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Red Ribbon Ride



This year's Red Ribbon Ride was success! The Ride raised approximately \$450,000, benefiting seven local HIV/AIDS service organizations, including The Aliveness Project! Special thanks to the riders and crew — especially our Team Aliveness members, who raised over \$30,000! Mark your calendars for next year's Red Ribbon Ride on July 15-18, 2010. You can register to ride or crew at www.redribbonride.org (starting October 1).

Closing On New Building

You may have heard that we have been in the search for a new location for The Aliveness Project. Our Facilities Committee has been working on this project for the past couple years. We have been in need of a larger building for a long time — we are serving twice as many members compared to nine years ago. More space will allow more room for current and future programs, as well as improved accessibility and parking for our members, volunteers and staff.

I am pleased to share that we closed on our new site at the end of July. The building is located at 3808 Nicollet. We have started work on a Capital Campaign to raise funds for renovating the building. We hope to move in sometime in 2010. This is truly an exciting event in our organization's history!

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Walk To End Hunger

The Aliveness Project going to be a participating agency in this year's **Walk To End Hunger at the Mall of America on Thanksgiving Day morning** (Thursday, November 26). This is a great event for families and friends for those who want to make a difference for those who are hungry in our state. You can help raise funds for our Food Shelf and Meal Program by signing up to walk for The Aliveness Project. For more information, see page 9 or visit www.walktoendhunger.org.

Holiday Basket Program

This will be the 22nd year that The Aliveness Project has provided gift baskets to individuals and families affected by HIV/AIDS! Each year, I am amazed at the incredible response of hundreds of volunteers who lend a hand to make the holiday season brighter for those in need. Last year we distributed 685 baskets, with gifts for 948 adults and 428 children. Applications (for recipients) for this year's Holiday Basket Program will be mailed out in October.

For this year's program, **WE NEED YOUR HELP NOW.** You can help by donating gifts for the baskets, including new clothing, toys, quilts, nonperishable food and candy, wrapping paper and other items. You also adopt one or more baskets or volunteer in other ways. Please see the form on page 11 for donor and volunteer opportunities for this special program.

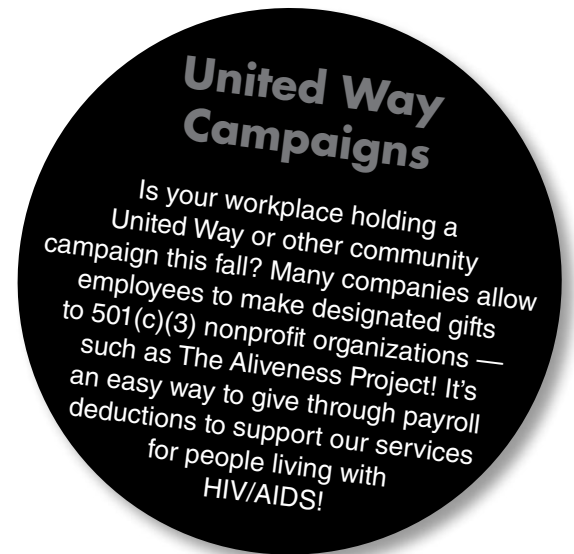
- **Joe Larson**
Executive Director





Pride Brunch A Great Success!

Hundreds of people flocked to The Chambers for brunch and parade viewing of this year's Pride Parade. This benefit for The Aliveness Project, in conjunction with Ameriprise and Lavender, raised much needed funds while enjoying the beauty of Pride. Thanks to everyone who attended, especially Sven and Erica Nego (Miss Minnesota-USA). Enjoy some of the participants in the pictures. **Hope to see you again next year!**



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The 2009 Red Ribbon Ride

The seventh annual Red Ribbon Ride was held July 16-19, 2009. This fun filled bicycle event raises funds for 7 Minnesota HIV/AIDS agencies, of which The Aliveness Project is one of the beneficiaries.

The Aliveness Project once again had Team Aliveness representing us. Team Captain, Sean Divine, and 18 additional team members worked hard to raise over \$30,000 of the \$450,000+ the ride brought in this year! This placed us in 4th place, of top fundraising teams. Congratulations, to Team Aliveness on your fundraising success!

