The Albany Damien Center’s 2011 Annual Report
The mission of the Albany Damien Center is to provide unique services in a supportive environment to improve the quality of life and health for those living with and affected by HIV/AIDS.
On behalf of the Albany Damien Center’s Board of Directors, as well as the members we serve, I would like to thank all the people in our community who help make the work we do possible. Without the help of our tireless employees, the dedication of our numerous volunteers, and the generosity of our sponsors and contributors, the Damien Center would not be where it is today.

During this current economic climate, we rely more than ever on the support of our community to “bridge the gap” between what we hold true to in our mission, and what our funding can provide. Because of the combination of government support, as well as each and every one of you, the Damien Center remains a warm and caring resource center for people living with HIV/AIDS.

Thank you for joining us in our mission towards improving the lives of all of our members.

Justin Kerner
President, Board of Directors
Albany Damien Center

The quote from Aristotle is a perfect salute to the efforts of the Albany Damien Center in 2011. Our staff, board, volunteers, funders, and community worked in a team effort to help our members living with HIV/AIDS.

Our model is still the same as when we opened our doors in 1990. We treat each person with respect and provide unique programs in a comfortable, supportive living room environment.

In 2011, we expanded our capacity to prevent new HIV infections while ensuring each person was accessing life-saving HIV medical and supportive services. We also reached our strategic goal of implementing a program to help people get back to work while ensuring stable housing.

As a person living with AIDS, I sincerely thank you for your contributions. Please know that with your help, we will be there for each person who needs us while working toward a world without HIV.

Perry James Junjulas
Executive Director & Person Living with AIDS
The Albany Damien Center
HIV/AIDS: Why It STILL Matters!

Last Year, Our Albany Damien Center Members Said....

- 93% made at least one new friendship
- 80% could disclose their HIV status more easily
- 84% felt their quality of life improved
- 87% go to their HIV medical doctor more regularly
- 94% received nutritional information and education
- 79% were eating more regular, well balanced, nutritious meals when NOT at the Center

—2011 Albany Damien Center Member Survey

HIV continues to be a pandemic in our local Capital Region community.

African American and Hispanic persons are disproportionately impacted by HIV.

New York ranked highest among the 50 states in cumulative reported AIDS cases.

1 in 5 people living with HIV are unaware of their infection.
Our Programs

AIDS Community Center

Fostering Trust and Support in a Living Room Environment

♦ HIV+ Peer-to-Peer support to improve access to testing, treatment, and supportive care
♦ Prevention of new HIV infections through evidence-based programs
♦ Educational presentations and support groups
♦ Access to spiritual care and holistic services
♦ Socialization and recreational activities

Smart Meals
Cultivating Nutritious Lifestyles

♦ Improving medical outcomes through nutrition education and access to nutritious meals
♦ Developing life skills to increase food security
♦ Individualized dietary guidance

PAWS
Pets Are Wonderful Support

♦ In-home pet care when a client is ill
♦ Food, supplies, and medical care for pets
♦ Education through PAWS Safe Pet Guidelines

The Treasure Chest
Making Every House a Home

♦ A thrift store providing items to our members in need
♦ Community awareness around HIV/AIDS
♦ Funding for Albany Damien Center programs

Foundations for Living
Back to Work, Embracing Life

♦ Transitioning from benefits to financial self-sufficiency
♦ Focus on vocational readiness for the work place
♦ Stable, safe, affordable housing
Since 1990, the Albany Damien Center has provided programs in a comfortable, living room environment. Membership is open to anyone living with or directly affected by HIV who commit to being respectful in a community atmosphere while making strides to improve their lives.

### Programs & Activities:
- Socialization & Support
- Educational Speakers
- Support Groups
- Holistic Therapy (Reiki, Massage, Spiritual Care)
- HIV+ Peer Buddy
- Mental Health Support
- Recreational Activities

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<td>373 Active members</td>
<td>7,213 Member visits (duplicated)</td>
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<td>852 Counseling sessions</td>
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<td>453 Holistic therapy sessions</td>
<td>14,000 Condoms distributed</td>
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### Prevention & Access to Care
In 2011, the Albany Damien Center continued its expansion of providing evidenced-based education, groups, and individual support. These programs ensure both the prevention of new HIV infections in our community, and help persons living with HIV access medical care and medications adherence.

