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Dear Friends, Supporters and Community Partners,

The air and leaves are crisp and PWA's Program staff are energized and actively providing service and programs to our clients in need.

New programming this fall: Evening yoga classes, Hep C support group and 2 new community garden plots.

Upcoming events: Speakers Series (this Thursday), Pumpkin Carving (October 27) and PWA's 25th anniversary finale (November 30).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Speakers Series - 25th Anniversary Events

October 18th - 5:30, PWA 200 Gerrard Street East, 2nd floor

Resiliency & Community Action with the panel of Joan Anderson, Douglas Graydon, Bill Handley and Douglas Stewart

Storytelling is an ancient art and powerful tool used in almost every culture as a means of honouring our history, educating our communities and sharing or preserving our culture and values. As we used stories to explore our recent strategic planning and the past 25 years of providing support to Toronto's HIV positive community, a powerful and moving legacy emerged. Speakers will reflect on the impact of HIV on our communities and the role of PWA.

Pumpkin Carving - in cooperation with the Church Wellesley BIA

October 27th - 5-8:30pm, in front of O'Grady's patio located at 518 Church street. Carving begins at 5pm and judging for the best pumpkin carving commences at 8pm. Prizes for the best pumpkin! Bid for your favourite pumpkin to take home and SUPPORT PWA!

PWA's 25th Anniversary Finale - 25th Anniversary Events

November 30th - Glenn Gould Studio

More Details to come, please save the date.

Join us. For information on any of the above events, please contact Kristen at donate@pwatoronto.org.

Community Thanks

Many thanks to the ONE WORLD fundraiser held on October 11th at Buddies in Bad Times. This evening in support of PWA hosted by Ashley Lockyer featured an exclusive theatrical preview and live performances by Reenie and Robert Torbica with music by DJ Lynz.

Thank you so much for your kind support and acknowledgement of our 25th anniversary.



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Thanks to all you pie lovers in Toronto!

This past Thanksgiving season, 100% of pie sales benefited the Toronto People With AIDS Foundation's food programs for people living with HIV/AIDS in Toronto from our sponsors: Presenting Sponsor Whole Foods Market (87 Avenue Road, Hazelton Lanes) and Community Sponsors, Daniel et Daniel (248 Carlton Street). Thanks to our other community sponsors, The Village Pharmacy (473 Church Street) and Raymond Helkio.

Thank you for supporting PWA's Food Programs by purchasing pies and making online donations at torontopieinthesky.org!

Nearly \$7,000 was raised in support of PWA's Food Programs, Essentials Market (a food bank) and Food For Life (home meal delivery) programs are essential for some people living with HIV/AIDS who can require unique nutritional requirements to stay healthy.

NEW PROGRAMMING

Evening Yoga Class - Therapeutic Care

Chris Godi, PWA's Therapeutic Care Coordinator is happy to announce a new evening yoga class for clients. This timing makes it easier for individuals who are working or volunteering during the day to access programming at PWA during the evening.

HIV/HEP-C Support Group - Treatment Access

PWA has launched a new HIV/HEP - C positive peer treatment, education and support group to serve our clients. For more information contact Lluwellyn Goddard at 416-506-1400 ext. 217.

Community Garden Plots - Food Programs

PWA's Food Programs are excited to learn that we will have access to an additional 2 community garden plots for 2013. PWA's Essentials Market was able to grow and distribute 45 large buckets full of fresh produce for clients from 2 plots in 2012. We look forward to hopefully double the fresh, healthy, volunteer driven produce from our 4 community gardens in 2013.

ABOUT PWA

Mission - We engage people living with HIV/AIDS in enhancing their health and well-being through practical and therapeutic support services and broader social change, and we inspire them to live into their dreams and discoveries.

Vision - We live in affirming, sustaining communities where we find inspiration and support for our dreams, health, well-being and meaningful contributions.

These are based on our foundation philosophy, which resonates more than ever and remains unchanged:

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. Although PWA seeks supportive partnerships in support of fulfilling its Mission, its 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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