An encouraging tail wind accompanied the riders on Thursday, and allowed an easy first day, helping us get to camp quite early. Usually the Red Ribbon Ride takes place during the hottest summer weather. This year was a departure from the norm, as it was unseasonably cool on Friday and Saturday, and the dark clouds failed to soak us like the prior year, only managing a few scattered rain drops. Sunday finally brought great weather and cheering crowds for the Closing Ceremonies at the State Capitol.

Team Aliveness looked sharp in their bright red team T-shirts, as we rode the final leg of the 300 miles, in unison, to the Capitol.

Thank you! those who supported riders, and crew, financially. Your generosity made the 2009 Red Ribbon Ride a great Success!

2009 TEAM ALIVENESS:

Sean Divine – Captain	Jeffrey Luedtke – Rider
Johnny Anderson – Rider	Deb Malmon – Rider
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John Hankins – Rider	Derrick Revies – Rider
Charles Jordan – Rider	Tedd Richardson – Crew
Kim Langness – Crew	Bonnie Sainio – Crew
Chad Lantow – Rider	Terry Sainio – Rider
	Glade Woolstenhulme – Rider

The Aliveness Project wishes to express thanks and gratitude to the members of Team Aliveness for their dedication and hard work on the 2009 Red Ribbon Ride.



♡♡♡ Congratulations... ♡

...to three of our staff who got married this summer
 Darin Behr-Olson (*Health & Wellness program*)
 Sean Divine (*Director of Food Services*)
 Monica Travis (*Director of Volunteer Services*)

HEALTH AND WELLNESS PROGRAM

Living Longer! Living Stronger!

¡Estimados miembros Latino del Programa Aliveness!

¡RESERVEN LAS FECHAS SIGUIENTES!

Martes, 15 de septiembre – “¡Cómo comunicarse con su doctor!” (Getting in Touch with your Doc!) – a las 6:00 p.m. en ALIVENESS

Martes, 29 de septiembre – “¡Cada quince minutos cuentan! Parte 1” (Every Fifteen Minutes Counts!) – a las 6:00 p.m. en ALIVENESS

Martes, 6 de octubre – “¡Cada quince minutos cuentan! Parte 2” (Every Fifteen Minutes Counts!) – a las 6:00 p.m. en ALIVENESS

Estamos muy contentos de ofrecer el Programa de Salud y Bienestar en ESPAÑOL el otoño próximo en ALIVENESS PROJECT!

15 de septiembre – El doctor Miguel Ruiz, director del programa de VIH del “La Clínica” de St. Paul Oeste (West Side Community Health Services in Saint Paul), estará con nosotros de 6:00 p.m. a 7:30 p.m. Nos reuniremos en el salón comunitario ubicado en el segundo piso de ALIVENESS PROJECT.

El título de la presentación del Dr. Ruiz es: “Cómo comunicarse con su doctor”

Algunos de los temas a tratar incluyen: Transmisión del VIH, el sistema inmunológico, información médica de investigaciones clínicas & cómo el VIH actúa en su cuerpo. A partir de una perspectiva cultural, el Dr. Ruiz hablará del VIH y su relación con los valores, la familia y las tradiciones en la cultura hispana.

El 29 de septiembre Parte 1 y el 6 de octubre Parte 2, Antonio Marante, analista de calidad de VIH y educador de salud de La Clínica. Antonio trabaja también en el Centro Médico Comunitario de St. Paul Oeste (West Side Community Health Services in Saint Paul) y estará con nosotros en ALIVENESS PROJECT de 6:00 p.m. a 7:30 p.m.

La presentación del señor Marante se titula: “¡Cada quince minutos cuentan!” Antonio presentará un programa de capacitación original, diseñado por el Instituto del SIDA de New York (New York AIDS Institute). Antonio ha hecho pequeñas modificaciones a este material de manera que los problemas de salud de aquellas personas con VIH positivo puedan ser tratados dentro del grupo y en el consultorio

médico. El objetivo es ayudar a que los participantes obtengan el mejor cuidado posible a través de la potenciación y autosuficiencia del paciente.

