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Memorials

In memory of Nethe Stevenson’s 85th Birthday: Wiley Foults

In memory of Ruby and Dino Gomez: Arthur R. Gomez

In memory of Georgia Garrett-Norris: Bob Schuetz & Ric Young
A Message from the Executive Director

Healthcare Upheaval Demands Extra Vigilance

As a nation, and here in Orange County, we have made so much progress fighting the HIV/AIDS epidemic. I’m particularly excited about the U=U initiative and new science showing that an undetectable viral load is untransmissible. However, as we approach 2018, healthcare uncertainty is clouding my optimism.

I came away from the 2017 U.S. Conference on AIDS convinced that we need to work as hard as ever, and as collaboratively as ever with our federal and local partners, for health equity if we are going to end the epidemic. Agencies like ours and many local, regional and state jurisdictions have committed to ending the epidemic. And at the federal level, the health agencies most involved in the fight – National Institutes for Health, Center for Disease Control, Health Resources & Services Administration – have leadership that is committed to that vision and doing what is necessary to get there too.

But it’s tough to feel completely optimistic when protections for people with pre-existing conditions and state health insurance marketplaces like Covered California are being undermined. It’s also very concerning to see how health outcome disparities are affecting minority groups, in particular.

Health equity impacts vulnerable members of our LGBT community who face obstacles to care that include stigma, a lack of access to providers who understand their unique situations and medical needs, as well as other social issues that impact their health and wellbeing from mental health issues to housing.

Our main site in Irvine and RARAD site in Santa Ana have both been working to outreach to, test and support our Latinx male and transgender populations. These efforts have been making a meaningful difference in people’s lives, and I’m very proud of RADAR’s achievements over the past two years.

The fight to end the epidemic continues. Thank you for being an important part of it and for your support of our work. The coming year will present new challenges and opportunities, and I’m grateful to have your involvement.

Sincerely,

Philip Yaeger
Executive Director/CEO

*Health equity impacts vulnerable members of our LGBT community*
The eighth annual OC Ride for AIDS (OCRA) brought experienced and new riders out for a glorious tour of Orange County on Saturday, Oct. 28.

Riders started and finished at Bill Barber Memorial Park in Irvine for an epic cruise of 30, 62 or 100 miles.

The encouraging and energizing opening ceremony included heartwarming speeches and sincere thankfulness to all in attendance. The positive energy surrounding the event made it clear what the ride was all about: eliminating HIV in Orange County!

This year, OCRA raised more than $128,000. All proceeds from the ride will benefit ASF’s services in the Orange County community. For more information on the event, visit ocasf.org.

**Share the Love, Subaru**

For the 10th year in a row, Subaru’s Share the Love Event is giving Meals on Wheels the opportunity to raise money and awareness this holiday season, and ASF has the chance to be awarded a portion of these funds!

Between Nov. 16, 2017 and Jan. 2, 2018, Subaru will donate $250 to its customer’s choice of participating charities for every new vehicle sold or leased including Meals on Wheels. Meals on Wheels will be awarding a portion of its funds to ASF based upon ASF’s participation level.

This means the more activities ASF completes between Nov. 17 and Jan. 1, the more shares of the funds raised through this program we will receive.

So, if you plan to buy or lease a Subaru by Jan. 2, make sure to select Meals on Wheels as your charity of choice! And watch for our posts about the event to support us on social media.

In the meantime, if you are able to directly support our important efforts, donate today at ocasf.org.

**US Conference on AIDS**

The 2017 U.S. Conference on AIDS was remarkable this year for its embrace of exciting developments bringing us closer to ending the epidemic paired with new uncertainties about the future of healthcare in the U.S. and clear health disparities impacting minority groups.

Within just weeks of the conference, national AIDS and STD organizations had to band together to denounce the gutting of protections built into the ACA to keep costs down and prevent people with pre-existing conditions – such as HIV or AIDS – from losing coverage or being priced out of insurance programs.

"On the bright side," said ASF Executive Director and CEO Phil Yaeger, "we still have allies who run important federal agencies like the National Institutes of Health, Health Resources and Services Administration and Centers for Disease Control. These leaders will continue to do the work needed to fight the epidemic and support the work of local agencies like ours."

The conference built on last year’s launch of the Act Now: End AIDS Coalition that debuted in 2016 with 19 member agencies. The coalition has continued to attract commitments from states, counties and cities around the country who are committed to ending AIDS.

The conference also built on the concept that an undetectable HIV viral load makes the disease untransmissible. This idea debuted at the 2016 conference and went fully mainstream in 2017 as experts from the CDC and NIH endorsed it and the important public service message that U=U.

