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The Newsletter for **FIGHTING AIDS CONTINUOUSLY TOGETHER**
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FACT's 25th Annual Summer Games

Although a little rain dampened the grounds of Rainbow Mountain Resort and The FACT 25th annual Summer Games 2010, it did not hinder the event from being a success! 300 people attended the event and 5 teams participated including Diamondz Bar in Bethlehem, The Stonewall and Candida's Bar in Allentown, the Metropolitan Community Church in Allentown and the Gay and Lesbian Student Alliance of East Stroudsburg University. As the day progressed, the rain stopped, teams battled to win the annual trophy and performers took to the stage to keep us entertained! Yes our 25th FACT Summer Games certainly survived a lot of obstacles, but what is most important is that we were able to come together and to accomplish our goal - to celebrate our anniversary, remember why we are here and most of all to raise some money to continue helping those infected with or by HIV/AIDS! This year the FACT Summer Games Raise approximately \$10,000. FACT is very grateful

to everyone who attended, volunteered or made donations or helped in other ways to make the event a success. We are especially grateful to Rainbow Mountain and their staff for all of their help over the last 25 years. Without their assistance and dedication, The Summer Games event would not be as successful as it has been.

AIDS Memorial Quilt Displayed At the FACT Summer Games 2010.

This year's display of the AIDS Memorial Quilt was also affected by the weather and the display was moved indoors to Dining room of the Lodge at Rainbow Mountain. This year 4 blocks of panels were displayed and contained the names of local Lehigh Valley and Pocono residents who had died from HIV/AIDS. It has been a privilege to be able to host the AIDS Memorial Quilt which was underwritten through the generosity of Downing Funeral Home, Bethlehem; Ashton Funeral Home, Easton; Kohut Funeral Home, Allentown; Long Funeral Home, Bethlehem; James Gaffney Funeral Home, Pen Argyle; Jay H. Gilbert Funeral Home, Fullerton, Strunk Funeral Home, Quakertown; and Elias Funeral Home, Allentown. If you have the need or happen to visit one of these fine establishments, please thank them for their generosity in assisting FACT to secure this display. If you would still like to be a sponsor for this year's display or would like to be considered as an underwriter for next year, please contact Lou James, at the Long Funeral Home in Bethlehem. If you would like to create a panel for a friend or family member who has died, please contact the FACT office at 610-820-5519 and we will

provide you with the requirements needed to create your quilt panel.

Have you Moved or Are you on the FACT Email List???

Did you know that mailing regulations for non-profit organizations has changed and that the non-profit organization is now charged a fee each time a piece of mail is not deliverable and is returned? You can help FACT save money by notifying us if you move or change your address! Please call the FACT Office at 610-820-5519 and leave a message with your full name, old address and new mailing address or mail us a note to FACT, P.O. Box 1028, Allentown PA 18105. This will help us keep our mailing list up to date and keep you informed of the events and activities of FACT. FACT has also begun regular e-mailings with updates and reminders for events as well as general news and about FACT! If you would like to be on our Email List, please sign up by going to our website: www.factlv.org. There will be a link on the page to join our mailing list. You can also add FACT to you Facebook account! Just look for FACT and add us! Updates and event reminders will also be sent through this service as well!

FACT - LEHIGH VALLEY AIDS WALK Success!

FACT-Lehigh Valley AIDS Walk 2010, was held on October 3, 2010, in the Bethlehem Rose Garden on 8th Avenue between West Broad Street and Union Blvd. This year the walking route was changed slightly, but there was still the same fun, food and opportunities to meet new friends and to help FACT and the HIV/AIDS service agencies raise money to continue their good work! This years event raised over \$12,000. Thank you to all who walked, donated prizes or volunteered and helped make the Walk a success.

24th Annual FACT Snowball & 25th Anniversary Dinner Chooses Venue for 2010!!!

The 24th Annual FACT Snowball, Will take place on December 5, 2010! As was reported in the summer newsletter, a new venue has also been selected! The event this year will

be held at The Meadows in Hellertown! The Meadows promises to be an exciting location for this years special event. There is an elegant ballroom flanked by fireplaces and an outdoor deck with a view of the creek and woods, the venue will add to the warmth of the atmosphere that has always been a theme of Snowball. This year we will formally celebrate the 25th anniversary of FACT with special presentations and opportunity to remember our friends and celebrate where we've come from and our future. The Snowball has always been a great time for friends new and old to come together and this year we hope to have a capacity crowd help us to celebrate! There will be plenty of parking and a lavish cocktail hour prior to dinner! A silent auction and a live auction will also be included in the event and the auction winners will be announced periodically through-out the night to help avoid confusion as was experienced last year at the end of the evening. You are encouraged to buy your tickets early as this event is expected to sell out quickly! Watch your email and mail for more information as the event approaches!