Por cada sesión a la que asista, recibirá una tarjeta regalo de Target por \$5. Si asiste a las 3 sesiones, recibirá una tarjeta adicional de Target por \$5, un total de \$20 ¡por asistencia perfecta!

Sírvase inscribir con la recepcionista de ALIVENESS llamando al **612-822-7946**.

Health and Wellness Program Upcoming Events:

“INTIMACY AND MORE INTIMACY!”

Monday, August 24 at 6:00 pm

Dr. Nicky Larson Returns!

Location: The Aliveness Project

Back by popular demand! Dr. Larsen is a Licensed Psychologist, Marriage and Family Therapist and Alcohol and Drug Counselor. Dr. Larsen returns to discuss how authentic, positive and “real” intimacy can certainly keep us healthy and well both physically, mentally and spiritually.

“HIV & General STD/STIs”

Monday, September 28 at 6:00 pm

Jeanine from Gilead is off medical leave!

Location: Sawatdee Thai Cafe – Portland and East Washington Ave.

“Homeopathy...The Art & Science of Using Nature to Heal”

Monday, October 12 at 6:00 pm

Bette Jo Arnett - Classical Homeopath

Location: The Aliveness Project

Women's Series

The Aliveness Health and Wellness Program just recently completed its Series for Women living with HIV. What a wonderful series it was!

The series began with "Journaling and Spirituality." Rena Cade facilitated the session in which the women experienced several different types of journaling, including journaling with guided meditation, the use of Mandala as a journaling experience, and adopting a theme or word to guide their journaling. The overall theme for the evening was working with trauma in one's life and learning how to be on a journey of healing through forgiveness and expression of emotions and feelings through the written word. Over 20 women attended this session.

The second workshop in the series was facilitated by Dr. Patsy Parker. Patsy was an obstetrician/gynecologist with a coalition of midwives and nurse practitioners. Her motto was "Respectful Health Care by Women, For Women." The women learned how women's health issues relate to being HIV positive and how to progress toward sustainable and just medical practices for women, and especially women living with HIV. Fifteen Aliveness Project members attended the session.

The third and fourth workshops were led by Gretchen Ginter, a local esthetician. These workshops helped participants feel "absolutely fabulous"! It was time to pamper yourself with facials and facial massage with natural and everyday items. In addition, the women learned how to best care for their skin and make-up application tips for each skin color and type.

On Tuesday, September 1 and Tuesday, October 6 Rena Cade will return to continue the journey with Women Living with HIV. She will facilitate the ongoing journey of "Journaling and Spirituality." This will be a great opportunity to allow the participants to continue on the journey of self-healing. Emotional, spiritual and mental healing are all necessary in order to live LONGER and live STRONGER! These groups are open to WOMEN who are members of THE ALIVENESS PROJECT!



Here to Serve You

Bioscrip has been committed to the support of The Aliveness Project since it moved to Minneapolis under the name Statscript over 5 years ago. The BioScrip team of pharmacists and technicians are fully trained in HIV/AIDS.

Arin McNeese, the Bioscrip Office Manager, sees the store's mission to be involved in as many neighborhood activities as possible. "We are here to serve — and service can come in many different ways," she said. "At Bioscrip, we are involved in numerous events supporting the GLBT community, including Twin Cities Pride, Dining Out for Life, the Holiday Basket Program and The Aliveness Project's summer picnic. These activities connect us to the patients that we serve. We believe that we can positively assist and improve the health and wellness of a community beyond just filling a prescription."

In an effort to continue finding more ways to support The Aliveness Project, Bioscrip will begin delivering medication in September. Clients may pick up their prescriptions on Wednesdays between 12 - 2. For details please call 612-872-7808 or 1-800-403-4414.

Positive Images Support Group

Positive Images Support Group is a drop-in peer support group for HIV positive men.

Time: MONDAYS 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Fees: None

Intake Procedure: None/Calling ahead is requested but not necessary.

Location: 710 E 24th Street, Suite 303, Minneapolis

For more information: 612-722-1261 or 612-374-2351

Dining out for Life Update



As of August 10, 2009, with three restaurants still to pay The Aliveness Project brought in over **\$127,000** for Dining Out for Life. What an amazing day!! Our best estimate is that around 26,000 people dined out that day at one of the 130 participating restaurants.

