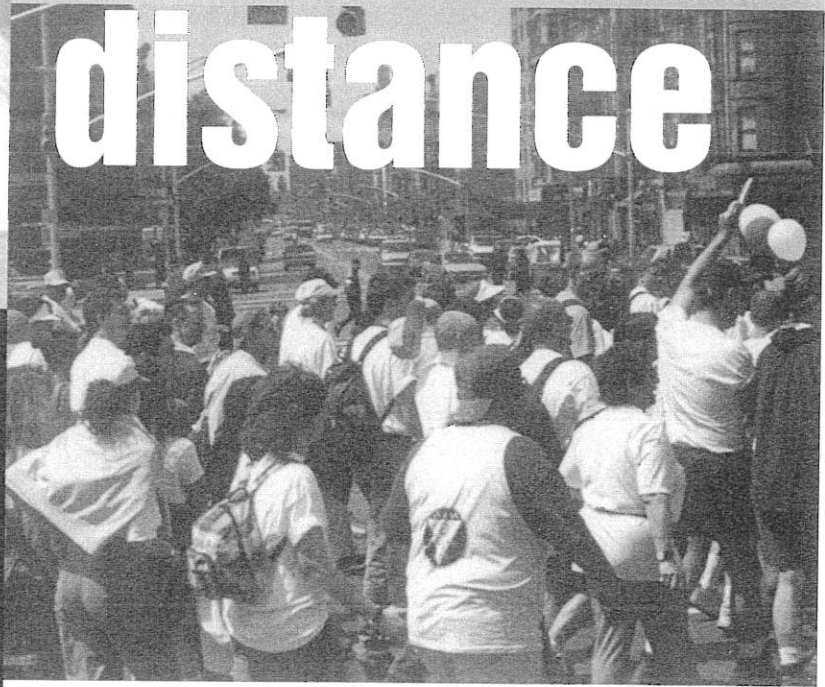


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1996/1997
Annual Report

GMHC

GAY MEN'S HEALTH CRISIS

and executive director

As the world's oldest AIDS service organization, Gay Men's Health Crisis has always set forth into uncharted territory. During 1996-97, GMHC reshaped its programs to address the impact of promising new drugs. Combination therapy with protease inhibitors offered hope for some people with HIV but tragically not for all. Difficult to take and expensive, the new medications are not a cure for AIDS. As many rushed to declare the "end of AIDS," we struggled with the reality that HIV still destroys too many lives. We refused to mistake hope for victory and abandon the fight.

Careful planning and a record-setting capital campaign culminated in GMHC's move to new quarters and propelled us resolutely forward. A generous \$3.5 million gift from long-time volunteer and donor Joan Tisch and her husband Preston Robert Tisch gave us a name for our new 12-story home: The Tisch Building. Joining us there is the New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center Chelsea Center for Special Studies, offering primary HIV/AIDS care and clinical trials. Far more than bricks and mortar, the Tisch Building provides more space and privacy in a safe, attractive environment.

This year, GMHC's staff of 270 and volunteer corps of 6,600 served more than 9,000 men, women and children with AIDS, and their families. We provided meals and nutritional advice, emotional support and case management, legal and financial aid, and special services for families. Today, under one roof at last, people have more room to linger at mealtime, consult nutritionists, take classes, discuss HIV treatment options and attend workshops that help them adhere to daunting treatment requirements. Here, individuals from diverse backgrounds can find common ground, informally in the new Robert Woolley and Jeffrey Childs Living Room or in structured groups. Clients who benefited from combination therapy and those who did not, for example, could join groups designed for them to share feelings and ways to cope.

Sweeping changes in the welfare and immigration laws for some clients and improved health for others brought a flood of fresh questions to our financial, health-care and legal advocates. We helped those once too sick to work but now healthier to make choices about returning to the workplace. With a greater proportion of our new clients having more complex needs—being homeless or beset by psychiatric/drug problems—GMHC expanded intensive case management, and reinforced links to mental health and drug treatment services.

Perhaps our greatest challenge in the new era of protease inhibitors has been education and prevention. While GMHC's Department of Treatment Education and Advocacy (TEA) played a role in drafting new Federal HIV treatment guidelines, TEA educated more people with HIV about their choices — through cutting-edge publications like *Treatment Issues* as well as peer counseling and workshops. GMHC once again this year was the largest nongovernmental distributor of educational materials, dispensing over a million pieces. Our Hotline and walk-in counseling service fielded queries from 38,000 people.

