-HEP HEALTH CENTER

The Y-HEP Health Center offers low-cost or free primary care and family planning services to young adults aged 13 to 24. The center provides HIV testing and counseling on-site and at a variety of off-site locations, including universities, clubs, and other places where youth gather.

DIANA BALDWIN CLINIC

The Diana Baldwin Clinic provides HIV-informed behavioral health services to address the psychological, social, and medical factors that drive the AIDS epidemic as well as those that commonly affect individuals living with HIV.

TREE

TREE (Treatment, Recovery, Education, Empowerment) is a program for people living with HIV/AIDS who have alcohol or drug abuse problems. TREE takes an intensive empirical approach to establishing and maintaining recovery.

PROJECT TEACH

Project TEACH (Treatment Education Activists Combating HIV) is an innovative health education program that trains people living with HIV/AIDS to act as peer educators, activists, and advocates in the underserved communities hardest hit by the AIDS pandemic — low-income communities and communities of color. TEACH focuses not only on prevention, but also on treatment education, outreach, and advocacy.

INSTITUTE FOR COMMUNITY JUSTICE

The Institute for Community Justice (ICJ) offers innovative, prevention-focused programs in a stigma-free space that empower, educate, and support people affected by the parallel crises of HIV and mass imprisonment. ICJ protects community health

and raises consciousness around issues of social justice.

CRITICAL PATH PROJECT

The Critical Path Project is a digital literacy training and advocacy program that provides low-income people with access to the Internet and the skills to use it, empowering them to find critical, trustworthy, lifesaving health information.

HIV COUNSELING AND TESTING

The Counseling and Testing team seeks to reduce HIV acquisition and transmission by providing the most up-to-date information about HIV to those who need it most. The program also helps people create personalized risk reduction plans to protect themselves and others from contracting the virus.

PrEP

Established in 2013, Philadelphia FIGHT's PrEP (Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis) program aims to provide barrier-free access to Truvada, a safe, highly effective medication that can be used to prevent HIV. Truvada for PrEP is a one-pill-a-day regimen that is nearly 100% effective in preventing HIV infection when taken as prescribed. FIGHT's PrEP program is the first and one of the largest in Philadelphia. It also is recognized nationally for its leadership in high-quality care, innovative delivery and implementation practices, and advocacy and policy for PrEP access.

AIDS LIBRARY

The AIDS Library is the only public lending library in the world dedicated to HIV/AIDS information. Our professional librarians are available to answer HIV-related questions and to provide referrals to regional and national resources.

Y-HEP: YOUTH HEALTH EMPOWERMENT PROJECT

The Youth Health Empowerment Project (Y-HEP) is a drop-in center and outreach program for young people aged 13 to 24. In addition to a safe place for high-risk youth, Y-HEP offers food, laundry services, leadership activities, mental health counseling, support groups, holistic health services, and sexual health education.

AIDS EDUCATION MONTH

Since 1994, Philadelphia FIGHT has hosted AIDS Education Month (AEM), a series of events throughout Philadelphia to increase AIDS awareness and to bring people together to find strategies to combat the virus. Over 10,000 individuals are directly reached by AEM every June.

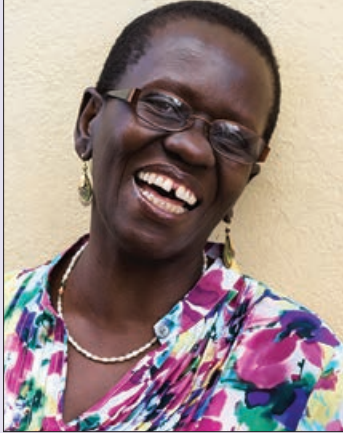
FAITH INITIATIVES

The Office of Faith Initiatives tends to spiritual health by offering hope, wholeness, and transformation. Through spiritual guidance, relationship building, outreach, programs, and education, our team seeks to create an environment where people living with HIV/AIDS and local faith communities can engage and bring light and life to one another in holistic ways.

Barbara Bungy
Chief Operating Officer

Lorelei Narvaja
Chief Strategy Officer

Caitlin Conyngham
Director of PrEP Programs



Noteworthy News and Accomplishments

JONATHAN LAX TREATMENT CENTER

Staff at the Jonathan Lax Treatment Center saw over 2,000 patients during more than 6,600 medical visits, a 7.5% increase over 2014. Along with medical visits, the center recorded 498 nutritional visits, 340 fibroscans (ultrasound that monitors liver damage from viral hepatitis), and over 500 visits with the behavioral health consultant. The Lax Center continues to excel in quality of care and ranks high in the number of patients prescribed antiretrovirals and in viral load suppression, adherence counseling, mental health and substance abuse counseling, hepatitis C screenings, and cervical cancer screenings. The Lax Center strives to provide comprehensive care to all patients in a one-stop-shop setting.

