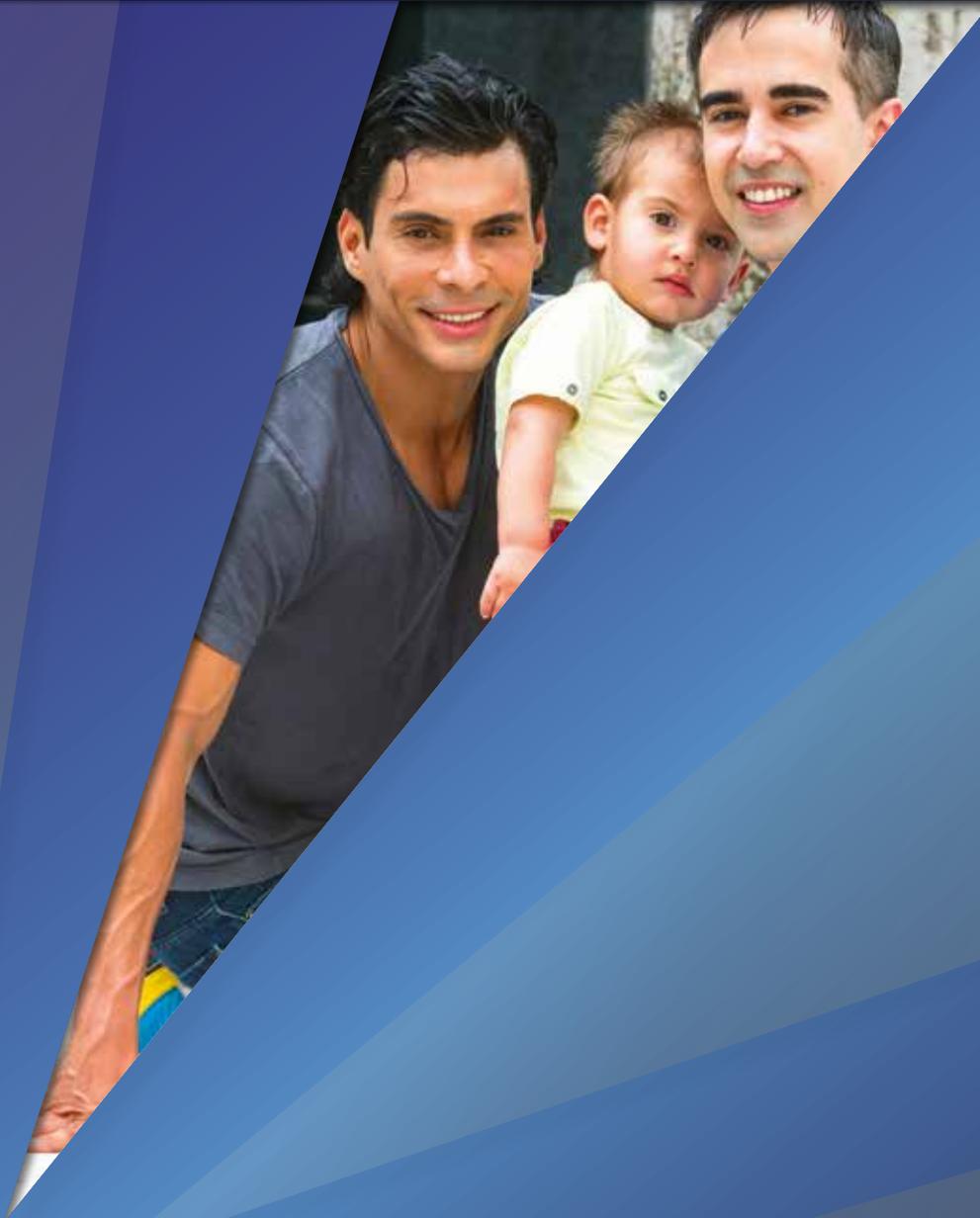


The Campaign for

Radiant Health Centers



Creating a Healthy Orange County for All



Philip Yaeger
Executive Director & CEO



“together we can create a healthy Orange County for generations to come”



A Message from the Executive Director & CEO

Dear Friends,

In 1985 the very mention of the word AIDS struck fear in the hearts of people. An unknown disease with no cure that was causing the deaths of hundreds of men and women in this country.

