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Summer Thoughts

our lips smack

separating
our
fantasies



Moonflowers aglow
along the
lattice walls;
a candlelit porch.



Going to and fro—
footprints
on the gravel path
silently
pacing.



AIDS Vancouver On The Move

Hello Everyone.....

As you probably have (every good agency has Vancouver will be on the may ask? It was for a reason was to reduce

Another reason identified was a desire to decentralize services. This would assist services being offered closer to the communities of need. This means that some AIDS Vancouver services would be delivered through other locations and agencies, some would remain on the same site with BCPWA, and others services would be re-located where leasing was most cost-effective.



heard, via the grapevine one), parts of AIDS move. Why move one number of reasons. One costs to the agency.

Needless to say, this will be a big change.

The following services will remain at our current site – **1107 Seymour Street**...the **Client Services Site** and the hours of operation will be 8:30 am – 4:30 pm. This will include, the Library, Case Management, Support Programs, Helpline, Website Co-ordinator, Grocery, Director of Programs and Services, Administrative Assistant to Programs and Services and Reception.

The **Administrative Site** will be located at **2006 West 10th Avenue** and the hours of operation will be 8:30 am – 4:30 pm. This will include, the Executive Director, Executive Assistant, the Director of Community Development, Administrative Assistant to Community Development, Communications Co-ordinator, Volunteer Resources, Women's Programs, Director of Internal Operations, Print Resources, and Finance.

And finally the **Gay Men's Health Programs** will be located **on Davie Street**, a precise location not yet determined at the time of this printing.

A Moving Plan has been developed. We hope to be settled in our new spaces by August 1st. 2002

Change for anyone can be difficult, but we see this move full of new potential and creativity for AIDS Vancouver.

Join in celebrating our new diversified agency.

John Dube,
Director of Internal Operations



LOOKING FOR A FEW “STAR WALKERS” ...

To walk together and make invaluable strides towards a better life for everyone living with HIV/AIDS at the annual AIDS Walk on September 22. This year's event promises to be better than ever with live entertainment, music, food and friends. Last year's teams helped to raise \$69,000 for 12 community partners, this year we hope to top that! If you would like more information about how to get involved as either an individual or team, please call **Lara Skibinski** at **604-893-2217**.

Spring in Fund Development

Spring has been a busy time in the Fund Development Department. Thanks to D-Team volunteers Anja, Ben, Dennis, John, Joyce, Lisa, Lowell, Lydia, Mahfuz, Martin, Mavis, Minerva, Olivia, Raul, and Sharon for their invaluable service and contribution to AV.

In early April volunteer Dennis Jones secured a generous donation of \$18,000 from the Central City Mission Foundation to go towards the AV Grocery! Thanks Dennis!

Along with the administrative grind, on May 14th, a number of volunteers including Anja, Lisa, Olivia, Raul and Martin helped out at The Lounge Hair Studio's annual Art In Kind Silent Auction. This year's event raised over \$6,000 towards AV programs and services! Thanks to Lance Blanchette and Martin Hillier of The Lounge Hair Studio for hosting, and to AV Board Chair Sharon McKinnon for representing AV.

Thank you everyone for your commitment and hard work!



Case Management



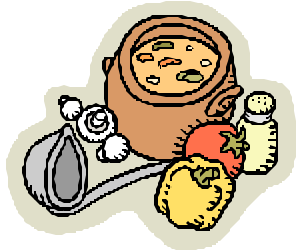
Over the past year, our program has expanded to include Access and Intensive Case Management teams, a Program Supervisor, and an off-site case manager at the Downtown Community Health Centre (located in the downtown eastside):

Access Case Managers staff the Access Office (formerly the Info. Office), and are available by appointment and drop-in. This team is often an individual's first contact with AIDS Vancouver. The Access case managers provide a safe and responsive space to respond to clients' short-term needs, in the areas of health, housing, income, emotional support, legal issues, and practical assistance.

Intensive Case Managers provide long-term support and assistance for individuals with multiple needs. Intensive case management activities include: Home visits to people who are too ill to come in to the office, disability applications, assistance with the refugee/immigration process, and coordination of community resources (e.g. home care, meal delivery, counselling, care team referral.)

