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Community Thanks

Many thanks to Fresh Co at Parliament and Dundas for their weekend fundraisers for PWA. PWA looks forward to our future involvement with store owner Dave Carroll.

[Fresh Co Website](#)

Got an old unused phone at home?

Recycle your old unused phone, phone chargers and phone batteries at PWA and

Hello,

June is a busy month and Pride is coming quickly. Look for PWA in the Pride parade on Sunday July 3rd and visit our community booth in the street fair on Saturday, July 2nd and Sunday, July 3rd.

Facebook is making some changes and we need your help to stay in touch. Visit PWA's official facebook page and LIKE us now. [Click here](#) to visit PWA's facebook page and click LIKE beside 'Toronto People With AIDS Foundation'. You'll receive news from PWA in your Facebook news feed.

PWA, in order to streamline and more effectively use its Facebook presence, hopes to transition all our followers on our Causes and Group pages to our [PWA official Facebook Page](#).

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.

Q and A with Murray Jose, PWA's Executive Director

Q: How long have you been working with AIDS Service Organizations?

A: I started in '94. At a recent Canadian AIDS Society meeting it was realized that I am currently the longest serving Executive Director for an AIDS Service Organization in Canada (11 years).

Q: What misconceptions about HIV are you surprised still exist?

A: I'm surprised that it is believed that there is a cure for HIV, that it's as easy to treat as popping a medication, that living with HIV is no big deal. The reality is that HIV/AIDS creates complex realities and as complicated as managing ones sexual health can be, when living with HIV, ones sexual health is affected for the rest of ones lifetime.

Q: In a milieu of AIDS Service Organizations, why is PWA unique and worth supporting?

A: PWA is a leader in partnering with other organizations, agencies and service providers to better serve our clients. PWA is striving to go above and beyond by incorporating health promotion into all our of services and programs delivered. The differentiation at our core is that PWA was created and is operated by in large by people living with HIV/AIDS. People living with HIV/AIDS's engagement in PWA's work is where we excel.

Murray Jose is PWA's Executive Director and he can be reached at mjose@pwatoronto.org or at 416-506-1400 ext. 218

PRIDE Speakers Series at PWA

If I told you I was HIV positive - would you listen to my story?
People Living with HIV Speaker Series

Pride Week 2011
June 29th & June 30th
6pm-9pm
at PWA

Storytelling is a part of life, intrinsic in most cultures. Stories can educate, inspire and can provide the opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of one's experiences and oneself. Toronto People With AIDS Foundation is excited to present a unique, enlightening and intimate speaker series that highlights the diverse stories of people living with HIV/AIDS in Toronto.

we can turn it into a donation to support people living with HIV/AIDS! An unwanted phone is worth up to \$75 at PWA, a charity you care about.

Bring in your old working or un-working phone during PWA's hours, see hours online at www.pwatoronto.org

For more information, call Kristen at 416-506-1400 ext. 239.

For more info on the company making this possible Recycle Paths!

The Amazing Pride Race

A third party fundraiser in support of PWA.



Kick off pride week by competing in a series of outrageous road blocks, detours, and fierce photo challenges around the city-all in the name of charity.

Clues will guide you to all the must see pride venues and locations where you and your team will have to battle it out with your competitors. You can sign up as a team of 2-5, or as an individual.

When: June 25th 2011, 1:00pm-4:30pm

How much: \$21 per person (100% of the proceeds are going to PWA)

Register for the event in advance at:
www.amazingpriderace.com

City Of Toronto Survey

Are you interested in providing your feedback on how the City of Toronto can deal with its 2012 budget gap? [Complete a 20 minute survey and have your say.](#)

In addition to the speakers' presentations, a peer from PWA's Poz Prevention program will provide some insight into the role of this program in their life and community.

Space is limited. To register, please call Ed Argo at 416-506-8606, ext. 207.

TRIP OF A LIFETIME RAFFLE

[OUT Adventures](#) and [Intrepid Travel](#), two of the major sponsors of the 2011 Friends For Life Bike Rally, have generously donated a trip for 2 valued at a maximum of CAD\$5000.

Trip of a Lifetime Raffle tickets are available from PWA by emailing Tom Eatock at PWA at teatock@pwatoronto.org. All tickets purchased will benefit the fundraising goal of the 2011 Friends For Life Bike Rally (www.bikerally.org).

Tickets are \$25 each.

Tickets must be sold to individuals 18 years of age or older who reside in Ontario. Tax receipts cannot be issued for the purchase of raffle tickets.

Raffle License #M660562

Mark Those Calendars - Tightly Whitey Car Wash

July 17th in the alleyway beside Steamworks and Cafe California on Church north of Maitland, join PWA and Steamworks for the raciest Car Wash in town!

[Visit PWA's facebook page and LIKE us and we'll send you updated information closer to the Tightly Whitey Car Wash.](#)

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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