



PHAN FYI

May 2002

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendar!

➤ June 15

Volunteer Orientation

RSVP to Jen by June 10

➤ June 27

ADS Candlelight Vigil

9 pm

Cavithra Square Park, Toronto

➤ June 30

PRIDE Day

Come walk with PHAN!

➤ July 14

Volunteer

Appreciation BBQ

Erindale Park, Mississauga

RSVP to Jen by June 10

➤ September 7

Buddy Training

➤ September 12

PHAN Annual General Meeting

➤ September 28

ADS Walk Peel

Brampton City Hall

➤ September 28

Speakers' Bureau Training

Details of the se events will be coming up soon! We hope to see you there!

President's Report

It has been some time since our members, volunteers and community partners have seen an issue of the PHAN FYI. I am glad to see its return and thank the staff and volunteers for their efforts at getting the publication off the ground again.

A great deal of change has taken place at PHAN since our last issue, published in December of 2000. At that time, I was a member of the Board and acting as Interim Executive Director on a volunteer basis. That month our President, Cameron Beheshti stepped down from the position, and I was appointed, effective until the Annual General Meeting in June 2001.

At that meeting, Pat Ash, Marilyn Martin and myself were re-elected as Directors on the Board for a second term. Departing Board members included Cameron Beheshti, Jim Metson and Paul Driver. We thank all three of these individuals for their significant contributions to the agency as Board members and volunteers. I was appointed President at the meeting of the new Board following the AGM. Other Officers appointed were David Pavanel as Vice-President and Cal Smith as Secretary. Kathy Drury, former Vice-

President of the Board was appointed Honorary Chairman and remains as an elected Director on the Board until the AGM in 2002.

Since the AGM we welcomed new members to the Board. These appointments are: Dan Babooram, Treasurer, Tonia Evans and Warren Kennedy. Departing members of the Board since our AGM include Pat Ash and Pansy Mullins. We thank both of them for their contributions to our agency. Pat's commitment to our cause traces its roots to the time she joined our Needle Exchange Task Force in 1995.

In January 2001 we commenced our search for the Executive Director position at the agency. We hired Brian Primeau and he started in March. Brian brought new skills and energy to our agency. We had other staff changes during the next year. We said goodbye and good luck to Andrea Kutney, Maureen Stolk, Kristina Anstiss, Linda Pascutto, Jennifer White and Allan Young. We thank all of them for their efforts on behalf of PHAN and wish them well in their chosen paths. We welcomed Joyees Chakos to our agency as the IDU Outreach Program



A brief message from the President of the Board

Coordinator. At the end of April, we had more changes, as Brian Primeau's tenure with us ended and Janet Mellor was appointed Interim Executive Director.

Throughout all of these changes, PHAN continued to provide its needed programs to people living with, affected by and at risk of HIV/AIDS, and, as well, we continued our strong partnerships in the community to prevent further spread of the virus. In January 2002, we transferred the direct responsibility for provision of the mobile needle exchange van service to Peel Health. PHAN continues to operate a fixed needle exchange site. Client services continued to grow

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AIDS affects us all. Together, we make the difference.

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The Board thanks you for your support and contributions

As well, our efforts to raise funds, support and awareness in the community continued throughout this time. We had our most successful ever Gala Dinner and Silent Auction in 2001. Kathy Drury and her hard working committee were again responsible for 2002's event held again at the Mississauga Convention Centre, Friday, May 10. More news on the outcome of that event in our next issue of FYI. We also held our seventh annual AIDS Walk Peel in

September of 2001. Alan Wintle and Linda Gray led another group of dedicated volunteers to ensure this important event is held. The 2002 Walk will take place again in Brampton, Sunday September 22, centered at City Hall. Mark your calendars now! We also had our second PHAN Bowlathon in Mississauga in February, which seems to be taking off and growing in numbers. Again thanks to Linda Gray and her volunteers for this fun

event.

I look forward to seeing many of you again at our various events and meeting new friends and supporters of PHAN. I extend my sincere appreciation to the Board, volunteers and staff for your support and efforts during this time. We have a big job ahead, as we all know this virus is not going away, continues to spread and sadly still claims lives. Together we can make the difference!

Off to a Good Start in Health Promotions

Our health promotions department has been very busy these last few months, as the New Year kicks off to a good start, and committees began to meet again after the holidays.

We are busy planning workshops and conferences for clients and their caregivers to

enhance the knowledge of both client and family members, while at the same encouraging empowerment to our clients.

