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HIV Test Sites Fan Out to Everyday Places People Go

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Finding and helping the estimated 2,000 people in Palm Beach County who don't know they are infected with the virus that leads to AIDS should not be an insurmountable task, the organizers of National HIV Testing Day contend.

Pastor Tony Drayton, who is working with them, agrees.

"We say these people or those people," the pastor of St. James Missionary Baptist Church said. "It's not these or those. It's us."

We go to beauty salons and barber shops, parks and sports bars, coffee houses and community centers, he says.

On Friday, such places are among 32 sites in Palm Beach County where volunteers and health workers will go in their most ambitious push yet to help people get tested for HIV, as well as hepatitis and other infectious diseases.

The effort also will take them to more churches and involve more parishioners than ever before.

The stakes are high, health officials say. More than 7,300 people in Palm Beach County and the Treasure Coast are living with HIV. More than 40 percent of those who find out they have the virus are diagnosed almost 10 years after they are infected - and within a year of being diagnosed with AIDS.

Another 18 percent are diagnosed within the first year of infection, possibly because they know they have taken risks.

Although homosexual men made strides in fighting the epidemic in its early years, men who have sex

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Letter from the Editor

By Sonja Swanson
July 2, 2008

The Palm Beach County HIV CARE Council, the local planning council for HIV services, has started their annual process of prioritizing and allocating Ryan White dollars. The Priorities & Allocations (P&A) Committee of the CARE Council follows a comprehensive process which is based on federal guidelines. The Committee members include HIV service providers as well as people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA).

Over the past few years members have struggled with the tough decisions that come along with allocating dollars to the much needed HIV services. One of the main challenges is adjusting our current system to reflect the changes implemented by the federal government. In 2006, the federal direction of the Ryan White program changed. The changes to the program included shifting from a comprehensive program to a program that provides life saving care

for PLWHA. One of the primary goals is to ensure Ryan White programs work toward bringing all PLWHA who are aware of their status in to primary medical care. While Ryan White dollars may be used for supportive services, like food and financial assistance, the supportive services are to be used in order to enhance access to and retention in primary medical care. The most recent data provided from Florida Department of Health estimates that in Palm Beach County only 72% of PLWHA who are aware of their status are in primary medical care.

Another struggle for Palm Beach County's HIV service system is that the grant award for Ryan White has decreased 20%, approximately \$2 million dollars, since 2004.

FOOD RESOURCE

Florida Association for Community Action, Inc. has numerous listings for food sources on their website www.FACA.org. On the right hand side of the webpage under "Community Action Resources", click on the listings and look for District 9-Palm Beach County.


The P&A Committee base their decisions on many factors including federal directives and mandates, needs assessment findings, service cost and utilization data. Another very important piece of the decision making process is to hear from community members. Several public forums have been held in the HIV 'hot spots' throughout the county. The P&A Committee would like to hear from you. The final public forum will be held at the

Delray Beach Department of Health

July 21, 2008

1:30 p.m.

For more information call the CARE Council staff at 561-844-4220 ext. 28.



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In Memoriam of Lorenza Jackson

