



AIDS Walk is Orange County's largest HIV/AIDS fundraiser. The 5 km pledge Walk is organized to raise funds for and awareness about HIV/AIDS. Established in 1986, Radiant Health Centers (formerly AIDS Services Foundation Orange County) acts as the primary organizer for the event.

Funds raised at the annual walk help provide essential prevention and care programs to thousands of men, women and children living with HIV/AIDS in Orange County. Services provided through AIDS Walk Orange County funding include food, housing, transportation, case management, home care, prevention, legal services, HIV testing, and support groups.

Goals of AIDS Walk Orange County at William R. Mason on May 5, 2018

- Increase awareness of the infection rate of HIV in the community
- Fight the spread of HIV in our community through education and prevention
- Provide a safe and loving place free of stigma and discrimination

Goals of Funds Raised by AIDS Walk Orange County

- Ensure that everyone living with HIV and AIDS in Orange County has access to services that improve their health and quality of life
- Help individuals living with HIV rebuild their lives and return to work, if able
- Prevent the spread of HIV

AIDS Walk Recipient Agencies

AIDS Walk Orange County is a collaborative community event and the proceeds benefit four agencies in Orange County that work to reduce the spread of HIV and provide care for those living with the disease. At RADIANT, 85 cents of every dollar goes to client services. Recipient agencies provide quality client care and/or HIV prevention services that are made possible by funding from AIDS Walk Orange County. More than 65% of the clients served by these agencies are living below current poverty standards in the County of Orange.

Recipient agencies included AIDS Services Foundation Orange County, The LGBT Center Orange County, Shanti Orange County, and Straight Talk Clinic, Inc.

Please learn more about how you can create a team and participate in this wonderful event at www.radianthealthcenters.org/events/aids-walk-oc



History and Overview of Radiant Health Centers

Radiant Health Centers (formerly AIDS Services Foundation) was founded 32 years ago at the beginning of the AIDS epidemic by a small, dedicated group of community volunteers to provide support to their friends and loved ones who were dying of AIDS and in desperate need of help.

Over the years, RADIANT has served over 75% of the individuals affected by HIV/AIDS in Orange County and has evolved into the most comprehensive and experienced nonprofit HIV/AIDS service agency in Orange County, CA. RADIANT's staff of nearly seventy people reflects the communities served – more than 50% identify themselves as Latino and bilingual in Spanish. RADIANT is governed by an all-volunteer 14 member board of directors who are leaders in the community. Over 600 volunteers gave over 24,000 hours of their time last year – the equivalent of 12 full-time employees. Among our volunteers are people living with HIV/AIDS whose understand further enhances our ability to serve our clients.

Radiant's Mission and Services

Radiant Health Centers provides compassionate care for all, including free HIV testing and other specialized medical and comprehensive social services. We are working to eliminate stigma and overcome health disparities impacting the LGBT community to create a healthy Orange County for all.

Clients who come to Radiant Health Centers for testing or care are treated with dignity, respect and, above all, compassion. We help anyone in need of care, and we do not discriminate. Our team of professionals and our supporters in the community are passionate about health equity and believe everyone deserves high quality healthcare.

Core services provided by RADIANT include: case management, mental health, substance abuse counseling, home health and hospice care, nutrition services, transportation to primary care and treatment services, housing assistance, emergency financial assistance, HIV testing and prevention, emotional support, kids camp and children's services.

We have a very diverse client population; however, a common factor is often poverty. Services are available at no charge to anyone living with HIV/AIDS in Orange County in English and Spanish. All services are regularly evaluated by the agency through quality improvement programs; periodic client needs assessments and annual client satisfaction surveys.

According to the Orange County Health Care Agency, approximately 7,500 people are living with HIV disease in Orange County. This population includes people of all ages, genders, and ethnic backgrounds, with an increasing proportion of cases in Latinos and females.

Literally, radiant means 'emitting light' which is how we like to see ourselves in relation to those we help — like a lighthouse on the horizon when times are dark and as a hub with health and social services emanating from its center.