**Funded by:**
- NYS DOH AIDS Institute – Communities of Color Initiative
- United Way of the Greater Capital Region
- Community AIDS Partnership of the Capital Region (CAP-CR)
- Ryan White Part D subcontract with Albany Medical College

In December 2011, we received a new NYS DOH AIDS Institute grant to provide targeted HIV, Hepatitis C, and sexually transmitted disease prevention services to Men who have Sex with Men, particularly from communities of color. This five year, $200,000 annual initiative will increase prevention and access to testing and care efforts to a population disproportionately impacted by HIV.
Smart Meals

Smart Meals is an education program that teaches people how to improve their nutritional well-being. Members receive nutritious meals, education, and resources aimed at increasing food security and teaching nutritious meal choices. Smart Meals improves nutrition for individuals and families living with HIV/AIDS in the 17 county upstate NY region through 3 education programs.

**2011 Statistics**
- **14,129** restaurant quality meals served
- **1,450** meals provided through food vouchers
- **2,160** meals through **216** grocery bags
- **=18,869** total meals provided

**Smart Meals**

Community Meal Program
Members enjoy restaurant quality lunches and dinners served weekdays. A registered dietitian is available to provide dietary assessments and counseling.

Grocery Education Program
Members receive a weekly grocery bag that includes food and recipes to prepare meals at home.

Food Voucher Program
Vouchers are distributed monthly to members and dependent children and can be used at Price Chopper to purchase nutritious food.

Funded by:
- BJ’s Foundation
- Blakley~Rea Family Fund
- Cornell Cooperative Extension
- MAC AIDS Fund
- NYS DOH AIDS Institute
- Regional Food Bank of Northeastern NY
- United Way of the Greater Capital Region
- Van Benthuysen Fund
- Veggie Mobile
The Treasure Chest thrift store provides items for our members in need, funding for other Albany Damien Center programs, and HIV/AIDS awareness within our community.

2011 Statistics
$54,000 total sales
2,329 items provided for free to members totaling over $10,000

Because our birthdays are special—
We provide each of our members a $25 Gift Certificate on their birthday.

295 Hamilton St, Albany
(518)436-7451

Tues – Thurs 11-6
Fri 11-5
Sat 11-4

Discount days! 20% off (discounts do not apply to furniture) With valid ID only

Thurs Senior Citizens 55+
Fri State, County & Federal Employees
Sat College Students

“I am so grateful for the Treasure Chest and there are no words that can express how I feel about Craig and the staff. This is the place people can go if they need help.”

~ Member Testimonial

Thank you to Sherry Carnevale from Estate Resolution for your generous support!
Banfield Wellness Clinics were held 4 times at the Albany Damien Center in 2011 providing free veterinarian care and grooming. Veterinarians, groomers, and community members provided 254 volunteer hours to help 120 pets of 79 PAWS members in 2011. Banfield Charitable Trust provided support to purchase medications and supplies.

**Funded by:**
- Banfield Charitable Trust
- Boehinger Ingelheim
- Guilderhaven & the Cat Care Coalition
- Central Veterinary Hospital
- Friends Meeting of Albany
- Malta Animal Hospital
- Our Brothers’ Keepers Foundation
- Ralph G. & Wilma M Maibaum Foundation

**Pet Food & Supply Donors**
- Capital Area Professional Pet Sitters
- Head to Tail Pet Health Center
- Hudson River Coffee House
- Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons School
- Pet Supplies Plus
- Petco
- Price Chopper
- Regional Food Bank of Northeastern NY
- Sunspot Café
- Third Reformed Church

**2011 Statistics**
- **119** clients received PAWS services
- **9,795** lbs of pet food, litter, and treats distributed
Over a three-year period beginning in early 2012, Foundations for Living will utilize HUD’s HOPWA funding for clients who are living with HIV/AIDS and who want to work, advance their education, or volunteer full- or part-time. Foundations for Living will provide housing support while clients work toward obtaining employment - the end result being self sufficiency and access to permanent housing options.