By Sarah Withrow

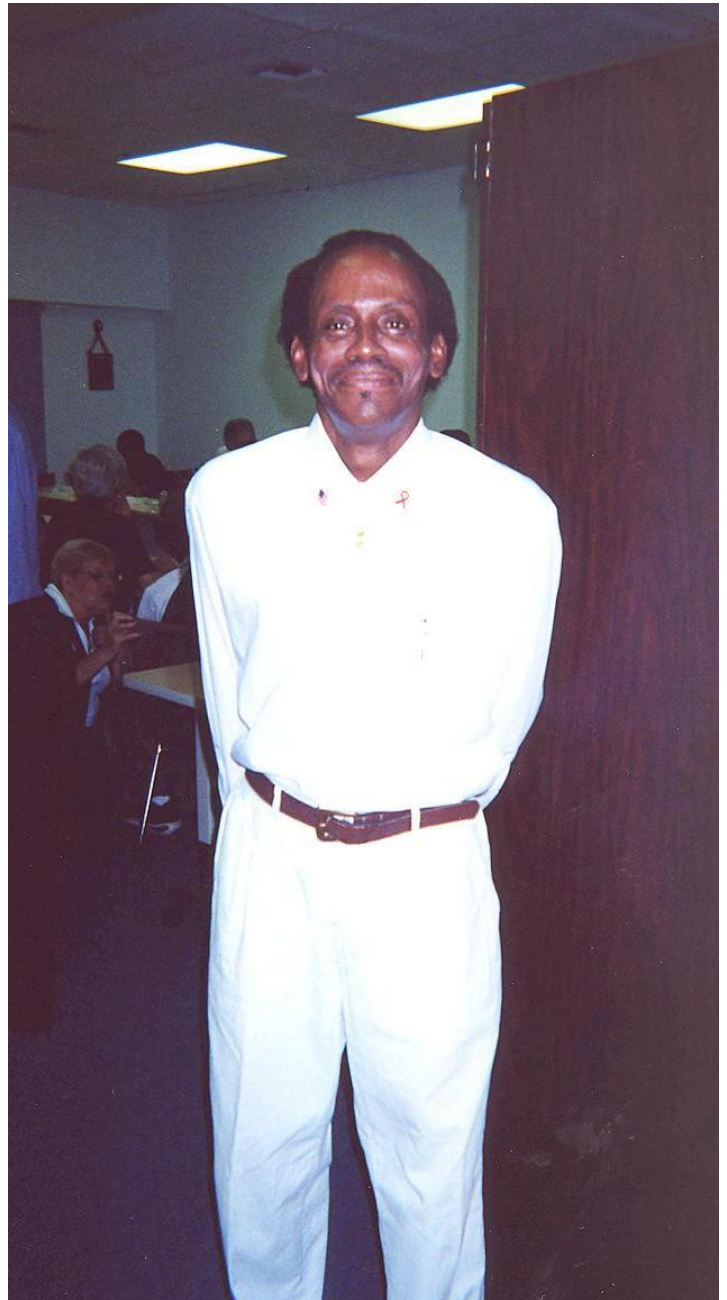
Lorenza Jackson, a dedicated member of the Palm Beach County HIV CARE Council, passed away on Friday, April 25, 2008 at the age of 49.

Lorenza was an advocate of HIV-related issues in Belle Glade and assisted with the 2007 Needs Assessment by working as a data collector in the Glades area. He was a member of the CARE Council for five years and held the position of CARE Council Vice Chair in 2005. He was also a member of the Executive Committee, Priorities & Allocations Committee, Planning Committee and Community Awareness Committee. Lorenza served as Planning Committee Chair for one and a half years following his three-year tenure as the committee's Vice Chair. He also served as Vice Chair of the Priorities & Allocations Committee.

Lorenza's CARE Council attendance record serves as the model of commitment: with the exception of one committee meeting in 2005, Lorenza had perfect attendance on the CARE Council and four committees for over three years.

Mary Jane Reynolds, Lorenza's close friend of 12 years, remembers Lorenza as an incredibly caring person: he was a compassionate man who treated everyone with compassion and respect and was a trusted confidante to many. He was the first to offer a helping hand to anyone in need and could always be seen opening a door or helping to carry boxes of snacks and supplies into meetings.

Born in Clewiston, Florida, Lorenza grew up with several brothers and a twin sister. He worked as a restaurant manager and minister and was a member of St. Paul's Church of God in Christ.



Lorenza's generous spirit, selfless manner and service to the community will be greatly missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Is Anyone Listening?