I can't say **THANK YOU** enough to the hundreds of volunteer ambassadors, the restaurants, their owners and staff, the photographers running around documenting the day, our sponsors, Sven Sundgaard and Erica Nego (Miss Minnesota-USA), and the staff of The Aliveness Project.

Remember to visit these great friends of The Aliveness Project and let them know that you are eating there **because** they do Dining Out for Life.

128 Café
318 Café
al Vento
Angelo's Italian Restaurant
(South St. Paul)
Anodyne Coffehouse
At Sara's Table/Chester Creek Café
(Duluth)
Bar Abilene
Barbette
Beaujo's Wine Bar & Bistro
Birchwood Café
Black Bamboo
Blackbird
Black Dog Café
Black Forest Inn
Boca Chica Restaurant
The Bulldog Lowertown
The Bulldog Minneapolis
Buona Sera, Champlin

Cafe Brenda
Café Ena
Café Latte
Café Twenty-Eight
Carmelo's Ristorante
C.C. Club
Chambers Kitchen
Chiang Mai Thai
Chianti Grill (Burnsville)
Chianti Grill (Roseville)
Christos Greek Restaurant
(Minnetonka)
Christos Union Depot Place
Citizen Café
Colossal Café
Common Roots Café
Conga Latin Bistro
Cosmos Lounge
The Craftsman
Cupcake
Cuppa Java
Curran's Restaurant
Eden Avenue Grill
El Meson
El Nuevo Rodeo
Erte and The Peacock Lounge
Everest on Grand
Falafel King
Fat Lorenzo's
Firelake Grill and Cocktail Bar
Fireroast Mountain Café
First Course
Galactic Pizza
Grand Café
Great Waters Brewing Company
Gusto Café & Wine Bar
Heidi's Minneapolis
Henry's Café, Maple Grove
The Herkimer Pub & Brewery
Highland Cafe and Bakery
Hot Plate
The Independent
It's Greek to Me
Jakeeno's Pizza & Pasta
Jitter's Coffee & Tea House (Duluth)
Joe's Garage Restaurant
Kafe 421
Khyber Pass Café
The King and I Thai
Koyi Sushi
La Belle Crepe
La Fonda de Los Lobos
Laredo's Tex-West Grill
Little Sushi on the Prairie
Lone Spur Grill & Bar
Luna Rossa Trattoria & Wine Bar
(Stillwater)
Mairin's Table

Manny's Tortas, Global Market
May Day Café
McCoy's Public House
Midori's Floating World Café
Minneapolis Eagle
Modern Café
Moose and Sadie's
moto-I
New Scenic Café (Duluth)
Ngon Vietnamese Bistro
Pancho Villa's Grill
Papa's Restaurant & Deli
Pastrami Jack's Deli
Pizza Luce-Duluth
Pizza Luce (all Minneapolis & St. Paul locations)
POP! Restaurant (NE Mpls)
POP!! Restaurant (St. Paul)
Preston's Urban Pub
The Purple Onion Café
The Q Kindness Café
Rail Station Bar & Grill
Rainbow Chinese Restaurant
Red Stag Supperclub
Rinata
Rudolph's Bar-B-Que
Rustica Bakery
The Saloon Grill
Sanctuary
Sapor Café/Bar
Sawatdee St. Paul
Sawatdee Thai Restaurant
(Washington Avenue)
Senor Wong
Spill The Wine
Spoonriver
St. Clair Broiler
St. Martin's Table
Stella's Fish Café
Supatra's Thai Cuisine
Tam-Tam's African Restaurant
Tejas
Tickles Food & Bar
Toast Wine Bar & Café
Town Talk Diner
Trattoria da Vinci
Trotter's Café
Tryg's
Va Bene Berarducci's Caffee (Duluth)
Victor's 1959 Café
View Restaurant & Lounge
Vina Restaurant (Richfield)
W.A.Frost
Woolley's (St. Paul)
Yum!



Thanks to Papa's Restaurant and Deli, 4159 Thomas Ave. N., for hosting a fundraiser for Team Aliveness. They donated pizza and beverages which raised over \$500. Please visit them and say thanks!