Planning for The Palliative Care Spring Conference is well underway, set for May 29th, 2002.

A huge thanks to local pharmacist Anil Janmohamed for the large donation of essential multivitamins, which he generously distributes to our clients. Also a special thanks to our volunteers at the Total Health and Family Care Center, for their generous donation of expertise with massage

and chiropractic skills.

We are currently in the process of restarting our information sharing sessions (support groups). These will hopefully restart in May. Should anyone who has not already registered wish to attend, please contact Janet Mellor at

Greetings from Jen



Jen King: one of PHAN's busy volunteers!

Hello everyone! My name is Jen King and I'm currently helping out in the volunteer department.

I moved to Canada from the United States in June of 2001, and have been

late August.

I have sorted through the volunteer department, and am doing my best to update it, and keep it running smoothly. If there's anything you need,

related to volunteering, let me know and I'll do whatever I can.

I thoroughly love what I do with the agency and look forward to meeting all of you!

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News from IDU Outreach

Hi there, everyone! Most of you already know me. My name is Joyees V. Chacko., and I am the outreach worker for the Injection Drug Use Outreach Program. I joined PHAN in July 2001.

My initial work was to reestablish the link between communities and programs, and let everyone know that this program is

up-and-running. Now, I'm working to maintain these services, and to reach out to as many people as possible. I have enjoyed doing my work with IDUs; I get a great deal of pleasure from working with people towards improving their quality of life.

I know that some hard work and determination on our part will help make this

program a valuable asset to PHAN, and drug users. I look forward to the further development of the program. Please feel free to communicate your needs and concerns, so that I can better able to support you through your tough times. You can reach me at (905) 781-0223.



Joyees V. Chacko is PHAN's IDU Outreach Worker.

Annual AIDS Walk Needs Your Support

On Sunday, September 22, 2002, Peel will host the eighth annual AIDS Walk Peel. This year's event will take place starting from Brampton City Hall (on Hwy.10 at Main), with

registration at 11:00 am and the Walk starting at 12:30.

Since its inception, AIDS Walk Peel has raised thousands of much-needed dollars for the Peel HIV/AIDS

Network; however, over the last few years, the number of participants have been diminishing. Please attend this year's event and make it the best Walk ever!

For pledge forms, call

the office at 905-896-8700 ext.32. Or, to volunteer on the Walk Committee, call Jen King at 905-896-8700 ext.31.



Volunteer Week is Fast Approaching

April 21-27 is National Volunteer Week!

The staff at PHAN would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our

working in an AIDS Service Organization is not always easy and we applaud you for sticking with it, and meeting your commitments. This year promises to be a

of PHAN's volunteers, we would like to invite you to a Volunteer Appreciation BBQ. It will be held on July 14. There will be food, prizes, and fun, so

A warm "Thank You" to all our volunteers!

like to take this opportunity to thank all of our volunteers for giving of their time and resources to further the agency in its endeavors. We realize that

meeting you commitments. This year promises to be a busy one and we could not pull it off without your generous spirit! In honor

July 14. There will be food, prizes, and fun, so be sure to check your mailbox for an invitation with all the details!

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PHAN FYI Gets A Makeover

Spring's in the air, and PHAN's newsletter has a new look ready! But appearances are not the only thing different about the PHAN FYI, which will be sent out to the agency's clients, staff, and volunteers. By providing all our information in one place, we hope to meet all of PHAN's communication needs.

This new quarterly piece will feature articles from PHAN's programs, and will also spotlight upcoming events. A new segment in the FYI is

"PHAN MAIL", which highlights news about PHAN's people! This includes birth and marriage notices, or even, special notices about awards those at PHAN have won.

We hope you've enjoyed the first issue of the PHAN FYI. Help us make the FYI work for you; please let us know what you think, good or bad. We welcome your comments, questions and ideas!

Stay tuned for our next issue in July!

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We'd love to hear your comments about our newsletter! Please contact us by phone, at (905) 896-8700 ext.31, or by email, at jenking@phan.

PHAN MAIL

Welcome to PHAN MAIL, an all-new segment that features news about the people behind PHAN: that is, you! This includes birth and marriage notices, or even, special notices about awards those at PHAN have won. Let's share the good news!

If you have any "PHAN MAIL" that you would like to be included in the next issue of the FYI, please contact us at (905) 896-8700 ext. 31, or email us at jenking@phan.

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