In large part, it was gay men who were mostly affected and dying—often abandoned, isolated and alone. Many people were dying here in Orange County, until a group of caring, compassionate men and women joined forces to help end the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

Their courageous pioneering effort led to the creation of AIDS Services Foundation Orange County in 1985.

Now, 32 years later, its name has changed but not its compassion or its same compelling mission—ending the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Orange County.

From helping men and women die with dignity to helping men and women live with dignity, Radiant Health Centers has been and remains a fierce advocate for people living with HIV/AIDS.

It is a little-known fact that every week five to six Orange County residents will test positive for HIV – some in their 20's and some even younger.

As long as infections continue to arise we fall short of the dream of a healthy Orange County – for all of us.

To eradicate HIV/AIDS in our community we need to provide medical services to our most vulnerable Orange County residents: our LGBT brothers and sisters.

The LGBT community faces the most discrimination in healthcare, while comprising 80 percent of Radiant Health Centers' current client base. That's why we must build an LGBT health center.

Expanding into full medical services provided through a health center will provide the LGBT community in Orange County a safe haven for health and wellness. A stigma-free zone where members of our LGBT community will feel safe, accepted, embraced and loved.

Getting people who are HIV positive into consistent medical care and treatment is vital in maintaining viral loads at undetectable and untransmittable levels; while providing HIV prevention services to people most at risk of contracting HIV—this is the key to ending the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Orange County once and for all.

It can be done. And, this is the only way it can happen.

Once again, Radiant Health Center's pioneering spirit and love for the people of Orange County is the driving force behind the building of an LGBT health center. It is our assurance to you, your children and grandchildren that together we can create a healthy Orange County for generations to come – an Orange County without HIV and AIDS. Imagine.

So, I look to you to join with me, our Board of Directors, our clients and supporters in making this dream – this long-awaited vision – a reality. **We can do it. We can create this life-giving legacy for years to come.**

Join us today by making your gift to the Campaign for Radiant Health Centers: Creating a Healthy Orange County for All.

Sincerely,

Philip Yaeger
Executive Director/CEO

Client Testimonials



"Radiant Health Centers sees and treats me as the human being that I am, it's never labeled or turned me away because I'm a transwoman. For decades, Radiant Health Centers has served as a safety net for many members of the LGBT community – including myself. Nonetheless, we are in need of a place where we can not only receive full medical services, but a place where the transgender community can be heard and feel free of judgement."