"U=U is now evidence-based science," said Yaeger. "This should do a lot to end stigma too. People with an undetectable viral load have no reason to fear that they could transmit the virus to a loved one. This is a huge focus of our outreach and prevention services."

Disparities in health outcomes was also a topic that drew a lot of interest. African American and Latino communities as well as transgender people are disproportionately impacted by HIV/AIDS. In the U.S. south, 50 percent of new infections impact the African-American community. In Orange County, we have seen similar trends although, fortunately, through the work of ASF and its partners, nine in 10 people living with HIV in our community know their status. Nationally, only seven in 10 do.

When people don’t get tested, are not linked to care through programs like ASF’s and do not have access to daily medications to suppress their viral load, HIV will continue to spread. In this new environment of healthcare uncertainty and upheaval, there is, unfortunately much work to be done to keep our community safe and healthy.
Gala 2018

Mardi Gras Masquerade
January 27, 2018

New Orleans and Mardi Gras—combine the two and you have the magical, exotic theme for ASF's 2018 annual Gala!

Your evening will begin at the newly re-imagined Yost Theatre in Santa Ana. The Yost, built in 1912 as a vaudeville theatre, has been beautifully repurposed as a premier entertainment space in the heart of Santa Ana’s historic arts district.

Picture this: as you approach, you are enveloped by the sound of soul-stirring jazz, sumptuous libations at your fingertips, and sparkingly clad performers to entertain you during the quick sign in process.

Making your way into the Yost’s adjacent 1912 Club fully-hosted bar, you’ll notice one of the evening’s firsts: A pre-dinner Social Hour and Silent Auction held in a space custom designed for the purpose. While you glide through the open space, you can catch up with friends, make new acquaintances, or guess who’s hiding behind a masque, while you peruse and bid on the wide range of items, gifts and experiences (one of which will be a trip for two to 2018’s Mardi Gras in New Orleans!) enticingly presented for your Silent Auction excitement.

New Orleans-inspired hors d’oeuvres serpentine their way through the crowd, complemented by Dixieland jazz. The evening’s signature cocktail is a mystery wrapped in a dazzling glass. (We cannot divulge what it is… but we know you’ll love it!)

Next up: the Yost Theatre. The Jazz Band will lead guests into the main dining area. Another first: Balcony seating will be available for an elevated over-all view of the Gala, while Main Floor seating will be on two levels.

Every table has an excellent view of all the fun and entertainment!

A word about dinner: The Gala Committee has closely partnered with 24 Carrots, Orange County’s premiere catering service, to create a custom-designed, Southern-inspired menu exclusively for this event. The flavors, textures, colors and drinks will take you on a journey to New Orleans. All served against a backdrop of exciting (and surprising!) entertainment. And just when you thought it couldn’t get any better: dessert magically appears.

Every one of your senses will be engaged during this evening:

Songs, dances, contests, surprises,
games of chance (oh, yes, but spoiler alert: everyone’s a winner!), laughter, smiles, and maybe a tear or two as the evening’s gratitude is expressed with selfless giving to support this cause which is so near and dear to our hearts. We’re out to put the “FUN” back in fundraising!

On another note, we expect this evening to be sold out and fully underwritten by generous donors. What does this mean? Simply put: the entire evening will cost ASF nothing. All money raised, from table sales, admission tickets, games, donations…everything will go directly to support ASF client services. This is the reason we’re here. This is the reason our Gala Committee has worked so hard to provide you with an unforgettable evening in a setting that inspires each participant to become an engaged, generous supporter of ASF. No gift can be too large or too small as we work together to end the epidemic and create a healthy Orange County for all.

Your participation transforms this Gala into a powerful evening of gratitude and love. Along with a lot of fun, of course!! We can’t wait for this evening to unfold and are excited you feel the same way, too.

We’ll see you at the Gala!!

Larry Wil, Chairman
and Val Row, Co-Chairman

FOR ASF: Phil Yarger,
Chris Bragg, Sierra Catcott,
Erin Petter

THE GALA COMMITTEE: Carole Brewer, Katie
Kelin-Slater, Larry Haber,
Nori Hennagin, Michael
Shafter, Jonathan Sweeney,
Ann Tsui, Duane Vogt, MD,
Michelle Williams

Gala 2018

Mardi Gras Masquerade

Your personal Gala invitation will be mailed the 1st week of December, 2017. If you would like further information or to purchase your tickets in advance please visit the ASF website:

www.ocast.org

or contact Sierra Catcott at scatcott@ocast.org or (949) 809-5750
The Shopoffs: In for the Long Haul

Cycling 585 miles of California coastline isn’t something most people do once, let alone every year for 15 years. But most people aren’t William (Bill) Shopoff. He started riding in the AIDS Lifecycle ride to combine his passions for fundraising and fitness in the early 2000s. A big-time cycling enthusiast and a community benefactor with his wife Cindy, Bill was ready to ride for ASF too when we launched our first Orange County Ride for AIDS in 2010 bringing funds to help OC residents in need.

