



turning the page

2011 COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT



FOUR A's

ALASKAN AIDS ASSISTANCE ASSOCIATION

IT'S ALL ABOUT LIFE

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Thirty years ago, the world just started to learn about what would become known as one of the worst pandemics in history. On June 5, 1981, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) documented for the first time what became known as Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS).

Over the course of the past thirty years, great strides have been achieved in learning how to prevent HIV/AIDS and ensuring those living with the disease have a positive quality of life. One of the major milestones achieved is the 15th anniversary of the introduction of highly active antiretroviral therapy (ART). ART revolutionized the treatment of the disease, transforming it from certain death to a chronic disease. 2011 not only marks the 30th anniversary of AIDS, it also marks the first time in history that AIDS will have been a treatable condition longer than it was the inevitably fatal disease first recognized.

It is due to milestones like ART and so many others that we entitled our community impact report "Turning the Page". Over the course of the past 30 years, we have seen activism and advocacy that profoundly influenced

our nation's response to HIV/AIDS, scientific advances resulting in the development of lifesaving, albeit not curative, treatment of HIV, and development of prevention tools that reduced the number of new infections. In September of 1985, Alaska started turning our own page by opening our first HIV/AIDS organization; Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association, known now as Four A's.

Over the years Four A's has served over a thousand individuals who were infected with HIV and have reached over a hundred thousand individuals with our prevention services and messages. As you read our community impact report, you will learn how Four A's is continuing to turn the page towards improving the lives of Alaskans living with HIV/AIDS and eliminating new HIV infections and HIV stigma. We continue to maximize our resources to maintain a low overhead and ensure a higher percentage of each dollar we raise goes directly to services. We have grown our list of community partners so our clients have a wider array of services. We are exploring methods to expand our HIV prevention and education services to reach further outside the traditional urban areas.

With each passing year, we have turned the page to a new chapter in the fight against HIV/AIDS. With your continued support, Four A's will continue to eliminate new infections and HIV stigma while still ensuring those living with the disease and their families receive support that allows them to be an active member of our community. On behalf of the clients, Board of Directors and staff, thank you for all your help and continued support.

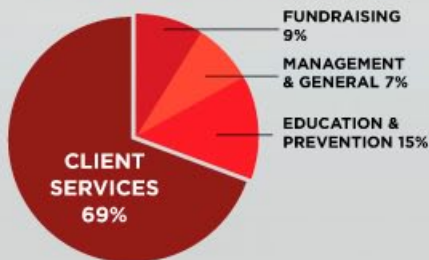
HEATHER HARRIS
BOARD PRESIDENT

TREVOR STORRS
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

REVENUE COMPARISON

FY 2011..... \$2,124,382
FY 2010 \$1,941,646

FISCAL YEAR 2011 - EXPENSES



REVENUE SOURCES

	2011	2010
Grants	\$1,422,742	\$1,228,225
Earned Income	\$310,187	\$286,681
Direct Giving	\$330,214	\$375,204
In-kind	\$61,239	\$51,536
Total	\$2,124,382	\$1,941,646

THERE WAS A TIME WHEN PEOPLE WERE **SO AFRAID** OF HIV THEY WOULD NOT EVEN SHARE A MEAL WITH A PERSON LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS...

CLIENT RESOURCES

265 Clients served
in Fiscal Year 2011

25k Pounds of food
were distributed as
part of nutritional
support

73% of clients report a
significant
improvement in
quality of life with
assistance from
Four A's

94% Previously
homeless clients still
in permanent
housing after 6
months

Clients who have
initiated safe sex
talks with partners,
family and friends



GENDER

MALE	72%
FEMALE	27%
TRANSGENDER	1%

ETHNICITY

WHITE	55%
AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE	23%
BLACK	14%
ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER	4%
MULTIRACIAL	4%

SEXUAL ORIENTATION

HETEROSEXUAL	51%
HOMOSEXUAL	39%
BISEXUAL	10%

Four A's is the lead HIV/AIDS support service provider, offering services that expand across our great state. Over the past year, Client Resources reached not only those in greater Anchorage, but south toward Homer and Seward, across the entire Kenai Peninsula, along the coast and islands from Valdez to Ketchikan, north through the Mat-Su Valley to Fairbanks, east along the road system to Valdez, and west amid the villages off road.