- Josie Lopez



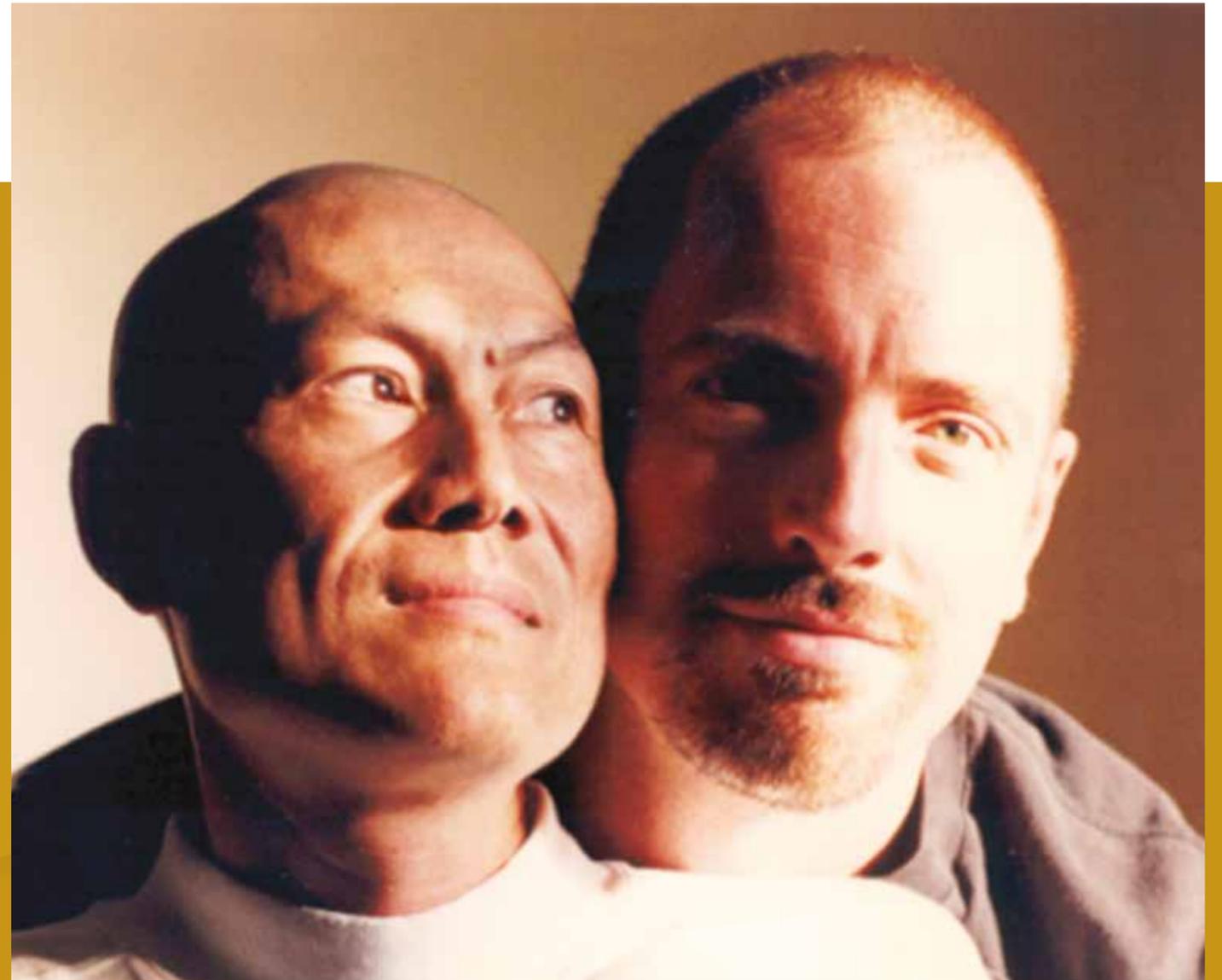
"Radiant Health Centers gave this chapter of my life a purpose. Giving me a space to donate my time, a stage to share my story, and a community to identify with. Allowing me to continue my mission to educate the younger generation about HIV."

- Daniel Garza



"Words can't describe what Radiant Health Centers means to me. They have provided me with more than just case management, groceries, transportation and medication – they have given me moral support and strength when I needed it the most. As a lesbian HIV positive woman, it is hard to find a place where you can feel safe and accepted. Radiant Health Centers welcomes me and anyone who walks in the door with a smile and their ready to help attitude."

- Lizette Berrios



Gratitude.



The history of Radiant Health Centers (formerly AIDS Services Foundation) as it parallels the history of HIV disease



	1981	1985	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	2015	2017
HIV/AIDS	The HIV/AIDS epidemic first appears.	The first blood screening test is approved to detect HIV.	The Americans with Disabilities Act prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities, including people living with HIV/AIDS.	The first protease inhibitor is approved by the FDA, ushering in a new era of highly active antiretroviral therapy.	Congress reauthorizes its Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program legislation, the largest federal program providing HIV care and treatment to under and uninsured people living with HIV.	A rapid HIV diagnostic test kit that provides results in approximately 20 minutes via oral fluid samples gains wide use.	Daily pre-exposure prophylaxis or PrEP drugs are shown to reduce the risk of HIV infection among HIV-negative men who have sex with men by 44%.	Research shows when an HIV-positive partner is virally suppressed, sexual transmission of HIV to an HIV-negative heterosexual partner is prevented.	The Centers for Disease Control announces that an undetectable HIV viral load means HIV is untransmittable.
RADIANT HEALTH CENTERS		A group of concerned Laguna Beach citizens started AIDS Services Foundation Orange County, or ASF. 	The 4th annual ASF Walk for AIDS raises over \$400,000 from 3,000 walkers.	The 10th anniversary of "The Big Splash," raised more than \$400,000.	The Disneyland Resort becomes a corporate sponsor of AIDS Walk Orange County.	ASF celebrates its 20th anniversary and raises \$100,000 in partnership with the Laguna Art Museum. Cybill Shepherd entertains at that year's "Art for AIDS" event with pals Carrie Fisher and Shirley Jones attending.	ASF's Family and Children's Program serves 102 families and 27 children participate in its after-school Kids Club.	ASF provided 1,838 free, anonymous HIV testing & counseling sessions and 159 Hepatitis C tests.	AIDS Services Foundation Orange County becomes Radiant Health Centers. 
A HEALTHY ORANGE COUNTY			1,314 AIDS cases are reported in Orange County with 807 deaths and 507 people undergoing treatment.			Latinos now represent half of all reported HIV cases in Orange County but only one-third of the county's population.	About 350 people are diagnosed with HIV (or nearly one person a day) and about 8,000 are living with HIV/AIDS.	About 300 people are diagnosed with HIV and 55 are concurrently diagnosed with AIDS, which means they were unaware they were HIV positive.	

