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A big THANK YOU to [Mirvish Productions](#) and Harvey Malinsky for initiating the donation of Billy Elliott tickets for clients, through PWA's Theatre Access Program.

Shane Patey is PWA's Health Promotion Coordinator and manages this program. He can be reached at 416-506-1400 ext. 216 or at spatey@pwatoronto.org

Volunteer Appreciation

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PWA wishes to extend a hearty and heartfelt thank you to all our volunteers, particularly at this time as April 11-16th is National Volunteer Appreciation Week.

Hello,

It's nearing your LAST CHANCE, to get CLIMAX tickets! This exciting fundraising event is hosted by PROUD FM for PWA, The Triangle Program and Pride Toronto. See below for ticket information or visit pwatoronto.org.

As always, if you have any questions, suggestions or comments about PWA's monthly e-news, please contact us at info@pwatoronto.org or at 416-506-1400 ext. 239.



CLIMAX - May 15 2011

CLIMAX 2011 - Presented by PROUD FM featuring live musical performances by **Jully Black, Richard Ryder, Jeffrey Straker and Miss Conception** in support of PWA, The Triangle Program and Pride Toronto on May 15th at 1pm at the National Ballet School (400 Jarvis St.) Join us while you still can for the second annual CLIMAX! Tickets are selling fast!!!

Complimentary BAR service and LIGHT BRUNCH included in the ticket price, \$75.

[To Purchase your ticket\(s\) online, click here!](#)

If you have any questions or would like to purchase tickets over the phone, call Katherine at 416-506-1400 ext. 238 or email khampton@pwatoronto.org.

Volunteer Years of Service Award

PWA wishes to appreciate the following four volunteers for their years of service in their respective programs.

- John Houston - 11 years (Food For Life)
- Brian Smith - 16 years (Essentials Market)
- Paul Baker - 18 years (Health Promotion)
- Ian Mahaffy - 16 years (Speakers Bureau)

In Other News... PWA Volunteer Client Intake

PWA is undertaking a new model to engage volunteers with leadership roles and is proud to announce that Sasha has been welcomed as the Team Lead for new client intakes. She has been with PWA as volunteer for over 7 years, initially with the Friends For Life Bike Rally as both a Rider and Crew.

Toronto People With AIDS Foundation welcomes any new client who is HIV positive and a resident of Toronto.

The first step to becoming a client involves an Intake appointment. During Intake, the new client is made to feel as comfortable as possible while providing basic personal information. Sasha, a retired OR registered nurse has seen the affect that PWA has on individuals becoming clients. 'People will come in unsure, nervous and leave with a sense of hope'.

Canadians have a rich history of volunteering and community involvement. With 12.5 million of them dedicating their time across Canada, volunteers are on the front lines of all our community services - community health care, sports and recreation, environmental protection & advocacy.

The work of volunteers is essential to maintaining resilient communities.

The top three reasons why Canadians volunteer are: 1) To make a contribution to their community; 2) The desire to make use of personal skills and experiences; 3) Having been personally affected by the cause. (Cdn Survey of Giving, Volunteering & Participating, 2007)

If you are interested in volunteering for PWA, we hold monthly information sessions at our office. The first Wednesday of each month. For more information call 416-506-1400.

New clients during intake receive information about the various services PWA offers and who to contact to access them. Everyone has different needs so clients are able to directly contact the appropriate staff member on an as-needed basis.

In her opinion, donors can never truly appreciate how much they help until they visit PWA and see for themselves that HIV positive people really are finding a much needed welcoming, safe place at PWA to receive services.

PWA wishes to welcome Sasha to her new role and thank her for her commitment to volunteerism.

To become a client of PWA, you can make an appointment by calling 416-506-1400 ext. 203.

Mountain Equipment Co-Op Club Night - April 19, 2011

For the first time, [Mountain Equipment Co-Op](#) is opening its King Street West store to PWA's Friends For Life Bike Rally participants, friends and family for a Camping Gear & Equipment Seminar and an after-hours evening of exclusive shopping. Everything in the store will be 10% off, with the exception of bikes and boats (5% off) and no additional discounts on already discounted items. This offer applies to in-store goods only. MEC staff and Bike Rally volunteers will be on hand to answer any questions you may have. The store will be closed to the general public for this event.

This is an invite-only event and capacity is limited. Please RSVP to seminars@bikerally.org with names and email addresses of those attending. If you are interested in attending the evening's Camping Gear & Equipment Seminar please be sure to indicate that in your email as well.

M.A.C. VIVA GLAM GAGA - M.A.C AIDS Foundation

A message from PWA's Visionary Agency Partner, M.A.C AIDS Fund:

By now you (and the world) know every cent (exclusive of local taxes where applicable) from the sale of M·A·C VIVA GLAM GAGA, her delicious new shade of nude, goes toward helping men, women and children living with HIV/AIDS. Together we've raised over 202 million dollars to date.

With our new campaign Lady Gaga and M·A·C believe they can raise the largest amount of money EVER for the M·A·C AIDS Fund. After a stellar debut, Gaga's back to being the VIVA GLAM spokesperson once again, increasing awareness about the impact of HIV/AIDS on women, men and children everywhere.

Help us spread the word about living with passion & loving with protection by signing up and sharing this with your friends, family and colleagues - all while creating the largest global fashion collaboration in history. Visit www.vivaglam.com, click "Join" to be a part of the Movement & join the conversation via Tweet #macvivaglam.

Create A Movement. A Message. A Masterpiece!

ABOUT PWA

Toronto People With AIDS Foundation is the largest provider of practical direct support services for people living with HIV/AIDS in Canada.

People living with HIV/AIDS play a crucial role in the governance and operation of the Toronto People With AIDS Foundation, but, most importantly, are its heart and soul. PWA's response to HIV/AIDS is, more than anything else, inspired by the voices and experience of people living with HIV/AIDS.

Thank you for your support and interest in Toronto People With AIDS Foundation's work.

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