HIV Community Picnic

On July 10th we celebrated the annual HIV picnic at the Waburn picnic shelter in Minnehaha Park. The day was highlighted with an assortment of activities. Of course, the picnic started off with Dan and Sean's full spread of picnic perfect munchies. After we filled ourselves with enough brats, burgers, coleslaw, and potato salad, the younger picnic goers dug through the collection of costumes and wigs, beautifying themselves for the piñata. After exhausting the supply of eager young people with dizzy spells and breaking the striking stick into pieces, the piñata was lowered and the young masses pounced. Like a heard of hyenas, they decapitated the frilly friend-spreading Mexican candies far and wide.

After the epic end of the piñata people entertained themselves with conversation, disc golf, BINGO, and four square. Four square was hotly competitive. Liz, who is interning with special events, agreed, "very competitive those two," referring to Sean and Cathy's dominance on the four square court. Cathy said that Sean Divine once again tried to assert his dominance on the court, but she thwarted

those efforts with her own mad four square skills. She said that Jethra, a new volunteer in the kitchen was very into the game: perhaps new competition for next year. Jethra said that she had only been at Aliveness for a week before the picnic, but she had a great time and felt welcomed by everyone. She said that she only signed on to help set up, but four square sucked her in and she stayed until the very end.

Nearly everyone stayed until the end of BINGO, when the grand prizes were given to some lucky members. The players were described as the most excited crowd ever heard — with the caller keeping everyone on their toes with unheard of ways to win BINGO.

Thanks to everyone who made this possible. To Sean and Dan for the scrumptious spread, all of the volunteers who set up, hauled supplies, chopped fruit, and destroyed the piñata. Kudos to all; apparently we rock at picnics. In the words of one bumblebee-dressed boy, the picnic was "AWESOME!"



Thanks, Donors!

Thanks to everyone who gave financial and in-kind gifts between May, 13, 2009 and August 10, 2009.

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BioScrip Pharmacy
Cars With Heart
Charles Schwab Foundation
City Looks Salon
Deloitte
Devine Waters Therapeutic Massage
Dining Out for Life International Association
El Nuevo Rodeo
Enterprise Rent-A-Car Foundation
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America — Domestic Hunger Program — Church in Society
Garden of Eden, Inc.
Hugh J. Andersen Foundation
IBM Employee Services Center
Linden Hills Co-op
Lutheran Church of Christ the Redeemer
MAHADH Fund of HRK Foundation
Nick and Eddie
North Star Gay Rodeo Association
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Pastrami Jack's
POP! Restaurant
Sizer Stanley, LLC
Smitten Kitten
Southside Farm Store
Spill The Wine
St. Alphonsus Catholic Church of Brooklyn Center, MN
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The Medtronic Foundation
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Y'all Come Back Saloon

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The Aliveness Project joins the Walk to End Hunger

WALK TO END HUNGER



When: Thanksgiving morning
Thursday, November 26, 2009

Where: The Mall of America – Best Buy Rotunda

Time: 7:00 a.m. – 10 a.m.

The **Walk to End Hunger** is an initiative developed to raise awareness and funds in order to end hunger in the nine-county metro area of Minnesota by 2013. We also seek to gather thousands of non-perishable food items for hunger relief organizations in the Twin Cities. It provides the public with a meaningful, accessible, family-friendly opportunity to contribute to this important cause that addresses the most basic of human needs — hunger.

Sign up to walk for The Aliveness Project by visiting www.walktoendhunger.org. When you register, be sure

to designate that you are raising funds for The Aliveness Project and 90% of all monies you raise will come to The Aliveness Project. Make a difference on this important day where so many have so much while so many have so little!

REGISTRATION:

Individuals

\$25 registration before 11/24

\$30 registration after 11/24 or at the door

Families:

\$35 registration for families up to four, before 11/24

\$50 registration, for families up to four, after 11/24 or at the door

Students:

\$15 registration before 11/24

\$20 registration after 11/24 or at the door

A minimum of \$50 must be raised in addition to registration fee to receive a free Walk T-shirt. T-shirts will be available for sale at \$10 at the event.