In the beginning

To be continued...

Will's Journey to Radiant Health Centers

In March 2017, I did not walk into Radiant Health Centers (then AIDS Services Foundation Orange County) – I rolled...wheelchair-bound, my leg elevated and in great physical pain. I was warmly greeted with a smile and the Radiant Health Centers staff made every effort to show me sympathy and compassion. I immediately felt I was in the right place and beginning, what would become, an incredible journey.

Time to backup – I had landed my dream job as the Ladies Head Designer for a major New York fashion label. The job came with my own office in Times Square and a new apartment just one block away from famous NYE Ball Drop. I was full of energy, creativity and determination. I found the lifestyle intoxicating; every night a different party, each a new and different experience, and then – a different drug – crystal meth. It became my poison, and every night I chased it harder and faster until – the ball dropped.

I was in a rapid downward spiral of drugs and depression ultimately

leading to an HIV-positive diagnosis. I began a prescription drug regimen of five different medications together with my continued abuse of recreational drugs. The concoction produced side effects that wreaked havoc on my body – my addiction was a barrier to true success.

I went from living in Manhattan's Times Square to homelessness in Fullerton, California. Once a lead ladies fashion designer, then an HIV positive crystal meth addict. Fearing the stigma attached to people who are HIV positive, the paranoia led me to choose the haven that homelessness provided.

Then, on Dec. 29, 2016, I was hit by a car while riding my bike. The accident led to a month-long hospital stay. Two weeks into the stay, I went through detox. I was grateful to be sober and to have survived the accident. Life had given me a second chance. I had a new desire to move forward with my life – sober and with my HIV virus under control.



I asked a nurse in the hospital if she had any information that could help me find a safe home where I could stay sober and get medical help to manage my HIV status. The next moment will be forever etched in my memory. The nurse handed me a slip of paper with the most important ten digits I've ever received – the telephone number for AIDS Services Foundation Orange County, as Radiant Health Centers then was known.

I immediately called Radiant Health Centers and the rest is nothing less than miraculous. I spoke with a woman named Bridget, an appointment was made and my transportation to Radiant Health Centers arranged. I was introduced to Martha – my Case Manager. Martha was wonderful. She listened to my story without judgment and I felt heard. Martha helped me to take a new and different look at my life and the possibilities that were still there – if I wanted them. Martha met me where I was and freely gave me her support and guidance.

Radiant Health Centers' housing services helped me to find a studio apartment in Anaheim. With their help, I have gone from a man with a terminal illness to a man living a quality life. My HIV viral load is undetectable, which means not transmittable.

Words fall short of describing the gratitude I have for Radiant Health Centers – for the wonderful resources I was provided, together with giving me the courage and the emotional support to move forward with my life. **Radiant Health Centers treated me with love, compassion and understanding – they truly cared.**

Radiant Health Centers has given me a new chance at life. That's incredible! I am willing to do everything I can, through Radiant Health Centers, to educate and inform people about the HIV epidemic in Orange County.

Radiant Health Centers is critically important to our community in Orange County. We all must do everything in our power to re-educate people about the realities of the HIV epidemic in our

community to stop its transmission.

And with your help - we can. Together with Radiant Health Centers, we can once and for all, bring an end to the HIV epidemic in Orange County.

I invite you to join me in the fight against HIV by becoming an advocate for Radiant Health Centers. Become an advocate for family and friends, do it for your community, do it for the memory of the hundreds who have died from HIV and AIDS, for their families, for their friends.

Love yourself. Love all others. Respect quality of life and support the the Campaign for Radiant Health Centers - Creating a Healthy Orange County for All.

