

Donation Frequently Asked Questions

Why is my gift so important?

Although we receive funding from corporate sponsors and government contracts, this only covers a portion of the costs needed to run effective programs and services. Individual support and donations are important sources of income that fill the gap between the money provided by sponsors and contracts and actual funding needs of programs and services.

I got a letter asking for money in the mail, but I can only give about \$5. Isn't it better to wait until later when I have more to give?

No! You would be amazed at how many donations we get under \$10, and they all add up to a significant portion to help support SAAF's efforts. In fact, this year we introduced a "Give 5" Campaign specifically for people who want to give \$5, 5 volunteer hours, etc. We ask for people to support the people served by SAAF however they can. Your donation is valuable, regardless of the amount.

There are other more serious problems in the world. Why should I give to SAAF?

There are many serious problems, not just HIV. Deaths associated with HIV are not as prevalent as they were in the 1980's, however HIV cases are on the rise and testing has declined. Youth today between the ages of 13 and 24 have seen a 40% increase in infections since 1999. HIV is still a terminal disease and the average life span with someone living with the illness is 10 years. So, the younger a person is infected with HIV the more likely they are to die of AIDS. HIV is not the only posing healthcare problem facing our society today, but it certainly is an imminent one.

Where does my money go?

All donations stay in Southern Arizona to help SAAF's programs and services. Many clients are struggling to live full and productive lives while living with HIV/AIDS and SAAF's services assist them with coping with this disease. **All donations are tax deductible and you will receive a letter for your gift as a result.**

How can I give?

There are many ways to support SAAF. Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit and all donations are tax deductible. You can support us in the following ways:

- Mail a check made payable to "Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation" or by credit card online at www.saaf.org or by phone at 520-628-SAAF (7223).
- Participate in a special event.
- Leave a legacy, by making a bequest in your will to SAAF.
- Offer the option for others to make a donation to SAAF in lieu of flowers at funerals.

- Consider an in-kind donation.
- Make a donation in honor or memory of a loved one. This can be done online or by mail. If you are making this donation by mail, please make sure to send a note to whom you wish to make the memorial donation in honor or in memory of. If making a donation in memory or honor of a friend, we can notify their family of your contribution at your request. We will need this contact information from you.
- Donate stock.
- Donate your used vehicle.
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For more information on how to donate, visit Giving Opportunities on the Community Page of www.saaf.org.