Clinical Research

The Lax Center supported 12 clinical trials. These included investigator-initiated studies designed by the center's own clinicians and presented

at national conferences; studies sponsored by the pharmaceutical industry aimed at both treating and preventing HIV; studies testing devices intended to streamline the assessment of HIV viremia; and collaborative studies with Merck and with The Wistar Institute on the immunologic aspects of HIV.



Kari Hexem, DMD
Dental Director

Karam Mounzer, MD
Medical Director

Clinica Bienestar

Clinica Bienestar, a partnership between Philadelphia FIGHT and Prevention Point Philadelphia, is one of the city's first Spanish-speaking HIV clinics. The clinic currently sees about 50 patients for HIV primary care and medical case management services. Many of these patients were not previously engaged in HIV care and have a history of homelessness and ongoing substance use.

Dental Services

In 2015 the Lax Center hired its first dentist, Dental Director Kari Hexem, DMD. After spending the summer and early fall setting up and ordering supplies, FIGHT was notified that the Dentaquest Foundation would fund our panoramic x-ray system. In addition, the 11th Street Family Health Services generously donated five examination chairs. In December the center hired Jasmine Pruden, Expanded Functions Dental Assistant, and Sandra Collett, Receptionist.

JOHN BELL HEALTH CENTER

The John Bell Health Center has grown steadily, serving a unique and diverse population. With the recent hire of two new physicians, the John Bell Health Center has

increased visits and patient population by 200%. In addition to primary care, the center also offers substance abuse and mental health services with the help of a behavioral health consultant (BHC). The BHC provides short-term problem-solving interventions to improve patients' ability to self-manage disease afflictions and to lessen their risk of substance abuse. The center stands in honor of the late John Bell, AIDS activist and mentor to former prisoners. Through our team, his legacy continues each day. We hope to inspire others to mirror his hard work and dedication.

Y-HEP HEALTH CENTER

The Y-HEP Health Center has experienced significant growth since it opened in 2013. In 2014 the center more than doubled its capacity and was moved to a new, larger space on the second floor of 1417 Locust Street. In March the Y-HEP Center added



Dan Clemons
Finance Director

primary and preventive health care to its services and hired five new employees. Each month the center continues to receive more patient visits than the month before. October 2015 reached a peak with 119 visits, a more than 250% increase over the previous October.

DIANA BALDWIN CLINIC

In 2015 the Diana Baldwin Clinic served a total of 163 patients during 2,149 visits. The Diana Baldwin Clinic runs a weekly women's support group that includes self-identified women. The clinic also has added two more psychoeducation groups that have been met with great enthusiasm: the Percussion Group, which uses music to teach healthy emotional expression, and the Creative Writing Group, which helps participants express themselves through storytelling.

TREE

In 2015 TREE served 139 patients in its intensive outpatient program. The 9-to-12-month program consists of three weekly groups, weekly individual sessions, a computer course, and a wellness recovery action plan (WRAP). Individuals who successfully complete these

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Sarah Smith
Lax Center Administrative Director

“ My self-esteem and health have blossomed like tulips. I learned that I can have HIV and still live, love and laugh. Grace

In the two years I have been here, my self-esteem and health have blossomed like tulips. I am in a healthy relationship and I have a job at FIGHT where I support clients who are positive like me. I want to be a role model for them because I have walked in their shoes.

FIGHT helped me along my journey of learning what HIV really is and that I can live with it. I learned that I can have HIV and still live, love, and laugh. FIGHT has given me hope and let me reclaim my lost past. Now I know that being positive has been a blessing. I have learned to be more productive, to be myself, and to do what is right for the community.



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requirements graduate with the tools to create a productive, substance-free life.

PROJECT TEACH

In 2015, 170 people graduated from a TEACH program. This includes graduates from our classes for people living with HIV, Project TEACH, TEACH Outside, Latino TEACH, Women's TEACH, and our newest program, Youth TEACH. FIGHT also ran two Frontline TEACH classes for HIV-negative friends and allies and graduated 21 people.