With love,

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HIV in Orange County Today

7,431 People living with HIV

320
Newly diagnosed people

6,672
(91%)
Aware of their status

669
(Est.)
Unaware of their status

6,287
(87.6%)
Ever linked to care

5,061
(68.1%)
Retained in care

4,692
(63.1%)
Receiving anti-retro virals

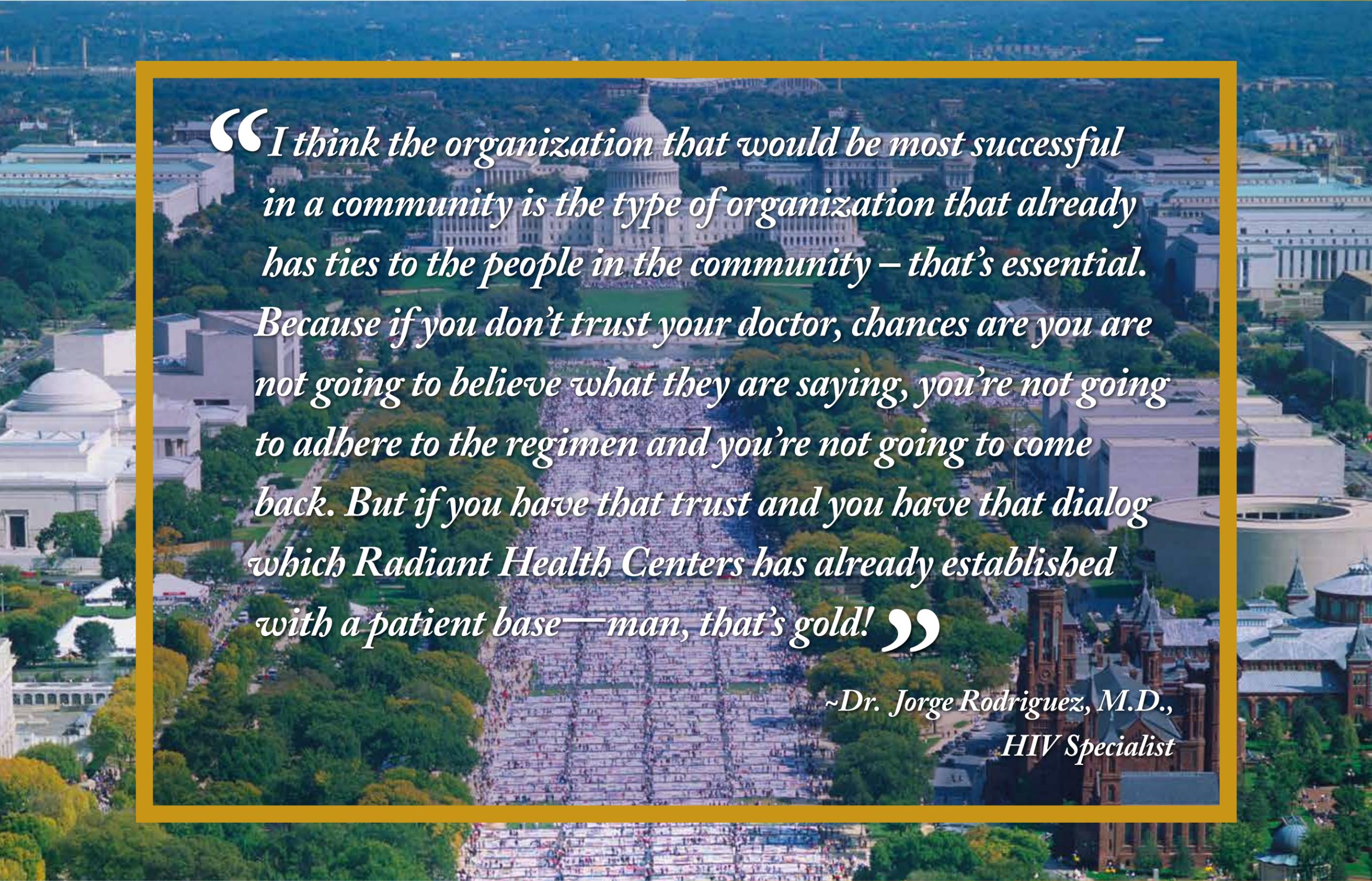
4,470
(60.2%)
Viral load suppressed

\$3,000
Average monthly cost of medications

\$1,000,000
Average lifetime cost of medications

Our Goals
90%

90% Aware
90% In Care
90% Undetectable



“I think the organization that would be most successful in a community is the type of organization that already has ties to the people in the community – that’s essential. Because if you don’t trust your doctor, chances are you are not going to believe what they are saying, you’re not going to adhere to the regimen and you’re not going to come back. But if you have that trust and you have that dialog which Radiant Health Centers has already established with a patient base—man, that’s gold! ”

