2010-2011 Care Services Overview

Care Services ensure that people living with HIV/AIDS have access to the services they need to maintain optimal health and live as independently and safely as possible. Care Services are grouped into three areas: clinical, support, and housing services.

Of the people served in 2010-2011, 96% were low income, with 54% living below the poverty level. Due to the ongoing economic conditions and the stress of living with limited incomes, the number of people who received housing and food services increased. The demand remained high for other basic support services including transportation, emergency rent and utility help, as well as essential medical services including dental care and assistance with medications.

During this past year, SAAF provided services to the greatest number of people in its history, serving 1,060 people living with HIV/AIDS and their household members. Of these, 108 were new clients.

Clinical Services

- Case management provided needs assessments, the development of care and action plans, and provision of or referral to necessary services.
- Peer Counseling partnered people living with HIV/AIDS with a caring person living with or deeply affected by HIV/AIDS, from whom they can receive support and referrals.

Support Services

- Complementary Therapies
- Dental Services (provided statewide except for Maricopa and Pinal Counties)
- Food and Nutrition Services, including the Food for Life Program and the Food Pantry
- Holiday Project
- Medications Assistance
- Support Groups
- Transportation Services
- Wellness and Buyers' Club
- Other personal support services

Housing Services

- 83 units owned by SAAF at seven different locations
- 75 subsidized rental units in the community
- Move-in assistance and short-term financial assistance to help pay rent, mortgage, and utility bills

Through support, SAAF offered a comprehensive array of services that made a great impact for many people:
- 1,051 people received case management and peer counseling services
- 465 people received access to dental services through a contract with Delta Dental
- 466 people received food assistance
- 377 people received transportation services
- 170 people received emergency short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance or move-in deposits
- 171 people participated in the Holiday project
- 161 people received medications assistance
- 145 people from 100 households lived in SAAF properties
- 193 people from 96 households lived in SAAF tenant-based subsidized units
- 42 people accessed services of the Complementary Therapies Program

2010-2011 Prevention Services Overview

SAAF’s Prevention Department creates healthier communities through innovative education, training, and outreach services to reduce the transmission of HIV, Hepatitis, and Sexually Transmitted Infections by using safe and supportive approaches. These three services use safe and supportive approaches for reducing the transmission of HIV, Hepatitis, and Sexually transmitted infections. In the 2010-2011 FY, prevention services targeting populations at increased risk of HIV infection or transmission were expanded to the Syringe Access Program and Testing in rural Graham, Greenlee, and Santa Cruz Counties.

SAAF continued providing effective behavioral interventions. These health education and risk reduction activities included: outreach, individual-level, group-level and, community-level interventions; health education/public information; and public health strategies such as Comprehensive Risk Counseling Services (CRCS), HIV counseling, Testing and Referral Services (CTRS), and Syringe Access Services.

At more than 900 outreach and educational events and through HIV testing and counseling, over 17,300 contacts were made. Two hundred thirteen participants received individual-level interventions (including syringe access services) at over 800 sessions; and 29 group-level interventions were conducted that reached 352 individuals.

HIV counseling and testing is provided by the SAAF staff in collaboration with the Pima County Health Department. Testing is available at SAAF, behavioral health agencies, local bars, and at community events throughout the year. Confidential HIV testing using a HIV Rapid Test is available. Approximately 1,637 people were tested at SAAF, Behavioral Health agencies, in Yuma, La Paz, Gila, Pinal, Graham, Greenlee, and Santa Cruz Counties community locations, and at mobile-testing events.

For more information on testing please call (520) 628-7223.

“All I can say is that SAAF has been very good to us. SAAF has been very helpful with our apartment. We also get food boxes and fresh fruits and vegetables every month, which is a great help. In my opinion, programs such as SAAF save lives.”