New cases of AIDS continued to escalate among women this year, and GMHC responded by creating the new Department of Women's Education Services. The agency became "A Place for Women," by developing new literature for them, and woman-centered workshops and support groups. Young gay men are becoming infected with HIV at a rate of up to 4% a year; at that rate, half who are now 18 will be infected by 30. Having once helped pioneer the "use-a-condom-every-time" approach, GMHC is now rethinking prevention to deal with contemporary social and psychological realities. This year, we launched Beyond 2000 (b.2K), a grassroots HIV prevention program, to recruit 2000 gay and bisexual men to help uninfected men stay uninfected through the 21st century. Because community means different things to different people, b.2K includes individual initiatives targeted at black gay men, Latino gay men, and gay youth and young adults from 15 to 25.

As more promising therapies made HIV testing — and early medical intervention — more important than ever, GMHC opened the David Geffen Center for HIV Prevention and Education. The first facility in New York City to integrate testing with a range of prevention, education and other services, it offers sensitive pre- and post-test counseling (in English or Spanish), fast results and sliding-scale fees — a model for HIV testing in a new, more hopeful era.

Making sure that people with HIV could seize that hope shaped our advocacy. GMHC led the campaign to secure \$100 million for New York's AIDS Drug Assistance Program; members of our staff participated on a State committee to ensure equal access to new treatments; and we won first-time government funding for treatment education. In the face of



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radical assaults on welfare benefits and attempts to shrink Medicaid, we worked to save medical care for Americans with HIV. In light of requirements that HIV-positive New Yorkers must join HMOs, we negotiated to preserve high-quality medical care for them.

Increasingly, we led coalitions to enlighten elected officials, insurers and health-care practitioners — to secure access to combination therapy, to obtain quality care in a managed care environment, and to provide clean needles for injection drug users. Through our new Community Partnership Initiative, we worked to strengthen AIDS organizations in New York's underserved neighborhoods and help their clients receive the support they deserve.

Sadly, AIDS is far from over. As long as the virus remains a heedless destroyer, GMHC vows to fight alongside every man, woman and child battling HIV. We salute our heroic donors, staff, volunteers, and especially our clients, for plunging ahead and going the distance in a time of unprecedented change. Your courage, creativity and stamina inspire us to carry on.

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● Fielded approximately 6,600 Financial Hotline calls about insurance, Social Security Disability, Supplemental Security Income and Income Support.

● Taught 6,000 New Yorkers at monthly forums and presentations about impact of welfare and immigration reform on benefits, paying for costly protease inhibitors, getting comprehensive care from HMOs.

● **Responded to the needs of 353 Child Life families — 1,249 parents and kids — with 932 free food packages as well as support groups, excursions, parties and homework-help nights; assisted families in balancing the demands of “real life” with the rigors of medication schedules.**



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● Offered intensive case management to twice as many clients as last year; these people exhibited a complex tangle of problems — homelessness, poverty, mental illness and substance use.