With the support of a grant from the National Library of Medicine, FIGHT launched Youth TEACH to people aged 18 to 30 who are living with HIV. Youth TEACH focuses on treatment, self-advocacy, and building the critical digital literacy skills young people need to manage their health care and transition successfully into adult HIV care. In its pilot year, Youth TEACH graduated 31 students and all were linked to adult services providers for medical care or other needs. FIGHT had the opportunity to present a poster about this new project at the CDC National HIV Prevention Conference in 2015. We plan to run additional classes in 2016.

In 2015 our Peer Education team, staffed by TEACH graduates, reached

nearly 10,500 Philadelphians with valuable information

about HIV prevention and treatment. Peer educators travel to more than 40 sites throughout Philadelphia, including social service agencies, community groups, churches, health fairs, and more. In 2015 we added four new team members.



Hannah Zellman
Director of ICJ

Scott Drake
Member, Board of Directors

INSTITUTE FOR COMMUNITY JUSTICE

In spring 2015 the Institute for Community Justice (ICJ) moved to a new location at 1207 Chestnut Street, co-locating services with the John Bell Health Center. Since the move, ICJ has been steadily increasing services at its Reentry Drop-In Center, which now offers laundry services, a larger clothing bank, and expanded programming. As part of FIGHT's continuing initiative to enhance services for women, transgender, and gender-nonconforming participants (WTGNC), ICJ has launched a monthly drop-in specifically for those communities.

In the fall ICJ hired a full-time case manager, which helped streamline service delivery and collaboration with other programs and departments at FIGHT. ICJ works closely with the Jonathan Lax Center, the John Bell Health Center, and the Y-HEP Health Center to create sustainable pathways to healthcare and access to public benefits through BenePhilly. Now, in addition to offering case management to our Drop-In Center participants, our Prison Support Program can work with Drop-In participants who have been reincarcerated. Additionally, ICJ has increasingly become a referral site for participants who are aging out of Y-HEP and the Y-HEP Health Center. Drop-In Center staff from both programs

meet regularly to coordinate service delivery and transitions and are working to formalize processes for participants transitioning out of Y-HEP.

CRITICAL PATH PROJECT

FIGHT was awarded a SPNS (Special Projects of National Significance) grant from the Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) to work with The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia on using social media to link HIV-positive youth to care and to help retain them. In addition, Critical Path will be adapting our APPlify Your Health workshops to introduce a mobile app designed for and by HIV-positive youth.

In 2015 the Critical Path Project staffed four public computing centers (the Critical Path Lab, the AIDS Library, ICJ, and Y-HEP), which provided more than 3,000 hours of open access time and accommodated 19,495 visits. Our trained public computing center assistants provided 528 one-on-one tutorial sessions to assist patrons with job applications, navigating social media, creating résumés, attaching documents to email, and many other tasks.

The Critical Path team taught 58 digital literacy classes and workshops across our four sites in 2015—a total of 704 hours of instruction for 346 students.

Chip Alfred
Director of Development and Communications

HIV COUNSELING AND TESTING

In 2015 the CDC awarded FIGHT a new grant that will be used to create a navigation team to help link those who are HIV positive to care and those who are HIV negative (and identified at high risk) to crucial medical services and benefits. Through this grant, we have partnered with Prevention Point Philadelphia and

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LaTasha Tucker
Practice Coordinator
Jonathan Lax Center

“ Even though I grew up with a family that provided for me, I didn't learn the values of family and love until I came to Y-HEP. *Matthew*

Finding Y-HEP made me realize that I needed to move forward and they have helped me do it. I always felt a strong sense of community at Y-HEP. Even though I grew up with a family that provided for me, I didn't learn the values of family and love until I came to Y-HEP.

At FIGHT, I learned that it's not over. HIV will not be my cause of death. I learned I could still go to school, still get a job and still go out and be whatever it is I want to be. Without Y-HEP or FIGHT, I would still be lost and trying to find my way. Now, I have a plan. I live to love and to do what is right.



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will be concentrating our testing efforts in Point Breeze and Hunting Park, two underserved high-incidence Philadelphia neighborhoods.

In 2015 we tested 2,461 individuals and found 35 positives. Of these, FIGHT successfully linked 21 to care.