We are extremely grateful to our volunteers Henry and Kalai, for their hard work in our program, as well as to the Care Team, Visitation and Counselling volunteers for the amazing support they provide to clients.

AIDS Vancouver Grocery Program



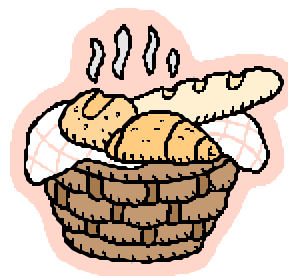
The vast majority of people living with HIV/AIDS live on a low income. Given the high cost of food many are forced to rely on supplemental food sources. The AIDS Vancouver Grocery Program is distinct in that we provide items, which are tailored to the very specific dietary needs of individuals living with HIV.

Nutrition plays a critical role for people who are HIV+. Good nutrition helps a body fight disease and it assists people in maintaining weight. The AIDS Vancouver Grocery Program strives to provide people with foods and hygiene items that promote good health.

To be eligible for the AIDS Vancouver Grocery you must be a client of AIDS Vancouver, have proof of HIV status, and have a yearly income under \$20,000 (gross).

The Grocery is open every Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. A typical weekly bag will contain:

- ❖ 1 hygiene item (*a bar of soap, toilet tissue, shampoo, dish soap, toothpaste*)
- ❖ 1 protein item (*canned tuna, salmon, peanut butter, stew, cheese spread*)
- ❖ A variety of fresh fruit
- ❖ A variety of fresh vegetables 1 litre of milk
- ❖ eggs
- ❖ bread



AIDS Vancouver purchases most of these items and we are fortunate to receive weekly donations from Terra Breads and the Vancouver Food Bank. During the month of April, the Grocery gave out **2668** bags; this is an average of **592** bags per week.

Volunteers and one paid staff person (*Grocery Coordinator*) run the Grocery. The average contribution each month of volunteer time is approximately **230** hours.

Our volunteers work extremely hard and they are very dedicated. This program would cease to exist without them.

I give great thanks to all of the volunteers for their knowledge, skills and work!

Grant Druhan,
Grocery Coordinator

Support Programs

Congratulations to Support Programs Volunteers for contributing 3,243.5 volunteer hours for the year ending March 31, 2002. This includes 648 hours of Professional Counselling services, 1,599 hours of Care Team service, and 996.5 hours of Home and Hospital Visitor services.

The following volunteers contributed more than 100 hours of volunteer service in the year: Quinn Hiebert, May McQueen, Teresa Stancioff, and Melissa Weigel (Visitors); and Sharon McKinnon, Vicki O'Brien, Gus Wong, Doug Jones, and Jerry Steele (Care Teams).



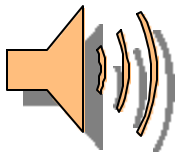
For the year ahead, our goals include: increasing the number of Care Teams to three, in anticipation of greater demand for services, recruiting new professional counsellors to the Counselling program, and developing partnerships in the Downtown Eastside.

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- ◆ Media Advocacy
- ◆ Registered Counsellors
- ◆ Helpline
- ◆ Helpline-Online
- ◆ Newsletter
- ◆ Grocery
- ◆ Care Team
- ◆ Home/Hospital Visitor

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Purpose and Policy of the Volunteer Bulletin

Purpose

The Volunteer Bulletin is a medium for the communication of information regarding volunteerism, HIV/AIDS and related issues, volunteer activities and AIDS Vancouver organizational information. It is also a vehicle for the development and appreciation for the volunteer community of AIDS Vancouver.

Editorial Policy

All volunteers are encouraged to submit material, which is appropriate to the above stated purpose of the Volunteer Bulletin. The Editors reserve the right to edit any material submitted.

All persons submitting material for publication are required to sign their submission, thereby accepting responsibility for their views. Names will be withheld by the approval of the Editor. Anonymous submissions will not be accepted.

The opinions expressed in the newsletter are those of the individual authors and not necessarily those of AIDS Vancouver.

When submitting written material please do so as a Word document in standard paragraph formatting. This means:

- no graphic treatments (i.e. reverse bars & grey bars)
- no hard returns in paragraphs
- no text formatting (i.e. centered text)

If you would like to include pictures please send scanned version if possible.

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