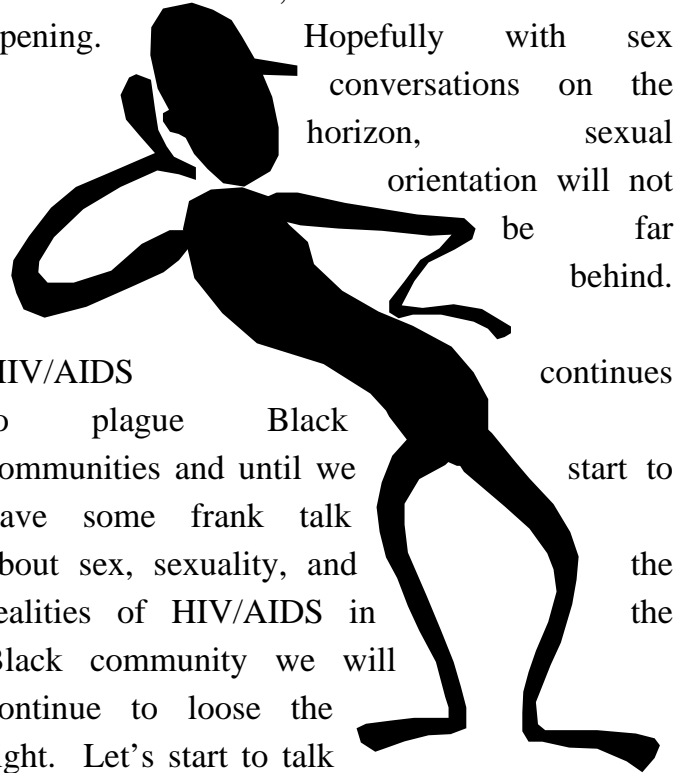
Lorenzo Robertson
Palm Beach County HIV CARE Council Member

Is anyone listening? A few months ago, I was in a meeting that discussed how HIV/AIDS was impacting the African-American community. It was then that I thought there needs to be more dialogue in reference to sexual orientation and HIV/AIDS infection rates. I do realize most people feel if there are high numbers of MSM impacted with HIV/AIDS that would seem to be the norm, since many still feel that it is a gay (MSM) disease. It is true that the first wave of Americans infected with the virus were gay (MSM), but worldwide there are more heterosexuals impacted with HIV. My thought is that the US needs to have more communication about sexual orientation. The sexual orientation conversation has not happened much in minority communities. I think if we had more frank talk about sexual orientation there may be a decrease in the number of people becoming infected. If people really understood their risk factors, they may no be so inclined to put themselves at risk.

The conversations are coming, maybe not soon enough, but they will happen. Just recently I had a conversation with the president of a local civic organization committing his faction of the organization to discussing HIV/AIDS and sexual orientation. That is a start and I hope other organizations in our community follow their lead and open those doors to the sexual orientation talk. I know in the Black community we don't

talk about sex, but those doors are opening. Hopefully with sex conversations on the horizon, sexual orientation will not be far behind.

HIV/AIDS continues to plague Black communities and until we start to have some frank talk about sex, sexuality, and realities of HIV/AIDS in the Black community we will continue to loose the fight. Let's start to talk about HIV/AIDS where we work, live play, and worship. We can win the HIV/AIDS fight. Is anyone listening?



**THE PALM BEACH COUNTY
HIV CARE COUNCIL
IS LOOKING FOR
NEW MEMBERS
PARTICULARLY
MALES OF AFRICAN AMERICAN
DESCENT
AND
LATINO MALES**

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED
PLEASE CONTACT**

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July

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HOTLINES

A.G. Holley State Hospital TB Hotline.....	1-800-482-4636
CDC Info Hotline.....	1-800-342-2437
Crisis Line (Center Line).....	211
Drug Abuse Hotline.....	662-4357
Florida HIV/AIDS Hotline.....	1-800-352-2437
Gay and Lesbian Hotline.....	1-888-843-4564
Medicare Hotline.....	1-800-638-6833
National Deaf AIDS Line.....	1-800-AIDS-TTY
Project Inform Treatment Hotline.....	1-800-822-7422
STD Hotline.....	1-800-227-8922

