



AIDS Athens 2007 Accomplishments

For the HIV Positive Population:

- Served a total of 301 individuals (182 HIV positive individuals and 119 family members) and 178 households.
- Housed 40 homeless individuals, prevented 50 families from becoming homeless and provided subsidized housing to 22 low income families.
- Fed 62 eligible households a month through our food pantry.
- Conducted 2 monthly and 1 quarterly support group (funded by Walton EMC).
- Provided 11 workshops on HIV, co-infections, medications, & coping skills.
- Developed and implemented a new Peer Counseling Program. Three peer counselors were trained and 6 clients were enrolled in program.
- Launched an Apartment Start-up Program to give homeless individuals entering our housing program needed start-up supplies such as towels, washcloths and detergent. 15 kits were distributed (funded by Broadway Cares Equity Fights AIDS).
- Laid the foundation for an Employment Training Program. The program will include assisting clients with searching for jobs, creating resumes, filling out applications, and building interview skills. 2 clients went through the pilot program.
- Built a Clothing Closet. AIDS Athens can now accept clothing donations and clients can access free clothing for general everyday wear and for job interviews.
- Offered Legal Aid to clients 2 days a week (UGA Law School Partnership).

For the Community:

- Administered 392 HIV tests and individual counseling sessions; a 28% increase from 2006.
- Conducted 18 community events, health fairs, and educational programs.
- Educated more than 2,500 people on HIV/AIDS, Transmission Routes and Prevention.
- Developed a rural outreach education program with an evaluation component to healthcare professionals and social groups. One pilot site conducted with success (funded by The Gamma Mu Foundation).
- Operated an HIV/AIDS informational line 5 days a week for community questions and concerns.
- Distributed press releases and radio PSAs throughout the year on HIV/AIDS, prevention and awareness days.