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 all the people served last year, 97% 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 demand remained high for basic support services including housing, food, transportation, emergency rent and utility assistance, as well as essential medical services including dental care and medications assistance.

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

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
- Medical Benefits cost sharing assistance for those enrolled in statewide ADAP Assist
- 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
- 120 subsidized rental units in the community
- Move-in assistance and short-term financial assistance to help pay rent, mortgage, and utility bills

Through your support SAAF was able to offer a comprehensive array of services that made a great impact for many people last year.

- 1,120 people received case management and peer counseling services
- 749 people accessed dental services through a contract with Delta Dental
- 514 people received food assistance
- 816 people received assistance with medical costs through ADAP Assist
- 430 people received transportation services
- 196 people received assistance through the Holiday Project
- 197 people received medications assistance
- 163 households received emergency short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance or move-in deposits
- 99 households lived in SAAF properties, housing 134 people
- 125 households lived in SAAF tenant-based subsidized units, housing 211 people
- 61 people accessed services of the Complementary Therapies Program

“...I benefit from the (food) deliveries and the contact with the volunteer drivers. Those who deliver food are so cheerful and can really turn my day around. They are sincere, endearing, kind, sympathetic, joyful, a pleasure to see and speak with.”

– Participant in the Food for Life home delivered meals program

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Prevention services targets populations at increased risk of HIV infection or transmission, Hepatitis C infection, substance use, and suicide. Communities served included gay/bisexual men and other men who have sex with men (MSM); men and women who inject drugs; have a history of injection drug use, are currently in drug treatment, and/or have a history of incarceration; youth, including young people of color, LGBTQ youth, and adjudicated youth; and people living with HIV/AIDS. In fiscal year 2012-2013, syringe access services were expanded to add additional days and hours.

SAAF was able to reopen the MSKAPE (Men’s Sexual Health and Personal Empowerment) lounge due to grants from the Pima County Health Department, the Steve J. Miller Foundation, and the LGBT&S Alliance Fund. The Lounge opened two days a week and increased to three days a week for five hours each day. STEPP (Steps Towards Effective Positive Prevention), a new program targeting people living with HIV/AIDS, their partners, and other high-risk negatives began in July 2012 in response to the Center for Disease Control (CDC)’s Community High Impact Prevention initiative. A new grant was received from the CDC to provide Hepatitis education and rapid testing services to people who inject drugs. The program, Hepatitis Testing and Linkage to Care (HEP TLC) completed its first year with the highest testing numbers of all grantees. The RAPP project also launched the Life Plus Project, a social marketing campaign targeting youth at risk. Life Plus intends to encourage young people to get tested and learn more about staying safe and healthy.

SAAF provided effective behavioral interventions, public health strategies and health education and risk reduction activities that included outreach, individual-level interventions, group-level interventions, community-level interventions, health education/public information, and social media strategies.

Prevention programs conducted hundreds of outreach and educational events, making over 23,599 contacts; 44 participants received over 160 individual level interventions; over 750 individuals accessed syringe access services with over 1,600 visits; over 60 group level interventions were conducted reaching 894 individuals; and over 224,000 condoms and other safer sex materials were distributed in Tucson.

HIV Testing was provided by over 25 trained SAAF staff. Testing was available at SAAF, behavioral health agencies, local bars, and at community events throughout the year. Confidential HIV testing using a HIV Rapid Test was available. Last year 1,967 people received HIV rapid testing services at SAAF. Behavioral Health Agencies in Yuma, La Paz, Gila, Pinal, Cochise, Graham, Greenlee, and Santa Cruz counties, community locations, and at mobile-testing events. Hepatitis C rapid testing was also made available to people who inject drugs or have a history of injection drug use. Over 555 tests were conducted at SAAF and in collaboration with behavioral health organizations in Tucson.

Prevention Programming

HIV Testing
- Clearview Complete HIV ½ Rapid test (15 minutes)
- HIV Counseling, Testing, and Referral
- SAAF Testing Monday-Friday
- Rural Testing (Gila & Pinal)
- Community Events Collaborators
- Wingspan
- Tucson Indian Center
- Cactus Counseling
- Edge Charter High School
- Salvation Army
- CODAC’s Step Forward

Adult Programs

Steps Towards Effective Positive Prevention (STEPP)
- For people living with HIV
  - Medication adherence, HIV status disclosure, support of newly diagnosed, goal setting, substance use & abuse, reduce HIV and STI acquisition and transmission.
- For current and former substance users, primarily IDU
- Syringe Access Program (SAP): Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
  - 10 syringes for coming, 1:1 after that
  - Access to HIV and HEP C testing
  - Access to clean works, bleach kits, hygiene items
  - Build relationships with staff and access health related information, including options for treatment
- HEP TLC: Hepatitis C Testing and Education
  - For MSM
  - Condom distribution
  - Support around behavior change, substance use & abuse, risk reduction
  - Peer driven and peer lead
- Alternatives
  - For current and former substance users, primarily IDU
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Youth Programs