Walk to End Hunger: Thanksgiving Day Morning, Thursday, November 26, 2009 7:00 to 10:00 a.m. at the Best Buy® Rotunda in the Mall of America®.

- 7:00 to 9:30 a.m. Open Registration
- 7:30 to 10:00 a.m. Walk (the 5K route takes less than 2 hours for the average walker to complete; walkers can walk as much or as little as they like). Activities and entertainment will take place at locations around the Walk route.
- 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Program and Entertainment at the Main Stage in Best Buy Rotunda.

Food Shelf News

by Dan Capelli

The Food Shelf will be holding another food drive at the Wedge Community Co-op at Franklin and Lyndale, September 12 and 13, 2009. If you like to help with this, please call Dan Capelli or Monica Travis at **612-822-7946**. You can also send an e-mail to foodshelf@aliveness.org for more info about our foodshelf.

We had a good summer thanks to all the people who donated lots of food and sometimes money. I must also thank the management, members, staff and shoppers of

the Wedge Community Co-op for hosting our food drives; they are a vital source for our foodshelf.

I again have to applaud the folks who have heard our call for recycled tall handle bags. We can use all the bags we can get. We can't use the shorter bags because we can't put as much food in them. So if you or a neighbor recycles, we can always use them in the foodshelf. Re-cycling your bags here saves us a lot of money, so keep up the good work. See ya at the Project.

Harvey Milk — My Fraternity Brother

by Max Fallek – Board Member of The Aliveness Project

Little did I know on that early September Friday in 1947, that I was attending Freshman Camp at Albany State Teachers College (now the State University of New York-Albany) with a fellow who would forever leave an indelible mark on the fight for equality with respect to GLBT rights in the United States. The classmate, who also became my fraternity brother, was none other than HARVEY MILK.

My classmates and fraternity brothers knew from the very outset that Harvey was a born leader. It was no surprise to any of us that Harvey became the first gay American to win an elected office as councilman in a major American city - San Francisco. Harvey had shown his leadership skills and abilities in his first two years at U-Albany. He became student manager for our varsity men's basketball team and by his sophomore year was appointed sports editor for the University's newspaper, which he held until graduation.

Let me share some interesting biographical points about my friend, Harvey Milk. He was born and raised on Long Island. Harvey learned early on what it was to be part of a minority group — being Jewish. They lived in a non-Jewish neighborhood and often faced numerous anti-Semitic incidents and comments. Harvey took up boxing and flirted with the idea of making it a career.

Upon graduation Harvey went through the Navy's officer candidate school in Newport, Rhode Island and distinguished himself in the closing hours of the Korean War. The movie picks up his career following his naval service. Harvey returned to New York for a few brief years before moving to San Francisco. Here history speaks for itself.

Harvey's name will always be synonymous with the city of San Francisco. For it was he who not only turned the city upside down, but also the United States of America. Portrayed by Sean Penn, Harvey's life in San Francisco was chronicled in this Oscar nominated movie — *MILK*.

I feel quite fortunate to be a member of the Board of Directors of The Aliveness Project. I know Harvey, would be quite pleased with this. Thank you, Harvey for the wonderful memories and what you did for all of us.

— Max Fallek, Board Member

Each year, our Holiday Basket Program delivers hundreds of baskets with gifts, clothing and food to people living with HIV/AIDS and their families.

There are a variety of ways you can help, including:

Adopt a Basket:

You shop for gifts for a specific individual or family basket. (Suggested budget is \$35/person.) This is a wonderful project for your family, faith group or co-workers!

ADOPTION IS OUR GREATEST NEED!

Sew Stockings:

Create lovely homemade holiday stockings. We can provide a pattern. Return by December 18.

Bake Cookies:

Bake your favorite holiday cookies at your home. Bag by the dozen and return between December 14 and 17.

Host a Drive:

Your school, faith group or workplace can hold a drive for new clothing, gloves, small household items, nonperishable food, hygiene items, toys, or gift cards.

Errand Drivers:

Pick up and transport donated goods and other items to our office, using your vehicle. Gas reimbursement is available.

Deliver Baskets:

Deliver 1-2 baskets to recipients' homes on Thurs., December 24 (between 9 AM - 1 PM).