PrEP

Since FIGHT's PrEP (Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis) program began in 2013, we have seen an almost fivefold increase in the number of clients enrolled. FIGHT has provided training and workshops on PrEP both internally and externally to over 500 individuals in Philadelphia and the surrounding areas. These sessions have included FIGHT staff, prescribing clinicians from other health systems, staff of social service agencies and other AIDS Service Organizations, Philadelphia Health Department staff, and members of the community. Additionally, several large national conferences—the

Conference—have accepted abstracts from our program.

Mimi McNichol
Director of
Clinical Operations

Conference; and the CDC's National HIV Prevention

AIDS LIBRARY

In 2015 the AIDS Library served 2,195 individuals across all services. On an average day, about 30 people came to browse our collection of over 1,200 book titles and 90 DVD titles, 94 of which were added in 2015. Staff signed up 108 people for library cards and lent 79 titles from the library's circulating collection. Many patrons prefer to peruse materials in the comfort of the library itself; they enjoyed 993 books, DVDs, newspapers, magazines, and pamphlets while there, often with assistance from the librarians or support staff.

The staff and volunteers of the AIDS Library answered 1,107 requests for information. These ranged from inquiries about the best bus route (to a potential rental apartment) to scholarly articles on the link between anxiety and social subordination. Library staff also answered 1,425 letters from incarcerated individuals as part of the Prison Health News program, providing medical information and reentry resources for this population.

The library's computer lab was open for 947 hours in 2015, serving 571 individuals through a total of 4,652

Akia Feggans
Director of Behavioral Health

Anthony James
Y-HEP Health Center Practice Coordinator

sessions. Staff provided 153 one-on-one tutorial sessions for patrons to help with everything from deleting a Facebook post and searching for housing on Craigslist to creating a résumé. In addition, 151 students enrolled in digital literacy and employment courses offered in the computer lab, including Computer 101, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft PowerPoint, Job Readiness, and Workforce Development.

Y-HEP

Philadelphia FIGHT celebrated the Youth Health Empowerment Project's (Y-HEP's) 20th Anniversary in March 2015 with *This Is How We Do It*, a '90s fundraising jam. With over 200 in attendance, the event was a tremendous success, raising \$40,000. FIGHT will use the funds to grow Y-HEP's therapeutic services and provide PrEP (Pre-exposure Prophylaxis) to more young people. DJ Foxx Boogie and the legendary DJ Spinderella from Salt-N-Pepa provided the entertainment. Y-HEP presented the Youth Health Empowerment Award to Jacqui Ambrosini, its founding director.

AIDS EDUCATION MONTH

In 2015 FIGHT hosted the largest, most ambitious event in AIDS Education Month (AEM) history: the End AIDS 2015 Conference. End AIDS combined FIGHT's three signature summits—the HIV Prevention and Outreach Summit; the Beyond the Walls:

Prison Healthcare and Reentry Summit; and the Faith Leaders and Community Summit—into one activity-packed day of learning and community. With three keynote speakers (Piper Kerman, author of *Orange is the New Black: My Year in a Women's Prison*; Julie [JD] Davids, AIDS activist and managing editor of *TheBody.com*; and Everett Gillison, Chief of Staff

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Juliet Yates
Education Director

Kevin Cotton
Member, Board of Directors

“ I'd do anything for Y-HEP. They saved me, they saved my life.

Lauren

If it hadn't been for Y-HEP, I would still be struggling. I'd still be making excuses, feeling sorry for myself and blaming my family for not accepting me. Y-HEP taught me that if I wasn't going to fix my situation, nobody was going to do it for me. Now, I refuse to be at a standstill. I am working towards my GED and hope to join the police academy someday. I gained my mom's trust back and we are close again. I love myself and will never settle for less. I'm still not where I want to be in life, but I know I'm getting closer each day.

Y-HEP helped me get to where I am today and now my dreams just keep growing. I don't need to be rich or have a supermodel wife, I just need to have money left over at the end of the month and have a purpose. I want to be able to give back to those in need. I'd do anything for Y-HEP. They saved me, they saved my life.



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to Mayor Nutter) and more than 75 workshops, the End AIDS 2015 Conference offered content for people from all walks of life. The more than 1,500 attendees included HIV-positive individuals and those at high risk, service providers and clients, those in the reentry community, representatives of faith-based organizations, activists, clinicians, and many others.

