

News From DCAP

DCAP experienced a tumultuous 2006! We'd like to take this opportunity to share some of our recent ups and downs with our supporters.

Challenges

Staff Changes – DCAP underwent several staff changes in 2006. Four of our five staff positions changed hands in 2006. As a result, many of us are still engaged in learning all the different facets of our jobs.

Health Benefits – Like many small businesses, DCAP has struggled for years with the rising cost of healthcare benefits. Our costs have gone up over 800% in the past six years! With no other viable choices, the Board reluctantly voted earlier this year to phase out healthcare benefits. Staff salaries will be increased in lieu of benefits. DCAP is deeply concerned about the lack of affordable healthcare in our country, as we have seen firsthand how it affects both our staff members and clients.

Funding Cut – DCAP received a funding cut of \$17,500 from the Kansas Department of Health & Environment earlier this year, dealing a big blow to our client care program. Case Manager hours have been reduced as a result of the funding cut, however, DCAP still vows to maintain the same level of service. Your financial support is needed now more than ever (one more reason to participate in our upcoming AIDS Walk!).

Opportunities

Technology Grant—DCAP was recently awarded a \$3,000 grant by the Douglas County Community Foundation to purchase and implement a new donor database. This will allow



Join us for

AIDS Walk 2007

Saturday, April 7th, 2007

Start and end at Maceli's
1031 New Hampshire, Lawrence

Registration begins at 7:00

5k Run steps off at 7:45

1m Walk steps off at 8:00

Breakfast: 8:30-10:00

Awards Ceremony: 10:00

Prizes awarded for top-earning
individual and teams

Register to Walk:
www.dcap.kintera.org

Volunteer Awards

This year DCAP will present it's annual volunteer awards after the AIDS Walk. Join us April 7th, 10:00 a.m., at Maceli's, 1031 New Hampshire, to pay tribute to our volunteers, Without them, we could not accomplish all that we do.

New Volunteer Opportunities

AIDS Walk: April 7th, 2007. We need volunteers to help with registration at 6:30 a.m.!

Data Entry: We will need volunteers in April to help us enter data into our new data management system. The work may be a little boring, but we will provide good company and perhaps even some chocolate to keep you going!

Assistant Coordinators: Heath Harding, DCAP's Education/Outreach Coordinator, has been instrumental in growing our volunteer program by creating Assistant Coordinator positions. These are volunteer positions that match a volunteer's specific area of interest with agency needs. He is currently working with two interns and a host of volunteers who are able to help us with the myriad education and outreach events we have planned throughout the community. Please visit our website for more details.

Technology Corner

Website facelift. If you haven't visited our website recently, take a peek! We've given it a fresh new look. Kudos to our talented webmaster, Heath Harding.



My Space. DCAP now has a presence on My Space.

Check out our site at www.myspace.com/douglascountyaidproject.

Invite your friends to visit us, too. Thank you Rachel LeClear for developing this site for us!

Welcome Sue & Elizabeth

DCAP welcomes two new case managers this year. Sue Licht-Cliff, MSW, is DCAP's Client Care Coordinator. She hails from both Haskell and KU and brings to DCAP a broad range of experience working in supportive services.

Elizabeth Nicol, part-time Case Manager, is currently enrolled in an MSW program. Elizabeth is originally from Poland and has worked with clients, including those affected by AIDS, in both Oslo, Norway and Wichita, KS.

Douglas County AIDS Project Membership Form

Yes, I want to become part of the community of caring for those in our community who are infected/affected by HIV/AIDS

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Payment Options:

check Master Card Visa

Card # _____

Exp. Date: _____

Signature: _____

_____ Please check here if you wish for your donation to be anonymous

- _____ Member (\$30-\$99)
- _____ Angel (\$100-\$249)
- _____ High Flyer (\$250-\$499)
- _____ Archangel (\$500 or more)
- _____ Please dedicate my donation to the Michael Slotsky Emergency Relief Fund for Clients

Please send completed form to:
Douglas County AIDS Project
2518 Ridge Court #101
Lawrence, KS 66046

Thank you for your support.

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us to more easily and effectively track donations, grants, events and volunteer activities. As a small agency, we are always looking for ways to use technology to work more efficiently.

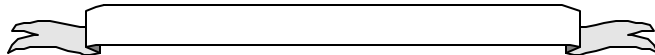
Fundraising Success—Our Red Ribbon Art Auction brought in over \$15,000 (up \$2,000 from the year before) and our AIDS Walk is just around the corner. In 2006 AIDS Walk brought in \$15,000 (twice what was earned the year before) and we expect to double it again this year, with a goal of \$30,000. We have a new Walk website (www.dcap.kintera.org) where you can sign up to walk, sponsor another walker or just learn more about the event. As a participant, you can even set up you own web page complete with a picture and personalized messages!

Education—DCAP’s education and outreach program is reaching more people than ever. Last year alone, DCAP distributed almost 20,000 free condoms and educated over 8,000 community members through a combination of presentations, information tables and outreach events. Wow!

We’re Planting a garden!

This Spring we will be planting a perennial garden behind the DCAP office. Our goal is to create a beautiful and inviting spot where visitors and clients can sit and relax. If you would like to donate time or materials to this project, please let us know. We are accepting donations of the following items:

- ? Perennial seedlings
- ? Stepping stones
- ? Bird/butterfly feeders
- ? Garden art!



enjoy a great performance!

Colors

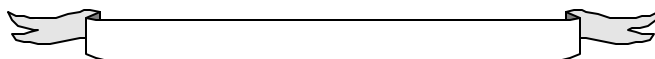
May 6th, 2007

Last year, musical theatre students at KU and Headmasters salon teamed up to present a musical revue called "Features: A Day in the Salon" as a fundraiser for DCAP. The event raised over \$3000 and they are again this year working on what promises to be an exciting event, an original musical revue entitled "Colors." Your \$50.00 donation gets you two tickets to the show and a gift certificate for one free hair cut at Headmasters! Contact DCAP for tickets.

Two Performances

1:00 pm and 3:00 pm

Inge Theatre, KU Campus



**Thank you!!
2006 Donors**

DCAP typically lists its donors in its newsletter, however, as our support has grown, we’ve run out of room in our newsletter to list all the names. For a complete list of our donors, please see our 2006 Annual Report. It will be available on our website in late April, 2007.

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Donate your old cell phone to DCAP!



Ever wonder what to do with your old cell phones? Now you can donate them to DCAP. We have teamed up with Phone Flip, an organization that recycles cell phones for charity. Bring your old phones to the AIDS Walk on April 7th or drop them by our office any time. You'll receive a receipt by mail for your donation for tax purposes.

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