

The Common Thread

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The Newsletter for **FIGHTING AIDS CONTINUOUSLY TOGETHER**

Serving the Lehigh Valley and Pocono Area For 25 Years!

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FACT Begins its 25th Year of Continuously Fighting AIDS

It was a cold and snowy winter and although getting around had been difficult for many of us, Spring and now Summer have given way to an exciting time for FACT (Fighting AIDS Continuously Together) which has worked so hard these many years to help those in the HIV/AIDS Community. It is hard to believe that FACT has been in existence for 25 years. Beginning as group of friends and concerned individual who came together at the first "Bar Games" event to raise money for people infected with HIV/AIDS in the community, who had no other resources. FACT has continued that endeavor all of these years. It has not been an easy task, if not for the volunteers, and financial contributors of FACT who have continued to support us and assist in underwriting events and providing donations, which have helped us to raise over \$2 million since that first "Bar Games". All

Money donated to FACT goes directly to people infected with or by HIV/AIDS. We continue to serve people from all walks of life, religious denominations and ethnic backgrounds. We serve all age ranges from infants and children through the senior population. HIV/AIDS continues to be a major disease in our society and although there is still no cure, medications and preventative health measures are ensuring that those infected by HIV/AIDS live long healthy lives. Although we celebrate this 25th year mile stone, it is a bittersweet occasion. We wish we did not have to exist. We wish that the increase in HIV infection among the teenage and young adult population was not a reality. But so long as there is a need, FACT will continue the Fight. Wont you join us in helping those who need our help? Consider a donation to FACT in honor of our 25th year of service and Join us for The FACT Summer Games, Snowball and other events planned to celebrate the coming year!

FACT 25th Silver Anniversary SUMMER GAMES 2010 Is Here!

The FACT 25th Silver Anniversary Summer Games 2010, Is here!!! The Summer Games will be held on Sunday, September 12, 2010 at Rainbow Mountain Resort in the Pocono's! As you know this is the event which really started FACT 25 years ago. It is one of the most successful and loved event put on by FACT. Last year the event raised over \$15,000.00. This year's event promises to be one of our best as additional teams are participating, several additional acts and performers have been secured and of course a larger attendance is expected to help us celebrate

this exciting anniversary! If you and your friends would like to form a team and compete or if you have a team and need a business to sponsor your group, contact FACT at 610-820-5519 and let us know how we can help you! Watch your mail for additional information regarding the Summer Games. Ticket are on sale now (\$15. prior to the event and \$20. on the day of the event) at Stonewall in Allentown, Candida's Bar in Allentown, Diamonz Bar in Bethlehem, Rainbow Mountain Resort in Marshall's Creek and from any FACT Board Member!!!

AIDS Memorial Quilt Display At the FACT Summer Games 2010.

Once again this year we are privileged to be able to display the AIDS Memorial Quilt. This year the NAMES Project will be sending us 4 blocks of Panels for display at the FACT Summer Games. Some of these panels will be in memory of our friends who supported us and we supported during the early days of FACT.

If you know someone who has died from HIV/ AIDS and you would like to create a panel in their memory, Please contact Lou James at the FACT office, 610-820-5519 or email him at LJFD1997@aol.com. He will provide you with the paperwork and instructions on how to make the quilt panel and arrange for it's display at the FACT 25th Annual Summer Games or at AIDS Walk or the Snowball. As this is an important year for FACT, we will take special time to honor and remember those left us. There will be opportunity to have new panels dedicated on the day of the Summer Games. Panels will then be sent to the NAMES Project, to be added to the AIDS Memorial Quilt. The NAMES Project requires an honorarium for all displays and additions to the quilt which help in it's storage and maintenance. This year the AIDS Memorial Quilt Display was under written by the Downing Funeral Home, Bethlehem; Ashton Funeral Home, Easton; Gaffney Funeral Homes, Bangor and Pen Argyl; Gilbert Funeral Home, Fullerton; Kohut Funeral Home, Allentown; Long Funeral Home, Bethlehem; Strunk Funeral Home, Quakertown; and Elias

Funeral Home, Allentown. We are extremely grateful to those funeral homes who responded to our offer to underwrite this years display. 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 or call 610-442-0583.

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FACT has 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 October 3, 2010!

FACT-Lehigh Valley AIDS Walk 2010, will be held on October 3, 2010, beginning with registration at 11:00 a.m., in the Bethlehem Rose Garden on 8th Avenue between West Broad Street and Union Blvd. This year the walking route has been changed, but 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! If you need information about individual or team walkers or would like to help, please contact Dave Moyer at FACT: 610-820-5519!

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

This year's annual FACT Snowball, will take place on December 5, 2010! 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. Elegant ball room 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 live auction will also be included in the event. 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 in Mid-October!!! Tickets will cost \$5. each and only 3000 tickets will be available! Tickets will be 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 is being negotiated at this time and will be a Cruise or a trip. There will also be 5 additional prizes! The drawing will take place in late March 2011! Watch your mail for the opportunity to purchase your tickets!!!

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!!

We need your help!!! 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 25th FACT Summer Games! If you would like to volunteer 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 Summer Games.

New 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 at: 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. 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!

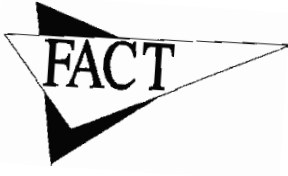
Don't Forget to Renew Your FACT Membership for 2011!!!!

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 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.

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



September 12, 2010: FACT 25th Annual Summer Games

October 3, 2010: AIDS WALK 2010

November 30, 2010, 8PM FACT Benefit at Insomnik Theater,
Nazareth – The Play: The Pretty One. \$20 pp. Wine
and Cheese Reception will follow.

December 5, 2010: FACT Snowball

March 2011 Raffle Drawing Event!