Leadership Roles:

Exciting, meaningful and dynamic opportunity! Volunteer as a "captain" by supervising other volunteers, soliciting donations, filling baskets, or coordinating specific activities (5-15 hours per week).

In Living Memory...

Charles C.

departed this life
April 1, 2009

Robert T.

departed this life
March 1, 2009

Derrick J.

departed this life
July 27, 2009

Tom J.

departed this life
July 22, 2009



Share the Spirit of the Season!

Founded in 1985, The Aliveness Project is a local nonprofit agency that offers a variety of services for individuals living with HIV/AIDS in Minnesota. Since 1988, our Holiday Basket Program has provided thousands of baskets to men, women and children affected by HIV/AIDS throughout Minnesota. Typically, hundreds of volunteers help by adopting baskets, donating gifts, wrapping presents, sewing stockings and quilts, and delivering baskets.

You can help share the spirit of the season this year by adopting a basket, making a donation, or volunteering with our Holiday Basket Program.

Holiday Basket Program Donor & Volunteer Form

We need your help with this year's Holiday Basket Program for people living with HIV/AIDS!
Your care and commitment will help make a brighter holiday season for those in need.

Name(s): _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone (H): _____ (W) _____

Telephone (Cell): _____ Email _____

ADOPT

☐ I want to adopt (& buy gifts for) a Holiday Basket for: ☐ Individual ☐ Adult Couple ☐ Family

To determine how many people you could adopt (buy and wrap presents for each person), first choose the total amount you want to spend; then divide that total by \$35.00 (the amount we suggest spending on each individual). We will provide you with information for individuals or families, depending on your preference.

My total budget is: \$ _____ **Total number of people to adopt:** _____

DONATE

Please contact me about making an in-kind donation of _____

We need in-kind donations of new clothing, toys (for children & teenagers), mittens/gloves, stocking caps, scarves, quilts, hygiene items, CDs/tapes, candy, nonperishable food, gift certificates, stuffed animals, etc.

☐ Enclosed is a donation for \$_____. Please make your check payable to "The Aliveness Project."

☐ I want to make a credit card donation. Please charge \$_____ to my ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard.

Credit card number: _____ Expiration date: _____

Name on credit card: _____

Your signature: _____

Please use my gift for: ☐ Holiday Baskets ☐ Food Shelf ☐ Meals ☐ Therapies ☐ General Services

This donation is in ☐ Honor (or) ☐ Memory of: _____

VOLUNTEER

☐ Please contact me (us) about volunteering to help with:

☐ Leadership role!* (5-15 hrs/week) ☐ Sewing holiday stockings ☐ Wrapping presents

☐ Special events!** ☐ Phone calls or office help ☐ Soliciting in-kind donations

☐ Driving errands ☐ Sewing quilts / afghans / throws ☐ Baking cookies

☐ Organizing a drive for new clothing, toys or other gifts

☐ Organizing a food drive (for nonperishable food, candy or hygiene items)

☐ Helping with distribution of baskets on: December 22 or 23 (circle date[s] available)

☐ Delivering Hanukkah Baskets on Friday, Dec. 11, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm (requires a vehicle)

☐ Delivering Christmas Baskets on Thursday, Dec. 24, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm (requires a vehicle)

- Preferred Zip Code(s) for Deliveries: _____

- Type & Size of Vehicle: _____

* Leadership roles vary to suit interests & needs. Special events involves staffing booths at concerts, parties, etc.

Notes: _____

IF YOU CAN HELP,
PLEASE SEND THIS FORM TO:
Holiday Basket Program
The Aliveness Project
730 East 38th Street
Minneapolis, MN 55407
TEL: 612-824-LIFE (5433)
FAX: 612-822-9668
E-mail: events@aliveness.org

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**WALK
TO END
HUNGER**



**The Walk to End Hunger
will take place Thursday,
November 26, 2009
Thanksgiving Day morning**

**The Mall of America –
Best Buy Rotunda**

7:00 a.m. – 10 a.m.

We need your help and support to
raise awareness and funds in order
to end hunger in the nine-county
Twin Cities metro area by 2013.