The Shopoff family came onboard as one of our event’s earliest sponsors and Bill has continued to fundraise and ride every year since.

Giving back is second nature to the Shopoffs. They are particularly committed to making positive changes for underserved members of our community and advancing LGBT health equity through their causes including San Francisco AIDS Foundation, which puts on the AIDS Lifecycle, and the Los Angeles LGBT Center.

Professionally, the Shopoff family name adorns Bill’s Orange County real estate investment business. Personally, the Shopoff name is associated with a variety of causes in Orange County. ASF is particularly appreciative that the Shopoffs believe in ASF’s work to fight the stigma of and ultimately end HIV in Orange County.

Through his experiences with ASF and OCRA, Bill says he has seen many ASF’s clients benefit from ASF’s programs and services to change their lives for the better. He has seen firsthand how ASF has been there through the toughest and most challenging times for people living with HIV.

“I’m supporting ASF because I know it directly impacts the lives of people living with HIV for the better,” said Shopoff. “ASF’s tireless efforts to end the HIV epidemic by 2025 deserve our full support.”

Shopoff has made a great impact to ASF, the clients we support and a healthy Orange County since becoming a donor and taking part in our inaugural OC Ride for AIDS.

An active leader in the Southern California real estate community, Shopoff also serves as a member of many local and national real estate and building groups. He also serves in an advisory capacity or on the boards of Global Energy Network International, University of California Irvine-Chief Executive Roundtable, Central Coast Wine Classic Foundation, and the Real Estate Finance and Investment Center at The University of Texas McCombs School of Business.

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Major Donors

The outstanding leadership and commitment of its generous supporters are essential aspects of ASF’s ability to help individuals living with HIV and AIDS. Major donors contribute $1,200 or more annually to ASF through both event and non-event related means. Many ASF donors give through member groups such as Patron’s Council, ASF’s major donor recognition society. Major donors are vital to the success of the agency and ASF applauds their unwavering commitment to people living with HIV/AIDS in Orange County.

$100,000+
Centers for Disease Control & Prevention
County of Orange
The Weingart Foundation

$50,000+
Gilead Sciences, Inc
Heidi Cortese** / RRLH, Inc./Leisureworld.com
Jeffrey D. Elder*P & Katia Kellin-Elder*
Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian
The M.A.C. AIDS Fund
State of California – MOW
The PIMCO Foundation

$25,000+
City of Anaheim, Community Development
Roya Cole*P & Charles P. Vevé*
Pacific Life Foundation
William & Cindy Shopoff/Shopoff Realty Investments, LP
WV Healthcare Company
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Employees Community Fund of Boeing California
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Miles** & Anu Worah
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Allergan (Mellon)
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City of Fullerton
City of Irvine
DisneyVolunteerEARS Community Fund
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Vivien Hyman
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Korey S. Jorgensen MD
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Ralph Brennan’s Jazz Kitchen
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As of 10/12/17
Mr. SOMOS OC 2017

Mr. SOMOS OC is a yearly event aimed at educating and empowering young Latino men who are gay/bisexual between the ages of 18-29 on HIV prevention, safe sex practice, HIV testing, sexually transmitted infections, and PrEP. This year’s Mr. SOMOS OC took place on October 21 where 12 contestants competed to become the next Latino HIV Prevention ambassador. The competition was divided into four stages which included an interview with a panel of judges, fantasy outfit contest (inspired by HIV prevention and education), HIV prevention video, and a final question based on HIV knowledge. Sergio Alcantar was named Mr. SOMOS OC 2017 along with Juan Luis Contreras who was named Mr. Congeniality 2017. Both young men have been longtime volunteers and community leaders for the SOMOS OC Program. Congrats to both!

All contestants take part the SOMOS OC “the Magazine” - 12 page newsletters featuring articles about HIV prevention an education. This magazine gets distributed among all the guests the day of the event.

Become a Champion!

ASF is delighted to thank those who joined our call to Become a Champion, a program designed to help you fight for your neighbors in Orange County. ASF Champions sustain our education and outreach efforts through monthly $10-$99 gifts, and allow us to provide even more direct client services to the 7,500 Orange County residents currently living with HIV/AIDS. For more information, go to ocasf.org/asf-champions or contact Chief Development Officer, Chris Bragg at cbragg@ocasf.org.