Funded by:

♦ U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Grants funded under this initiative advance HUD’s implementation of the National HIV/AIDS Strategy (NHAS) and will demonstrate models for a next generation of improved coordination of housing and care for a vulnerable population. This better integration of housing support will also help achieve the Obama Administration’s Opening Doors Strategy to prevent and end homelessness.

Statistics

208 households will receive supportive housing over next 3 years

$1,344,375 in funding to the Albany Damien Center and project collaborators:
Corporation for AIDS Research Education and Services, Inc., (CARES),
Catholic Charities Community Services of Rochester,
and the National Working Positive Coalition

1 of 7 awards made nationally, as part of HUD’s national effort to offer permanent and transitional housing and support services to households with families and individuals living with HIV/AIDS.

Mark Misrock, President of the National Working Positive Coalition, speaks with members about the new Foundations for Living Program
The Albany Damien Center would like to extend a special thank you to all who helped us in 2011. We are truly grateful for all the time and talent that was donated to help each of our members in the HIV/AIDS Community.

122 Active Volunteers in 2011!
1st Annual Bowling for PAWS  
February 20, 2011  
Playdium Bowling Center

Pawties for PAWS  
May 2011 to August 2011  
Various Locations

AIDS Walk  
September 24, 2011  
Washington Park, Albany

Art for AIDS Sake 12  
October 22, 2011  
NYS Museum

Santa Speedo Sprint  
December 10, 2011  
Lark Street  
Hosted by the Albany Society for the Advancement of Philanthropy (ASAP)

Our FUN-Raising events are affordable, fun, and community-oriented.
The Albany Damien Center’s fiscal year runs from January 1 to December 31. The financial information presented is from our December 31, 2011 audited financial statements, prepared by Robert J Palmerino, Certified Public Accountant.
Organizations
AAA Furniture
AIDS Council of Northeastern NY
Albany Society for the
Advancement of Philanthropy
Bethlehem Central School District
Blakely-REA Fund
Bradley Agency
Bristol Myers-Squibb
Brothers of Holy Cross, St. Joseph's Center
Carrky Corp.
Chemung Canal Trust
Church Of The Good Shepherd
Cogenix
Colby Attorneys Service Co.
Council Services Plus
Creative Culinary Concepts
Creative Materials Corporation
Cutie Pharma Care, Inc.
Delmar Presbyterian Church
East Greenbush Animal Hospital
Find Your Dreams, Inc.
First Congregational Church
Gilead Pharmaceuticals
Health Employees Federal Credit Union
Hughes Opticians
Janssen Therapeutics
Journey United Church Of Christ
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Legal AIDS Society
Magic Hat Brewery
Malta Animal Hospital
Michael Houghton Dental Laboratory
Morrison Consulting
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Our Brother's Keepers Foundation
Our Own Productions
Pitney Bowes Business Insight
Price Chopper Supermarkets
Rhema Power Ministries, Inc.
Richard Seiden Interiors
Roller Derby, Albany All Stars
Scott's Distributing, Inc.
Simple Choices, Inc.
Southern Wine & Spirits Of Upstate NY
Stewart's Shops
SWF Charitable Foundation
The College of Saint Rose
The Golub Corporation
The Petco Foundation
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Ungerman Electric
University at Albany, School of Social Welfare
VIV Healthcare
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How You Can Help

Donate your time and talent through volunteering
Volunteers are extremely important in helping the Albany Damien Center operate each day. There are multiple volunteer opportunities and flexible schedules available.

Make a monetary contribution
As funding during this economic climate becomes scarce, we rely on your tax-deductible financial gifts to ensure the needs of our individuals and families living with HIV are met.

Make an in-kind donation
We value every in-kind donation we receive whether it is made directly to the Albany Damien Center or through our Treasure Chest thrift store.

This agency has given me my life back. The Center has put people in my life who love me and understand the struggles we face. I walk with my head held high. I am not alone.

~ Member Testimonial

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