~ Resident of SAAF housing and participant in SAAF’s Grace Trust Food Pantry
2010-2011 Financial Overview

Below is a financial snapshot of SAAF’s 2010–2011 fiscal year. There is a reported loss of approximately $99,000. This difference is due to depreciation of the seven SAAF housing properties and the administrative office building.

This year’s revenue figures are 33% more than those in 2009–2010. This is due, in large part, to SAAF’s expanded prevention efforts.

Revenue

Grants/Contracts ....... $5,044,577 .... 77%
Community-Based Revenue .... $960,699 .... 15%
Rental Property Income .... $424,746 .... 6%
Management Services .... $92,524 .... 1%
Buyers’ Club .... $40,202 .... 1%
Investment & Other Income .... $19,029 .... 0%
Total Revenue ........ $6,581,780

Expenses

Client Services .... $4,089,409 .... 61%
Prevention .... $1,465,577 .... 22%
Development .... $684,472 .... 10%
Administration .... $422,788 .... 6%
Community Resources .... $38,712 .... 1%
Total Expenses ........ $6,680,958

Circles of Humanity Members

Circles of Humanity members support SAAF’s mission with gifts totaling $250 or more during any calendar year. In appreciation of their generous support, donors who make a significant commitment and impact through their charitable giving receive recognition as a Circles of Humanity member with exclusive VIP benefits. For more information about Circles of Humanity contact Ethan Smith Cox, Director of Development at ecox@saaf.org or (520) 628-7223.

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“I have improved my nutritional intake since I’ve been on Food for Life. It has helped to increase my strength and stamina. With Food for Life I know I can look forward to a well-rounded meal. It’s also nice to see a smiling face when food is delivered. Thank you for all that you do.”

– Participant in SAAF’s Food for Life Program

2010-2011 SAAF/TIHAN/Wingspan Volunteer Appreciation event
**Jasmine**  
Jasmine (pseudonym) is a young Latina who is a participant in SAAF’s ALLY (Arizona Life Links for Youth) Program, a suicide prevention program for LGBT adolescents started in November of 2010. She has been attending meetings and helping out with street outreach at the Eon Youth Lounge ALLY site. During Suicide Prevention and Awareness Week, SAAF distributed purple carnations labeled with encouraging messages to citizens in Tucson. Jasmine represented ALLY in this effort. During an ALLY meeting at Eon, she opened up and shared how being a part of ALLY has helped her to become a better person. She said ALLY had also helped her learn patience with others and that she’s a lot happier now because she’s a part of something that’s all about doing good things to others. Jasmine stated, “I’ve had a hard life. This has helped me change for the better.”

**Tyrone**  
Tyrone was released from prison last summer and was assigned to a halfway house in Tucson. A bus brought him to town, where he was dropped off at around 9:00 pm. He was told that it was too late for him to check into the house. Tyrone, with nowhere to go, connected with his old friends and they “partied.” He subsequently bounced around from shelter to shelter coming across the SAAF Alternatives flyer at the Primavera Men’s Shelter. Alternatives is one of the SAAF programs started in August 2010 to provide individual and group-level interventions for adults with a history of substance use and incarceration. When Tyrone called he sounded very frustrated but said, “I had almost given up when I was staying at the Primavera shelter until I saw the flyer and thought to myself, it can’t hurt to call.”

When Tyrone enrolled in a one-on-one session with a prevention counselor and case manager, he was on guard and somewhat cynical. When he came to us, we helped him fill out an application for transitional housing at Old Pueblo Community Services; he got an interview the following day and moved in three days after that. Tyrone said the following to the counselor, “Y’all helped me to get over my pride and get reconnected with my family. I had almost given up and even though I had negative feedback from other agencies, I wouldn’t give up. I was able to open up to you ladies, which is something I have never done with a female. It was uncomfortable at first but then I got over it. If it wasn’t for y’all, I don’t know where I would be right now.” He continued with the program, reconnected with his family, and is currently in Florida living clean and sober. He said, “I refuse to use that stuff again.”

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– Participant in SAAF’s Complementary Therapies Program
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