EDUCATION/INFORMATION

Accessible Life Saving Education for at Risk Teens (ALERT).....	966-4288
American Foundation for AIDS Research (AMFAR).....	1-800-392-6327
CDC HIV/AIDS Treatment Information.....	1-800-448-0440
Children with AIDS Project of America.....	1-602-973-4319
Children's Case Management Org., Inc.....	804-9441
Clinical Trials Information.....	1-800-Trials-A
Farmworker Coordinating Council of PBC.....	533-7227
Florida AIDS Action Council.....	1-800-779-4898
Glades Health Initiative, Ind.....	996-0500
National Minority AIDS Council.....	1-202-483-6622
PBC Health Department.....	540-1300
PBC HIV CARE Council.....	844-4430
Red Cross, American.....	833-7711
Senior HIV Intervention Project (SHIP).....	586-4843
Treasure the Children/Charles' Crew Adolescent Speakers, Inc..	790-6291

HIV/AIDS TESTING

Compass, Inc*.....	533-9699
Comprehensive AIDS Program (CAP)	
West Palm Beach*.....	472-2466
Delray Beach*.....	274-6400
Riviera Beach*.....	844-1019
Belle Glade*.....	996-7059
Glades Health Initiative, Inc.....	996-0500
Drug Abuse Treatment Association (DATA).....	844-3556
Hope House of the Palm Beaches, Inc.....	697-2600
PBC Health Department	
West Palm Beach Health Center.....	514-5465
Delray Beach Health Center.....	274-3105
Lantana Health Center.....	547-6805
C.L. Brumback Health Center.....	996-1625
Planned Parenthood of GMPBTC	
West Palm Beach.....	683-0302
Lake Worth.....	641-0300
Riviera Beach Family Resource Center.....	840-1888
True Fast Ministries.....	659-4500
United Deliverance Resource Center*.....	659-7988
*Rapid HIV Testing Available	

DENTAL CLINICS

C.L. Brumback Health Center.....	996-1636
Delray Beach Health Center.....	274-3111
Riviera Beach Health Center at 45 th Street.....	541-5306
West Palm Beach Health Center.....	514-5310

PHARMACIES

Department of Health	
Belle Glade.....	996-1637
Delray Beach.....	274-3107
Riviera Beach.....	804-7940
West Palm Beach.....	514-5380
Commcare Pharmacy.....	615-0564
BioScrip Specialty Pharmacy (Spanish speaking).....	683-0001

HIV/AIDS SERVICE AGENCIES

Comprehensive AIDS Program, Inc. (CAP)	
West Palm Beach.....	472-2466
Belle Glade.....	996-7059
Delray Beach.....	274-6400
Riviera Beach.....	844-1266
Pahokee.....	924-7773
Care Resource	
Coral Gables.....	1-305-667-9296
Fort Lauderdale.....	1-954-567-7141
Miami.....	1-305-573-5411
Compass.....	533-9699
Youth Line.....	533-9699
Children's Place at Home Safe, Inc.	
North/Central Palm Beach County.....	832-6185
Southern Palm Beach Count7.....	995-0490
Farmworkers Coordinating Council of PBC.....	533-7227
Florida Lighthouse.....	499-1442
Gratitude Guild, Inc.....	833-6826
HIV Pastoral Care.....	1-305-858-4649
Hope House of the Palm Beaches.....	697-2600
Hospice By the Sea.....	395-5031
Hospice of Palm Beach.....	848-5200
Integrated Healthcare Systems.....	586-7404
Latin American Immigrants & Refugee Org.....	966-4515
Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County.....	655-8944
Minority Development and Empowerment, Inc.....	296-5722
Palm Beach County Home.....	842-6111
Palm Beach Research Center.....	689-0606
Planned Parenthood.....	848-6300
Oakwood Center.....	844-9741
Social Security Administration.....	722-1213
Treasure Coast Health Council, Inc.....	844-4220