• Reaching Adolescents Prevention Project (RAPP): Substance abuse and HIV Education
  - Voz: Substance Abuse education/reduction and Coalition Building
  - HIV Youth Peer Education (HYPE): HIV Education
  - Arizona Life Links for Youth (ALLY): Suicide Prevention, LGBTQ youth
  - iTeam: Collaborative project based out of U of A, LGBTQ youth, addressing issues of substance use, homelessness, mental health, HIV/STI prevention
• Step Forward: Collaborative project based out of CODAC, substance abuse prevention & treatment, HIV prevention
• Eco Youth Lounge at Wingspan: SAAF provides HIV Testing and HIV/STI prevention
• Life PLUS Project: Social Marketing Campaign, primarily on Facebook, targeting youth. Promotes HIV Testing, addresses stigma and myths of HIV, HIV co-factors.
Sidney’s Story

Gaining Confidence

Sidney* made a presentation to her classmates as her final project when she finished taking SAAF’s Voz Youth Prevention Program for school credit at Edge High School. She told the class and Voz facilitators that she had trouble trusting adults, believing the teachers, and respecting others. She admitted she didn’t find information presented or the class discussions very useful. Instead of dropping out, she stuck with the Voz class. Sidney said, “I started seeing how the skills I was learning could actually be used in my everyday life. I’m amazed. I’ve become a happier person and feel more in control of my life because of what I learned in the Voz classes.”

Vince’s Story

Feeling a Bit Better Every Day

Meet Vince* who has been living with AIDS for more than 15 years. “I mostly handled my neuropathy (nerve pain) okay, still kept pretty active doing some volunteer work. But lately it’s been getting worse, especially in my arms and hands. Sometimes I’ve had to take medication for the pain. Last year, my CD4 counts took a dive, so my doctor changed my HIV meds. The side effects, to put it mildly, have been frustrating. Everything upsets my stomach now. I used to be tired once in a while and taking a nap in the afternoon would help. Now I’m exhausted all the time. I just want to get back to feeling normal. I’m grateful my doctor referred me to SAAF’s Complementary Therapies Program.

When he enrolled in SAAF’s Complementary Therapies Program in April 2013, Vince shared his goals. “I want to help cut back or end neuropathy in my shoulders, arms, and hands and stop using the pain medications. I want more energy and wish my stomach would feel normal again. I wouldn’t mind sleeping better too.”

After participating in the program for almost a year, Vince gave his feedback: “My new HIV medication is starting to get my numbers up on my CD4 count. Thanks to the Complementary Therapies Program, I’ll stick with it. My side effects and stomach are settling down. I like the naturopath. She really listened, answered my questions, and made suggestions on how I could help myself. The massage and the supplements help with the pain and help me sleep better. I am able to function a bit better on a day-to-day basis.”

*S names and identities have been changed for confidentiality

SAAF Client Stories

2012-2013
Financial Overview

Below is a financial snapshot of SAAF’s 2012-2013 fiscal year*. As you will notice, there is a reported gain of $100,000 meaning SAAF finished the financial year in a stronger financial position than the previous year.

*All figures based on unaudited financials

Revenue

Grants/Contracts .................................. $5,746,371 76.4%
Community-Based Revenue (Funding) .......... $1,110,159 14.8%
Rental Property Income ........................... $483,235 6.4%
Investment & Other Income ....................... $39,404 0.5%
Buyers’ Club & Food Enterprise .................. $97,946 1.3%
Management Services ........................... $45,778 0.6%
Total Revenue .................................... $7,522,893

Expenses

Client Services ..................................... $5,005,159 67.4%
Prevention .......................................... $1,197,509 16.1%
Development (Fundraising/Marketing/Volunteer Resources) .. $602,121 8.1%
Administration ................................... $583,480 7.9%
Community Resources ........................... $33,373 0.4%
Total Expenses .................................... $7,421,642

Change in Net Assets .............................. +$101,251
Net Assets - Beginning of Year ................... $2,734,174
Net Assets - End of Year .......................... $2,835,425
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Circles of Humanity members support SAAF’s mission with gifts totaling $250 or more during any calendar year. Donors who make a significant commitment and impact through their charitable giving receive recognition as a Circles of Humanity member and exclusive VIP benefits in appreciation of their generous support.

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