One of our core values at Four A's is to meet the client where they are at, literally. Over 20% of our clients living with HIV/AIDS live outside of Anchorage. Living outside the urban center can be difficult for an individual who is HIV positive. Medical care and social services are limited in rural Alaska. Plus, the overall cost of living is much higher. But the value of an individual living where they want, around their natural supports, is immeasurable. Four A's has programs like STRMU (Short Term Rental, Mortgage & Utility) assistance that provides temporary help. This program was a life saver to a client in western Alaska. When the Yukon River froze early, exacerbating already excessive fuel prices, Agnes received utility assistance to buy winter heating oil for her family's home. Case management support helped Claudia, who lives just outside of Anchorage, regain a sense of dignity. We assisted her in getting out of a domestic violence and camp-to-camp living by providing a rental subsidy so she could pass surrounded by family and friends, safely, in her own home.

In Anchorage, support services allowed Carl to sustain regular medical appointments and Chris to get back to work through the provision of monthly bus passes. Ed, who has a longstanding but seasonal fishing job, received COBRA support so he could continue his insurance coverage when the silvers were not running. Ted was able to sustain access to medications following a recent move to Alaska from Florida. And the list goes on and on. No matter if an individual resides on the road system or not, we will continue to be there to ensure the highest possible quality of life.

The services provided by Client Resources have been able to assist clients to turn their own page to a new chapter in their lives.

**TODAY,
FOUR A's HAS
NUMEROUS
CHURCHES,
BUSINESSES AND
INDIVIDUALS SHARING A
HOT MEAL WITH OUR
CLIENTS EVERY FRIDAY.**

PREVENTION

2011 marks a major milestone for HIV Prevention – the White House released the first ever “National HIV/AIDS Strategy”. This strategy refocused and re-tooled HIV Prevention to be better in line with epidemiological data and true successes in our fight to eliminate new HIV transmissions and its stigma. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released recommendations to address the president’s plan for HIV Prevention called High Impact Prevention. This approach is designed to maximize the impact of prevention efforts to those groups who carry the heaviest burden of infection. While all Americans are affected by the HIV epidemic, some populations account for the largest numbers of HIV infections. Success in HIV prevention can only be achieved by addressing these disparities and working to achieve health equity.

As the nations turned to a new page in our efforts, Four A’s continued to implement a similar effort. Two years ago we began targeting, with increasing intensity, the two populations/communities with the highest rate of new HIV infections in Alaska: (1) Gay and bisexual men (MSM: Men who have Sex with Men) and the Injection Drug Users (IDU).

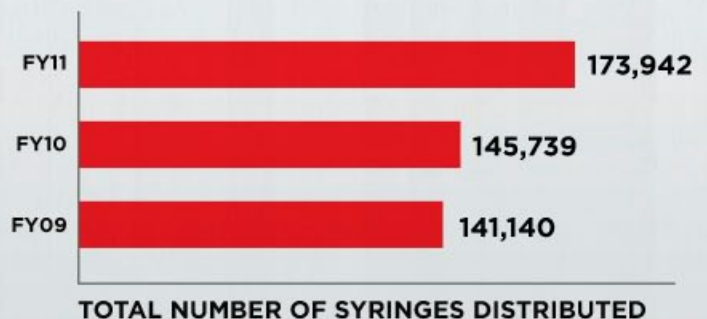
The MSM community remains the group most severely and disproportionately affected by the epidemic. Over the past year, we increased our efforts to get individuals in the community to know their HIV status. The number of outreach and testing events increased, which ensured this community was obtaining the tools they needed to actively prevent HIV. IDU community represents 22% of all HIV infection in Alaska. We continued to grow the syringe access program. We offered incentives for testing, bringing in more than 200 IDU’s and their partners in the last year. In addition, over 150,000 clean syringes were distributed and several thousand risk reduction conversations occurred.

