Our Mission
Radiant Health Centers provides the LGBTQ+ community medical services that are compassionate and comprehensive while continuing to serve those living with and affected by HIV.

Our Vision
LGBTQ+ healthcare equity and the end of the HIV epidemic in Orange County.

We have updated our Mission and Vision statements.

To capture the opinions and feedback from our staff members, each executive team member was tasked with holding workgroups and gathering input from their respective departments. These workgroups were held over several weeks throughout the agency and gave our staff members an opportunity to share their thoughts for the future of the agency and ideas about our growth. The notes from these meetings were shared with our CEO who shared this information at our subcommittee meetings and the Board of Directors. Many of the ideas generated in these workgroups helped to shape the initial stages of the Mission and Vision and the final product is a fusion of all the thoughts and opinions shared along the way.
Dear Friend,

I reflect with gratitude on 2018. What a year it has been for growth. Thank you for being part of our transformation from AIDS Services Foundation Orange County to Radiant Health Centers. As a result of your support, we have grown our mission with dedication and purpose. We have expanded our PrEP and PEP services and support, along with our mental health services and food pantry, helping many more people than ever before who need our life-saving services.

Our generous donors and our supportive community make our success possible. We could not have done this without you.

I wish I could say that the need for our services has shrunk. However, despite our and our community partners’ best efforts, there continues to be six new HIV transmissions per week in Orange County.

That is why access to stigma-free, quality health services is so vital.

What gives me hope for the future is our next generation. From our partnerships at Orange County’s college campuses to the generous and caring kids who participate in our Kids & Family program, I see evidence of greater engagement and compassion in our community and youth every day.

This issue focuses on our kids and family programs because they are so important. This is our next generation, one I hope will grow up free of HIV, AIDS, stigma and discrimination.

Thanks to your ongoing support, they have a chance to do just that.

Yours in service,

Philip Yaeger
Executive Director/CEO

"What gives me hope for the future is our next generation."
After the incredible success of our 2018 gala, it was clear the Yost theater in Santa Ana would once again be the perfect place to host this incredible event. Beautifully restored to emulate some of its former glory as a vaudeville theater, the Yost is the perfect scene to live like some of the greats of yesteryear, like Elvis Presley, Jayne Mansfield, Liberace, Frank Sinatra, and Audrey Hepburn, to name a few.

Approaching by way of the generous courtyard outside the theater, come visit the gem of Santa Ana’s historic arts district. Upon checking in and receiving your newly formatted bid card, don’t forget to stop by the ticket booth for your poker chips – beginning the evening’s activities.

Whether you choose to have our specialty cocktail for the evening, which you won’t want to miss, or prefer another drink of choice, the Yost’s adjacent 1912 Club is waiting with a fully hosted bar. Beyond drinks and passed appetizers, try your luck at one of our many poker, blackjack, or roulette tables. Running low on chips? No problem. Track down one of the roaming cigarette girls who will be more than happy to help you replenish your stock. And unlike in Las Vegas, all proceeds from chip purchases go directly back to Radiant Health Centers and all of the clients we serve.

Imagine…

Strolling down the retro Las Vegas Strip or Fremont Street in the 1950s and 1960s – full of limos and celebrity sightings. Well, this year, we’re going to embody that charm as we go all in at Radiant Health Centers’ 2019 Annual Gala – Radiant Royale!
The girls will also be showcasing each piece of our silent auction, boasting a variety of items and experiences. There will definitely be something everyone can enjoy. (And if you prefer to get an early start on things, each silent auction item will be available for bidding online beginning January 1st.)

If you’re feeling extra lucky, try visiting our exclusive high-rollers lounge, the Whale Lounge, featuring live entertainment that will take you back to the glory days of the likes of the Rat Pack. Does a greater risk really reap a greater reward? You’ll need to find out for yourself!

Go all or nothing as once the games have concluded, it will be time for the true main event. Walking under shimmering chandeliers sets the perfect setting for high-class food and entertainment. The gala committee has once again worked with 24 Carrots, Orange County’s premier catering service, to prepare a truly unforgettable dining experience. And, for the first time in the Gala’s history, RHC will be offering a second tier in pricing for tickets. This second tier will include a slightly scaled-back dinner service as well as mezzanine seating. But whether seated in the mezzanine or on the floor, the Yost’s setup works to ensure each attendee has a perfect view of all the action – prepare to surround yourself with the true glitz and glamour of Las Vegas.