The 25th Anniversary Raffle!!!!

Watch your mail for a very special event to help celebrate the 25th Anniversary of FACT! We will be conducting a special FACT Raffle Beginning November 12, 2010! Tickets will cost \$5. each and only 3000 tickets will be available! Two tickets per person have been sent out to those on our mailing list and will be available for purchase at FACT events and from individual board members. The grand prize winner will be given a choice of a 6 day Cruise for two, or 4 day Weekend for two in Dublin Ireland or \$1200! 2nd Prize-19 inch HD Television; 3rd Prize-250.00 Savings Bond; 4th Prize-100.00 Savings Bond; 5th Prize -\$50. Gift Certificate to PRIME Restaurant located in Bethlehem. The drawing will be held on Sunday, April 3, 2011! A Spectacular Warehouse Party at Rob- Win Press, Trump Street, Allentown, is being planned! Watch the FACT newsletter, website and your mail for details!!! Good Luck in the Raffle!

FACT Warehouse Party!!!!

In the Early 1990's, FACT sponsored an event call the Winter Games which was held on the 4th Floor of the Rob-Win Press Printing Company on Trump Street in East Allentown. The event was always a lot of fun and for a while the event was discontinued in order for other events and venues to be utilized. As this is the 25th anniversary for FACT, it was suggested that we revisit one of FACT's favorite venues and through the generosity of Robin Cook and Edwin Jarvis, we will be sponsoring a fabulous Warehouse Party on April 3, 2011 from 2-6 p.m. The event is still in the planning stages, but great food, live music and fun is promised! The FACT 25th Anniversary Raffle will be drawn periodically through the afternoon and there will also be a 50/50 raffle available also! More details will be provided in the Winter Newsletter. Also for more information, you can also watch our website and your mail as the event draws closer!

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!!

We can not possibly accomplish what we need to without your help! FACT is an all volunteer organization. If you are planning to attend an event please volunteer an hour of your time while you are there! What a great way to not only help FACT, but meet new friends and show your support for people infected/affected by HIV/AIDS. FACT always has the need for volunteers outside of events also. Right now we need volunteers for the Snowball/25th Anniversary Celebration. If you would like to volunteer, or to help with a mailing, or staff an information table or any other areas, please contact Bryon Reynolds at FACT: 610-820-5519 or contact him through our website at: www.factlv.org or look for him on the day of the Snowball.

Board Members Wanted!

FACT is always looking for new members to serve on our board! If you would be interested in serving on the board of FACT, please contact, Carl Mancino, at the FACT office: 610-820-5519. He will explain to you what would be necessary and how much time would be

required. You will be asked to submit a general resume or a summary explaining to the board who you are and why you would like to come onto the board. We are always looking for new fundraising ideas and new ways of spicing up our regular events! The FACT Board is an all volunteer working board. It is an awesome way to give back to your community and make new friends in the process!

Don't Forget to Renew Your FACT Membership for 2011!!!!

There will be many great things happening in celebrating our 25th year!!! For a donation of \$15.00 or more, members will receive advance notice of all our F.A.C.T. sponsored events and benefits for one year. You will be added to or retained on our mailing list, and receive quarterly issues of our newsletter, Intentionally, F.A.C.T. does not offer items of value to it's members in exchange for membership so that 100% of your donation is tax deductible.

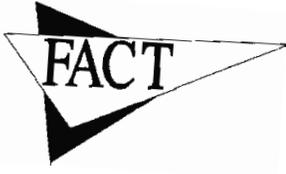
House Parties!!!!

As we prepare to enter the Holiday Season and begin to celebrate with our friends and families, consider dedicating your holiday party to FACT and invite your guest to make a donation to FACT! A house Party to benefit FACT need not be anything elaborate. Sometimes just a container for people to make a donation to FACT is all that is necessary! If you would like more information on how to sponsor a party for FACT, please call the FACT office at 610-820-5519.

Our Mission Statement

FACT is an organization of concerned people committed to raising money to assist individuals and families affected by HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, and to conquer the HIV/AIDS crisis within the Lehigh Valley and surrounding communities. FACT identifies, supports and monitors programs that provide direct and educational services within the communities. FACT's mission is to alleviate suffering and reduce the spread of HIV/AIDS and to provide an improved quality of life to those affected by HIV/AIDS.

FACT is a registered not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization. The official registration and financial information for Fighting AIDS Continuously Together may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free (within PA) 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.



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Watch for our Upcoming Events



November 2010 through April 4, 2011: Raffle Tickets being sold!
December 5, 2010: FACT Snowball at The Meadows!
April 4, 2011: Warehouse Party At Rob-Win Press!