Remaining at the forefront of HIV Prevention in Alaska, and implementing the new strategy years before the rest of the nation, the Four A’s is leading the battle to eliminate new infections. Four A’s is turning the page to the future of HIV prevention with increasing optimism. We will continue to be at the forefront to ensuring a healthy Alaska.



During FY11 a survey of individuals utilizing the syringe exchange were asked the following question:
On a scale from 1 to 10 how valuable is the exchange to you?

95% Rated the program a 10



During FY11 a survey of individuals utilizing the HIV Rapid testing were asked the following question: **Going through the Rapid-testing process at the Four A’s has increased my commitment to staying negative.**

87% said they strongly agreed

BEFORE, IT WAS **TABOO** TO DISCUSS HIV, LET ALONE DISTRIBUTE SAFE SEX/HARM REDUCTION SUPPLIES...





VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR **ALEX MAULE**

Trevor Storrs (left) and Nathalie Martin, outgoing Board President (right), present the 2011 Volunteer of the Year award to Alex Maule's mother, Michelle Smith. Alex was present to accept her award via Skype.



PHILANTHROPIST OF THE YEAR **STAGE 2 STUDIOS**

Trevor Storrs, Executive Director (left) Frank Jenkins, Board Member (right), present the 2011 Philanthropist of the Year award to David and Susan Board of Stage 2 Studios. Absent: John and Jamie Conn

On February 26, 2011, Four A's celebrated its 25th Anniversary of service to Alaska, our excellent adventure along the way, and the potential that lies ahead. It was an amazing evening in which we turned the page on the past, and looked to the future. We also launched the Legacy Fund that evening to expand and strengthen the impact of the Four A's. A group of generous contributors, the Legacy Partners: Norwood Eggeling & Kathleen Porterfield, Dan Seiser & Mark Bell, Corbett Mothe and the Middlecott Foundation matched dollar-for-dollar the first \$50,000 raised by our donors. The challenge worked and we were able to get the entire \$50,000 match, for a total of \$100,000 raised! Thank you to both the Legacy Partners and those of you that doubled the impact of your donation by making a contribution!

The Pick.Click.Give program shows no signs of slowing down. This year, Four A's received \$7,944.60 from the generous Alaskans that decided to donate a portion of their PFD through the Pick.Click.Give program. That was more than double received in 2010.



Generosity is not found only with donations, but also with time. Our Volunteer of the Year, Alex Maule, made a huge contribution to Four A's by volunteering countless hours helping to answer the phone, file or whatever needed to be done. Visitors are welcomed by a smiling face each time they enter our office and see our Jesuit Volunteer, Sarah Brewster, one of the many Jesuit Volunteers from all over the U.S. that spend a year of their lives serving our community. Our clients can rely on a hot meal each Friday due to the kindness of individuals, churches, and businesses that take the time to put together a lunch. These are just a few examples of how our volunteers are a vital asset at Four A's. We recognize their contributions of time are just as meaningful as any gift of money.

THANK YOU TO OUR 2011 EVENING WITH FRIENDS HOSTS

Credit Union 1 | Sharon Richards and Walter John | Scott Turner
Trevor Storrs and Jack Dalton

THANK YOU TO OUR 2011 FRIDAY LUNCH SPONSORS

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FOUR A's
REACHES TENS
OF THOUSANDS
WITH OUR HIV
PREVENTION EFFORTS &
MESSAGES.**

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**TODAY,
FOUR A's HAS
HUNDREDS OF
SUPPORTERS WHO
DONATE FUNDS, TIME
AND RESOURCES.**

OUR STAFF

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