If it seems the variety of flavors, scents, and sights has reached its peak in the main course, wait until you see the entertainment that comes with dessert. Showgirls and illusionists and singers, oh my! The entertainment sets the perfect setting to celebrate the generous donations that make all of our programs possible.

As in some years past, we expect this evening to be sold out and fully underwritten by generous donors. That means all money raised from table sales, admission tickets, games, and donations will go directly to support RHC’s client services. This is why so many have donated their time and resources to create an environment which fosters and inspires each attendee to become a supporter of RHC. Because without the generous support of so many incredible individuals over the years, none of what we do would be possible. There is still much to do, but by coming together and supporting each other we can create a healthy Orange County for all.

For tickets visit our website
radianthealthcenters.org/gala
or for further information call
Josué E. Hernandez at (949) 809-8764

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Natalia Nava, Family Programs Coordinator, says, “Kids Club is about having fun and just being kids. That may sound like a small thing, but it makes a tremendous impact on their lives.” Natalia, who speaks from experience, is a former Kids Club kid herself.

“They can express themselves through their words, their artwork, singing, dancing, and if they need to scream, they can scream. This environment opens up so many beautiful things in them.”

Natalia is helped by six volunteers who show up for Kids Club week after week. Consistency is important to these children and teens who have been affected by HIV, either directly, or indirectly through an HIV-positive member of their household.

Every Thursday afternoon, fifteen 7- to 17-year-olds count on Radiant Health Centers’ Kids Club to give them a break from the stresses of school, home and HIV.
Samuel Frausto has been volunteering weekly since 2012. He sometimes shows up exhausted from his day job, but, nevertheless, he always has kind and positive words for the kids.

“Samuel is an amazing volunteer. He is so passionate about working with the kids and always giving them great advice when they’re going through hard times,” says Natalia.

Once a month, the kids also write notes of thanks or perform a community service to share their gratitude or give back to the community. This December, they’ve made goody bags with handwritten notes that Testing Services will distribute to people who are homeless in the community.

Families are referred to Natalia’s programs by Radiant Health Centers’ Case Management team early in the new client intake process.

“I come in to introduce myself and let them know about all of the programs that they’re qualified for.”

In addition to Kids Club, Natalia oversees seasonal drives like the Holiday Gift Drive—going on now, and the August Back-to-School Drive.

The Positive Youth Program serves 10 teens who are all HIV positive, with the help of two volunteers who organize bimonthly group outings. They share in fun experiences from ice skating to the movies and get vital peer support so that they don’t feel so alone.

Radiant Health Centers’ Enrichment Program helps low-income families afford fees for soccer registration or ballet lessons. It can also help a teen pay for SAT prep. And the Emergency Fund Program is there for families when a financial crisis strikes. This can range from replacing a broken refrigerator to a laptop for a high-school student in need.

About 100 kids, parents or guardians attend Family Camp every August thanks to Radiant Health Centers and the generosity of its donors and volunteers.

Kids Club is only for families that have disclosed their status to their kids because it is also a forum where the kids can talk about HIV and what it’s like to live in a household that’s affected by HIV and AIDS. But no topic is off limits: school shootings, bullying, sexual activity, sexual identity, what it means to be gay and queer.

“We’ll educate them about what it means to be part of the LGBT community and if they identify as that we totally support them,” explains Natalia. “We’ll also do an anonymous chat for things that they don’t feel comfortable saying out loud. They’ll write their comments down, like ‘I don’t feel heard’ or ‘I feel alone.’ They’ll give each other advice and make one another feel special.”

“That’s something we practice a lot in kids club—making people feel loved and special.”

**Help Our Holiday Gift Drive**

We need gift cards of $50 and unwrapped toys for 150 kids.

Help our families shop for a nice gift that is something their child really needs with a gift card from a store that has clothing items like shoes, jackets, backpacks and more. It’s easy to be a hero to a kid this holiday season:

- **Donate online:** give.classy.org/SupportFamilyPrograms2018
- **Buy from our Target gift registry:** tgt.gifts/RHCSecretangels
- **Drop off a $50 gift card and/or toy:**
  
  17982 Sky Park Circle, Ste J
  Irvine, CA 92614-6482
  
  M-F 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- **Host a toy or gift card drive at your organization:**

  Contact Natalia Nava, Family Programs Coordinator at (714) 805-2027 or email her at nnava@radianthealthcenters.org.
The outstanding leadership and commitment of our generous supporters are essential to our ability to help individuals living with HIV and AIDS. Major donors contribute $1,200 or more annually through both event and non-event related means. Many contributors give through member groups such as Patron’s Council, our major donor recognition society. Major donors are vital to the success of the agency and we applaud their unwavering commitment to people living with HIV/AIDS in Orange County.