*~Dr. Jorge Rodriguez, M.D.,
HIV Specialist*

We Need an LGBT Health Center



An LGBT Health Center to Achieve a Healthy Orange County for All

Today, there is a great need for a health center with a focus on the LGBT community to achieve a healthy Orange County for all. Local healthcare leaders agree that an LGBT health center is long overdue.

An LGBT health center will provide Radiant Health Centers with the ability for increased outreach to youth and adults of all ages. It will provide the needed ongoing medical care for those people who are HIV positive and equally as important, increased preventative services and education for the most vulnerable populations in Orange County – our LGBT brothers and sisters.

There is a need for a place to educate about prevention, to inspire healthy self-care, and to engage all people in the fight against the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Only then can we as a community safeguard the health of all people in Orange County.

There is a need for a safe place where members of the LGBT community are welcomed without fear of judgement – a place where stigma does not exist.

There is a need for a haven for health and wellness – a one-stop shop for medical and dental needs, counseling services, and easy access to medications through an onsite pharmacy.

With the completion of the medical center, Radiant Health Centers moves into a new vision and mission – a more expansive obligation to all in Orange County who need access to appropriate healthcare.

In gratitude to those who have been so generous to Radiant Health Centers over the years, Radiant Health Centers now sees it as a duty to the people of Orange County to create a new legacy, and a privilege to build a health center to protect that legacy, as well as the health of our community for generations to come.

Our Goal is to End the HIV Epidemic

Around 2005, new medications were developed that reduce the amount of HIV virus in the human body to undetectable levels. As a result, HIV is, for the most part, no longer a death-sentence and people with HIV/AIDS can hope to live long productive lives.

Unfortunately, there has been a downside...

With the onset of new HIV medications, HIV/AIDS has all but disappeared from mainstream media. There is a misperception that HIV/AIDS is no longer a threat to society and life.

Yes, new HIV medications will help these young people live longer lives - but that doesn't mean there isn't a price to pay.

The number of AIDS related deaths has significantly declined as well as the number of new infections – nonetheless, HIV/AIDS is still here – in Orange County.

- One person dies every week from AIDS related complications.
- Six people per week are still diagnosed with HIV.
- 37 percent of all new HIV infections were among people ages 20 to 29 years of age.*
- Children – even as young as 12 and 13 years old— are testing positive for HIV through sexual conduct.
- And then, there remains the stigma that affects all people living with HIV/AIDS.

*In 2015

Why Does Orange County Need an LGBT Health Center?

LGBT individuals are more likely to experience specific health-related issues due to their experience with stigma and discrimination in daily life. Some of these experiences include incidents at work or school, in public places, even at healthcare facilities. Some LGBT youth experience bullying from classmates leading them to become socially isolated, turn to substance abuse and even commit suicide.

The discrimination that some LGBT members of our community experience can cause high levels of stress, which can lead to a broad range of health problems requiring medical attention.

Access to appropriate medical care for LGBT individuals is not readily available in many areas – including Orange County.

Many LGBT members of the community will not seek the healthcare they need because of past experiences of stigma and discrimination in healthcare facilities and from some healthcare providers. Some will stop seeing a doctor altogether and this is where the problems begin.