Throughout June, FIGHT collaborated with more than 100 community partners to deliver the high-quality program content our clients and attendees expect. Other highlights from AEM 2015 include Mayor Nutter's memorial tribute to Gloria Casarez at the Opening Reception; Ms. Deon Haywood's Kiyoshi Kuromiya Award acceptance speech at the Award Ceremony; Teyana Taylor's exciting performance at the Hip Hop for Philly concert; and the inspiring sounds of JJ Hairston and Youthful Praise at the annual Gospel Concert.

FAITH INITIATIVES

In 2015 the Office of Faith Initiatives presented the Faithful TEACH curriculum to three cohorts and graduated 55 students. The course helps equip faith leaders to better minister to congregants and community

members living with HIV/AIDS. The VOICES of Philadelphia

FIGHT singing ministry reorganized, offering vocal training to participants and performing at Project TEACH graduations. *The Reed* newsletter released its final printed edition in spring 2015 and is transitioning to digital format. The Office of Faith Initiatives will continue to produce a small

number of print copies to accommodate those in our senior community who are not Internet users.

As part of the End AIDS Conference, during AIDS Education Month in June, the Faith Summit was held for the first time in collaboration with both the Prevention and Prison Summits at the Pennsylvania Convention Center. The annual Gospel Concert, which was held in 2015 at Mt. Airy Church of God in Christ, featured headliner JJ Hairston and Youthful Praise and various faith community choruses.

In September Eddie Davis joined the Office of Faith Initiatives as a part-time assistant.

On December 1 the seventh annual World AIDS Day Prayer Breakfast, featuring the Rev. Dr. Wayne Croft Jr. as keynote speaker, attracted more than 300 attendees. By all accounts, it was one of the most dynamic annual breakfasts to date.

DEVELOPMENT & COMMUNICATIONS

AIDS Walk Philly

Philadelphia FIGHT kicked off its 25th Anniversary Celebration at AIDS Walk Philly. The walk/run took place on October 18, 2015, near the steps of the Philadelphia Museum of Art. To mark the anniversary, we picked "25 and Still FIGHTing!" as our team's theme

Alyssa Richman
AIDS Library and
Digital Literacy Manager

and recruited more than 150 people.

FIGHT raised \$13,000. As a partnering organization of AIDS Walk Philly, we retain 100% of those funds, which will be used to support FIGHT programs. We sincerely thank all of our walkers, runners, volunteers, and supporters for making this possible.

25th Anniversary FIGHT for Life Gala

Thanks to our sponsors, guests, and staff, FIGHT's 25th Anniversary Gala was the largest and most successful fundraising event yet. Over 400 people attended, celebrating over cocktails, dinner, and dancing. Our Lifetime Achievement Honoree, Olympic champion and AIDS activist Greg Louganis, presented an impassioned speech. We raised over \$125,000. The proceeds will support FIGHT's HIV primary medical care at the Jonathan Lax Treatment Center and primary care for youth and adults at very high risk of acquiring HIV at the Y-HEP and John Bell Health Centers.



Fred Dunston



Sam Morales

IN MEMORIAM

FIGHT mourns the loss of two dedicated, longtime board members, Fred Dunston and Sam Morales. A leading HIV activist in the Latino community, Sam Morales also cofounded FIGHT's Latino TEACH. Both Fred and Sam will be missed greatly.



Danica Moore
Program Manager
Lax Center Women's Program



Calenthia Dowdy
Director of Faith Initiatives

“ Today I am undetectable. As long as I stay off of drugs, keep my health up, and keep my mind focused, I'll be okay. I know my story hasn't ended yet. *James*

I feel like I have become a part of a family. The counselors at TREE make everyone feel so comfortable and I can talk to them about anything. They help me stay clean—one day at a time. Now I want to be a peer specialist so I can help somebody else and be there to keep them going. I want to show people that they shouldn't give up. I'm glad I didn't.

Without FIGHT, I don't think I would have made it. Today I am undetectable, and as long as I stay off of drugs, keep my health up, and keep my mind focused, I'll be okay. I know my story hasn't ended yet.

Sources of Revenue

PUBLIC FUNDERS AND PARTNERSHIPS

United States Government	City of Philadelphia	Community Partnerships
340B Drug Pricing Program	AIDS Activities Coordinating Office	Access Matters
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	Department of Human Services	Benefits Data Trust
Department of Health and Human Services	Department of Public Health	Drexel University
National Institutes of Health – National Institute on Drug Abuse (in partnership with University of Pennsylvania and Temple University)	Office of Addiction Services – Coordinating Office for Drug and Alcohol Abuse Programs	Health Federation of Philadelphia
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