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Leave a Legacy
Remember Radiant Health Centers in your estate plan.
The 9th Annual Orange County Ride for AIDS raised over $70,000 to directly support the services and programs offered to those living with HIV in the community.

The event took place at Bill Barber Memorial Park in Irvine and offered four stunning routes that included 10-mile (Kid Friendly) and 30-mile (Fun Ride) routes, along with a 62-mile (Metric Century) and 100-mile (Century Ride) routes for more experienced riders.

“We couldn’t be more thankful for the community’s support and advocacy to end the HIV epidemic in Orange County,” said Phil Yaeger, CEO and Executive Director, Radiant Health Centers. “The lifesaving programs and services we offer wouldn’t be possible without it.”
GRANTS

ViiV Healthcare Company ......................... $25,000
SOMOS

Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS, Inc. ........ $20,000
Food Pantry

Meals on Wheels Association of America ........ $11,814
General Operating Support

Insurance Industry Charitable Foundation Inc. .. $10,000
Food Pantry and Family Programs

Anonymous ........................................ $10,000
Family & Children's Programs

Wells Fargo Foundation ............................. $7,500
HIV Case Management Program

The Capital Group Companies Charitable Foundation . $7,500
Family & Children's Program

Janssen Pharmaceuticals ......................... $5,000
HIV and Hep C Testing

Orange County Bar Foundation ..................... $3,350
HIV Testing

Disney Worldwide Services, Inc. .................. $3,000
General Operating Support

Renaissance Charitable Foundation ............... $2,500
Family & Children's Program

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In Memory of Ruby and Dino Gomez,
Arthur R. Gomez

In Memory of Ander Scheller,
Jane Tjepkema

In Memory of Vivian Voyles,
Julie Lea

TAX TIPS

Important Tax Law Change Effective January 2018

Personal exemption was eliminated by the new tax law, but the standard deduction was nearly doubled to $12,000 for single, $24,000 for married couples filing jointly and an additional $1,300 for taxpayers who are 65 or older, blind or disabled.

Even though in 2018 the charitable deduction remained, your ability to claim the charitable contribution deduction is still contingent on whether you have adequate itemized deductions. Your itemized deduction must exceed the standard deduction based on your status. For individuals who itemize, gifts of cash are now deductible up to 60 percent from 50 percent of adjusted gross income; gifts of stock, deductible up to 30 percent of income, same as prior years and you still have up to six years to use your charitable deductions before they are lost.

CHAPITABLE GIVING TIP

Take advantage of charitable bequests and beneficiary designations. You may include charitable gifts in your estate planning. For example, you may designate an extra share for the charity of your choice; designate a specific dollar amount, a piece of property or designate a percentage of the estate to go to the charity of your choice. You may also designate a charity of your choice to be a partial or full beneficiary of an investment account, insurance policy, bank account or any account that transfers by means of beneficiary designation. Please consider selecting AIDS Services Foundation Orange County dba Radiant Health Centers as the charity of your choice to make a difference in your community.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, January 26
Annual Gala
CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

Radiant Health Centers is a medical center that provides comprehensive healthcare and support services for the LGBTQ+ community, characterized by a patient-centric experience, specialized expertise, specialty programs and education, research and advocacy.

**Client Centric Experience**

- LGBTQ+ specific, trauma informed, and protocol-based.
- Compassionate, comprehensive care is delivered through shared decision making and efficient client continuity of care.

**Specialized Expertise**

- Recruitment of talent with specialized education, credentials and experience, matched with high levels of continuing education at all levels of the organization, which ensures high quality care and that the unique needs of each client are met.

**Specialty Programs**

- Specially developed programs include continued and expanded HIV/AIDS care and prevention, transgender healthcare services, LGBTQ+ competencies, mental health and telehealth services.

**Education, Research & Advocacy**

- Essential to the wellbeing and integrated health of the clients and community. Prevention education, including stigma reduction, cultural humility and preventative health education is focused on specialized groups such as youth, elderly, the general community and corporations.