Some of the consequences of these unique health equity barriers facing LGBT people include:

- LGBT youth are two to three times more likely to attempt suicide, and are more likely to be homeless; it is estimated that between 20 percent and 40 percent of all homeless youth are LGBT.
- LGBT youth are at higher risk for contracting HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases; and they are also more likely to be bullied.
- Men who have sex with men are at higher risk of HIV and STDs, especially among communities of color.
- LGBT populations are much more likely to smoke than others; they also have higher rates of alcohol and drug use, depression and anxiety.
- Lesbians are less likely to get preventive services for cancer.
- Bisexuals have higher rates of behavioral health issues compared to lesbians and gay men.
- Transgender individuals experience a high prevalence of HIV and STDs, victimization, and suicide. They are also less likely to have health insurance than heterosexual or LGBT individuals due to rejection by their families or discrimination when seeking employment.
- Elderly LGBT individuals face additional barriers to health care because of isolation, diminished family support and reduced availability of social services.



Barriers to Care for LGBT People

There are many reasons why LGBT people have difficulty accessing health care. Most of these problems can be summarized in three categories.

Limited Access

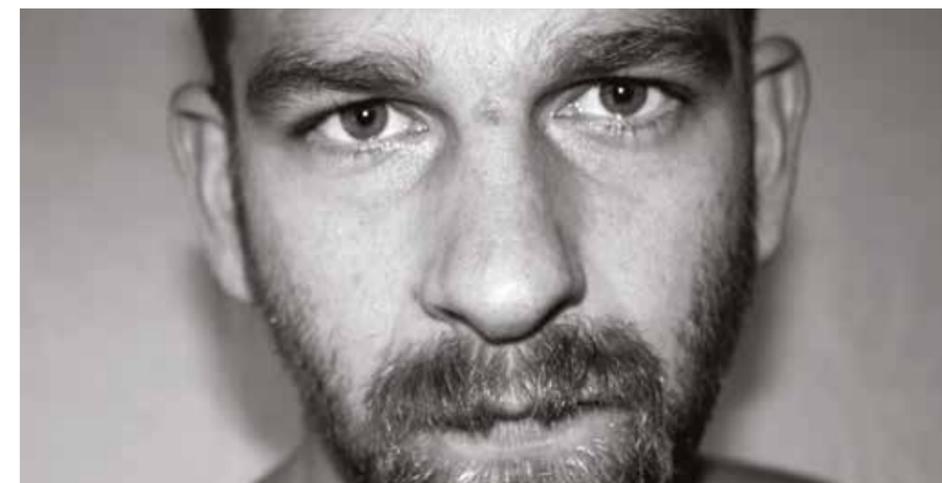
LGBT people may have trouble with basic access to care. They are also less likely to have health insurance, either because they have been rejected by their families when they are young, are unemployed or their work does not offer health insurance, or because they require services that are not available to them even when they have health insurance.

Negative Experiences

LGBT people may experience discrimination or prejudice from health care staff when seeking care. Negative experiences with inadequately-trained professionals are a big reason why LGBT people do not seek medical care; many also report that they look for “clues” when arriving at a healthcare facility, such as the way they are greeted by staff, whether non-discrimination policies are posted in public areas, or if there are single-occupancy or gender-neutral bathrooms

Lack of Knowledge

LGBT people sometimes discover that providers do not have knowledge or experience in caring for them. These barriers present a challenge for LGBT individuals and health care staff throughout the nation.



**The Solution?
Turn the page.**



The Place

Your Visit to Radiant Health Centers— A Haven for Health and Wellness

Radiant Health Centers is committed to providing quality, compassionate, innovative primary care and behavioral health services. Our services are available to men, women, lesbians, bisexuals, transgender and genderqueer people of all ages, all ethnicities and inclusive of all social and economic circumstances.

Radiant Health Centers offers a safe, warm, welcoming environment, a home for the health and wellness of the LGBT community in Orange County. Radiant Health Centers is a judgment free and stigma free zone. We honor, respect and value each human being for their individual and distinctive uniqueness and point of view, as well as their contributions to society.

Due to discrimination and misunderstanding, people who are transgender or gender-nonconforming often avoid healthcare. Radiant Health Centers is committed to the health and wellness of the transgender and gender-nonconforming community. Our specially designed programs address the barriers in healthcare faced by individuals who are transgender and gender non-conforming including medical, behavioral health and case management.

Radiant Health Centers will also provide dental and pharmacy services to all its patients.

At Radiant Health Centers, we believe good health is holistic and so we provide care for both body and mind. Valuing our patients means listening to our patients. Our promise and commitment is to meet people where they are so to positively impact their health and wellness. This is our hope. This is our goal – for every person who comes through the portal of Radiant Health Centers.

