



BIG BEND CARES

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Big Bend Cares News, Events and Web Updates. Never Miss Out! — September 9, 2006



AIDS Walk 2006 Coming October 8!

Who: Big Bend Cares, a United Way Agency

What: The 16th Annual Walk to fight HIV/AIDS

Date: Sunday, October 8, 2006

Time: Registration, 2 p.m. E.T.; Walk, 3 p.m. E.T.

Where: E. Peck Green Park, Tallahassee

Why: To raise money to help people in our community living with HIV/AIDS.

AIDS WALK 2005, the 15th annual walk to fight HIV/AIDS, raised more than **\$26,000**, and this year, we want to do even better! Walk as an individual or walk as a team — just be sure to come out to support Big Bend Cares in its mission to provide education, prevention, case-management services, and caring support to people at risk for, or living with, HIV/AIDS in our community.

You can download walk pledge forms and sponsorship forms here:

- [Download the Walk Form](#) (PDF, 19K)

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Big Bend Cares thanks the following businesses and individuals who are sponsoring this year's AIDS Walk! Please say thank you, and please patronize the businesses that support Big Bend Cares!

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For complete details, visit the from the [AIDS Walk 2006 Web site!](#)

HIV/AIDS News Roundup

Here is a partial list of news items currently featured on bigbendcares.org. ...

Crisis of HIV/AIDS in Florida's black communities



MINORITIES & HIV

News-Medical.Net, Thursday, September 7, 2006 — Although there has been progress in recent years, blacks in south Florida are more than three times as likely to be

HIV-positive than whites in the region, according to a report from the Florida Department of Health, the Miami Herald reports. The report, titled "Silence is Death: The Crisis of HIV/AIDS in Florida's Black Communities," looks at 20 counties in the state with at least 600 reported HIV/AIDS cases. HIV prevalence is six times as high among blacks as whites in Florida, down from about 11 times as high in 1999, Spencer Lieb, a senior state epidemiologist who co-authored the report, said. In Miami-Dade County, 2.3% of blacks are HIV-positive, compared with 0.7% of whites and 0.6% of Latinos, the report says. In Broward County, the figures are 1.7%, 0.5% and 0.5%, respectively.

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Study warns of skyrocketing HIV rate



MSM & HIV

Yahoo! News, Friday, August 18, 2006 — HIV prevalence is set to skyrocket among gay men in the Western world as they age, a University of Pittsburgh researcher said Thursday at the international

AIDS conference in Toronto. The Pittsburgh study, a review of papers published in journals, indicates

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BBC Welcomes New Board Member

Big Bend Cares is proud to welcome the following new member to its Board of Directors.

Atiya Stokes-Brown, Ph.D., is a professor of Political Science at Florida State University. Her major interests are campaigns and elections, state politics and policy, and voting behavior, with a particular focus on race and gender. Big Bend Cares looks forward to many wonderful contributions from Professor Stokes-Brown!

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ABOUT BIG BEND CARES

Our Mission:

Big Bend Cares provides education and comprehensive support to people infected with or affected by HIV/AIDS.

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that the number of new cases of HIV has been rising by about 1.9 percent each year since 2001, meaning that as gay men as a group get older, more and more of them will become HIV-positive, Agence-France Presse reported. "Ongoing incidence rates at this level will yield very high HIV prevalence rates within each generation of gay men," University of Pittsburgh researcher Ron Stall told AFP. ...

Experts Stress Condoms are Imperative to Effective HIV Prevention Efforts



Washington, DC, Population Action International, Monday, August 7, 2006 — In a joint PAI, Family Health International and United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) sponsored

teleconference last week, a panel of experts agreed that condoms remain one of our best hopes for limiting the spread of HIV globally. They also expressed dismay that, given condoms' proven efficacy, they continue to be under siege. The teleconference highlighted new data on condom use and reaffirmed an often overlooked fact: condoms are still the only tool we have to prevent HIV transmission. As we look ahead to the International AIDS Conference in Toronto next week, PAI urges the U.S. government to affirm evidence-based research by announcing its commitment to ensuring that condoms are available to all who need them. ...

The Graying of AIDS



TIME Magazine, Sunday, August 6, 2006 — One of the most maddening things about AIDS is that every time medical science throws a punch, the disease counterpunches. The most hopeful development in

the long battle against HIV is the cocktail of antiretroviral medications that for the past 10 years has helped many people in the developed world (and a few in the developing world) fight the virus to a draw, allowing them to resume a more normal life. ...

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