INFECTIOUS DISEASE PHYSICIANS

<u>Central County</u>	
<i>Riviera Beach Health Center</i>	
Manochehr Khojasteh, MD.....	804-7900
Celeste Li, MD.....	804-7900
Kleper de Almeida, MD (Spanish Speaking).....	967-0101
Kenneth Ness, MD.....	655-8388
Olayemi O. Osiyemi, MD.....	832-6770
Donald Watren, MD.....	655-9660
Larry Bush, MD.....	967-0101
<u>Northern County</u>	
<i>Infectious Disease Associates- Leslie Diaz, MD.....</i>	776-8300
<u>Southern County</u>	
<i>Infectious Disease Consultants.....</i>	
Hamed A. Komaiha, MD, Jose C. Villalba, MD,	
Jaroslav F. Ondrusek, MD, Cesar A. Randich, MD, Melvin S. Kohan, MD	
<i>Delray Beach Health Center</i>	
Snehprabha Samant, MD.....	274-3178
<i>Guadalupe Medical Center (Spanish Speaking).....</i>	642-0768
<i>Infectious Disease Associates</i>	
Julio Cardenas, MD, Ines Mbag, MD, Susan Saxe, MD, Jill Howard,	
MD, Sanda Cebular, MD, Kurt Weise, MD	
Delray.....	496-1095
Boca Raton.....	393-8224
<u>Western County</u>	
Lyonel Jean Baptiste, MD.....	992-9216
Juan Carlos Rondon, MD.....	924-7788

PRIMARY MEDICAL CARE

VA Medical Center (for veterans only).....	422-7522
Palm Beach County Health Department	
Riviera Beach Health Center.....	804-7900
C.L. Brumback Health Center (Belle Glade).....	996-1600
Delray Beach Health Center.....	274-3100
West Palm Beach Health Center (pediatrics).....	514-5300

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with men are accounting for rising numbers of new infections.

Compass, the county's gay and lesbian community center, has long led a drive to spread prevention messages, but HIV prevention manager Chris Lacharite said the center can't succeed on its own.

Although churches have been slow to join the fight against the pandemic, Drayton is one of a growing number of pastors opening their churches' doors to people who want to know whether they are infected with the virus that has taken more than half a million American lives since the start of the epidemic.

On Friday, his parishioners will offer HIV tests in a fire station. That is a start, Drayton says. With 19 members of the church having completed state training to be certified HIV testers, they will offer testing wherever they see the need.

For Drayton, it is another step in a mounting battle that he challenged church leaders to join, first in a doctoral thesis and in his recently published book, *Transformation and the Church, A Push Toward Acceptance Within the HIV/AIDS Pandemic*.

His church's involvement was helped by a statewide drive to involve more religious leaders in the fight.

"It's a natural," Florida Surgeon General Ana Viamonte Ros said Wednesday. "We found through churches it's easy to get health care messages out."

It is a venue that has been effective in other health-screening drives, she said.

The growing faith-based involvement, as well as the reach into other community sites, shows promise even if it is too early to show results, said Doris Carroll, director of the Palm Beach County Substance Abuse Coalition. She worries, though, that federal money fueling this year's effort - and last year's, when 1,000 people were tested - will dry up.

"But now," she said, "the force is with us."

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SHARE PROGRAM'S JULY MENU

July Basic

1 lb Sweet Italian Sausage
2.55 lbs Chicken Roaster Drums Tray Pack
1.8 lbs. Split Chicken Breast
12 oz Sandwich Steaks
1 lb Center Cut Pork Chops (bone in)

July Specials

Roasted Boneless Chicken Breast \$15.50
5 lbs.

Chicken Cordon Bleu \$13.75
8-6 oz.

Grill Box \$17.00

2-6 oz Sirloin Steaks, 4-4 oz Boneless Pork Chops,

1 lb Boneless Chicken Breast, 1 lb Ground Beef,
2-1 lb Packages of St Louis Style Ribs

Steak Box \$17.00

8 -6 oz Choice Ball Tip Steaks

Questions? Call the Share Florida Food Network
1-800-536-3379