Services will include:

- Primary Care
- Men's Health
- HIV Care
- Women's Health
- Transgender & Gender Non-Conforming Care
- Preventive Care
- HIV/STI Testing & Treatment
- Specialty Care & Referrals
- PrEP and PEP
- Vaccines
- Geriatric Care
- Pediatric Care
- Dental Care
- Pharmacy
- Behavioral Health Services



Inclusion

The sense of belonging.



Affirmation

Seeing you for the human being you are.



Support

The knowledge that you are no longer alone.



Acceptance

All-encompassing validation.



Love

To be embraced and cared for.



Acknowledgement

Grateful appreciation and recognition for the person you are.



Dignity

Belief in the dignity of all people without question.



Diversity

A place where diversity is recognized and celebrated.



Embrace

A place where you are respected and received - enthusiastically and wholeheartedly.

Creating a Healthy Orange County for All

Campaign Priorities

The campaign is the result of the strategic plan approved by the Board of Directors in 2016. The premise of the campaign is to end the HIV epidemic in Orange County by 2025.



Through thoughtful and decisive planning, combined with many conversations with local healthcare leaders, community and business leaders, elected officials, clients and donors, Radiant Health Centers realized it is ready, prepared and able to respond to a desperate need in the community that would do more than end the HIV epidemic in Orange County.

After 33 years of providing excellent care to people living with HIV, Radiant Health Centers is uniquely qualified to establish an LGBT health center. Radiant Health Centers is more than a building, it is a commitment to provide first-rate healthcare to the LGBT community in a place of warmth, acceptance, recognition, validation, love, compassion and safety.

The campaign is for today as well as for the future health of the LGBT community in Orange County. And both the health center and campaign draw on the solid foundations established over 33 years ago. Radiant Health Centers is committed to make a difference in the lives of LGBT individuals in Orange County.

Through this campaign, Radiant Health Centers will:

- Create access to first-rate healthcare.
- Bring an end to the HIV epidemic in Orange County.
- Fund the construction of an LGBT healthcare center.
- Attract and retain top quality healthcare professionals.
- Build on our history, collective strength and foundations.
- End LGBT healthcare inequalities.

Based on that history, Radiant Health Centers believes it is a responsibility – as well as a privilege – to assume the challenge of creating a place of health and wellbeing for the LGBT people living in our community today and for decades to come.

Radiant Health Centers is worthy of your support, your enthusiasm and your passion. Decade after decade of caring compassionate staff, grateful clients and committed generous donors has made Radiant Health Centers the extraordinary organization it is today. **Together we will ensure the health and wellbeing of the LGBT community for years to come.**

The campaign will help Radiant Health Centers provide the needed medical, dental, and mental health services the LGBT community so desperately needs and deserves. **Radiant Health Centers firmly believes that access to good healthcare is the right of every human being.**

The campaign will enable Radiant Health Centers to engage and retain excellent, qualified medical staff including: doctors, dentists, mental health professionals

and community educators by establishing endowments to defray operating costs for years to come and to assure our gracious benefactors that their contributions are being handled wisely and judiciously.

It takes people like you...successful, caring, generous individuals whose accomplishments in life are matched only by a will to have a positive impact in the lives of others – especially the most vulnerable in our community.

It takes an uncommon sense of purpose...one which challenges an entire community to never stop moving and growing and looking for answers because, quite simply – it's the right thing to do. It takes a special moment in time...when a crossroads presents itself and the world watches with anticipation for the greatness this moment may produce.

And so, we urge you to help us seize this moment. To meet this challenge. To add your distinguished voice to a growing chorus of love, care and compassion for all people.



Naming Opportunities

1. Radiant Health Centers Building	\$	1,000,000
2. Medical Suite	\$	250,000
3. Dental Suite	\$	250,000
4. Counseling Suite	\$	250,000
5. Pharmacy	\$	250,000
6. Lobby	\$	100,000
7. Conference Room	\$	75,000
8. Radiology Lab	\$	50,000
9. Medical Lab	\$	50,000
10. Dental Lab	\$	50,000

“It is well past time to bring an end to AIDS and, with your help, this is the organization that will accomplish it.”

*~Dr. Gwyn P. Parry, M.D.
Hoag Memorial Hospital*

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Thank you for being a partner.

Thanks



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