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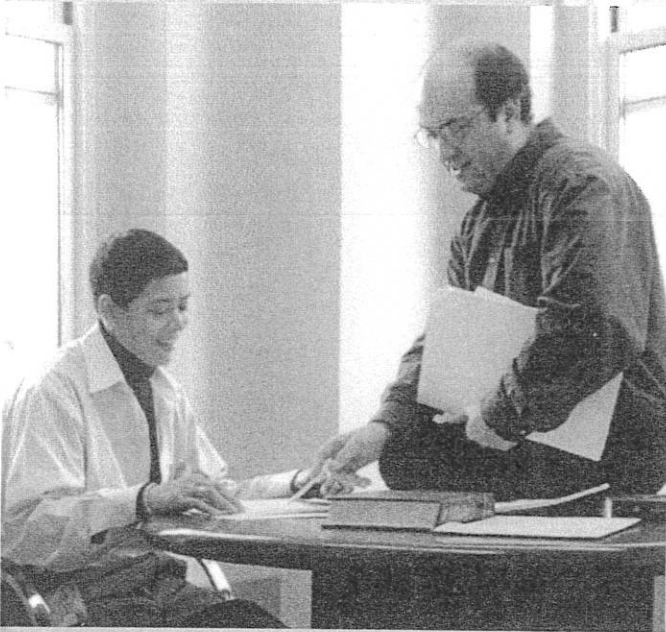
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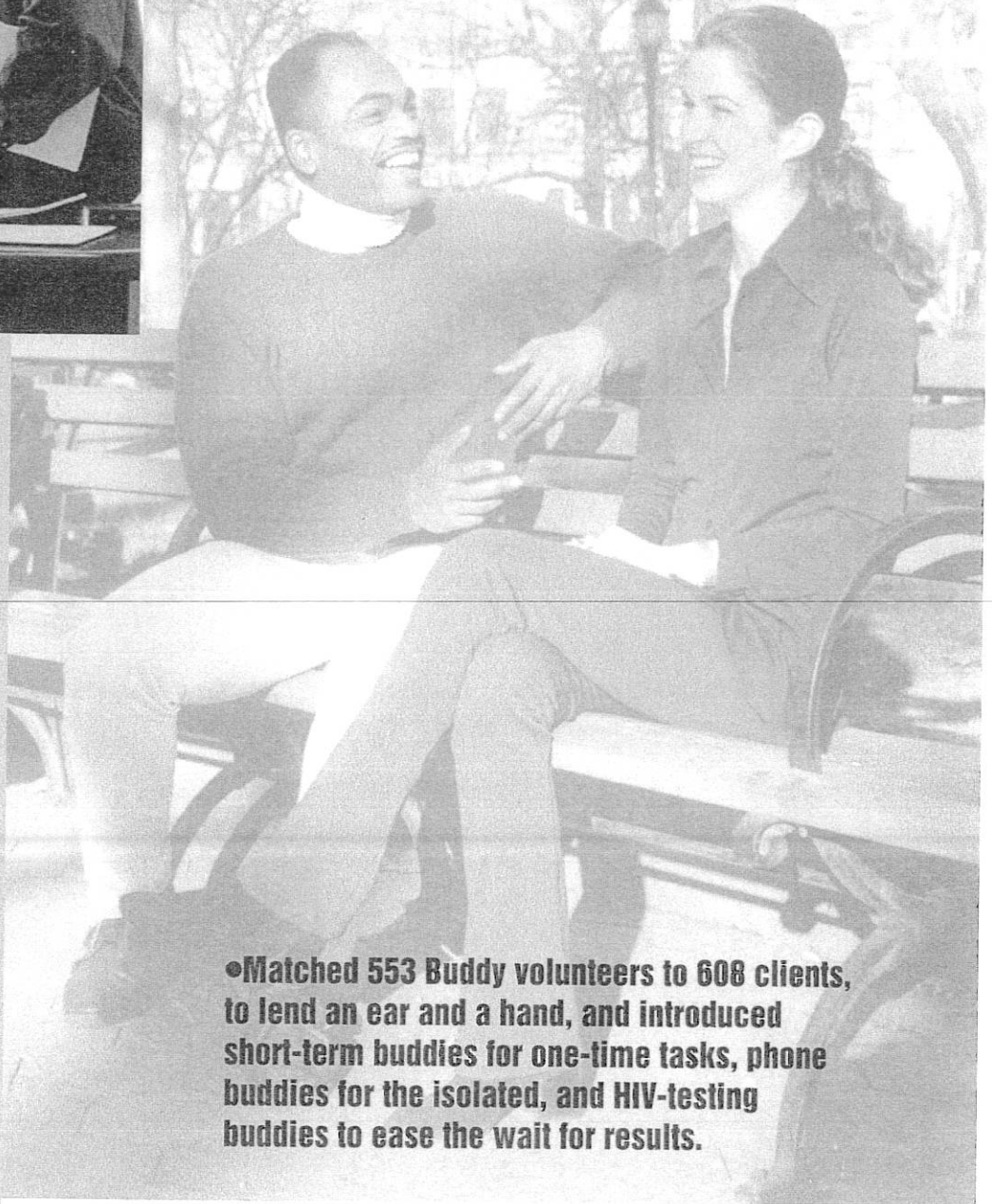
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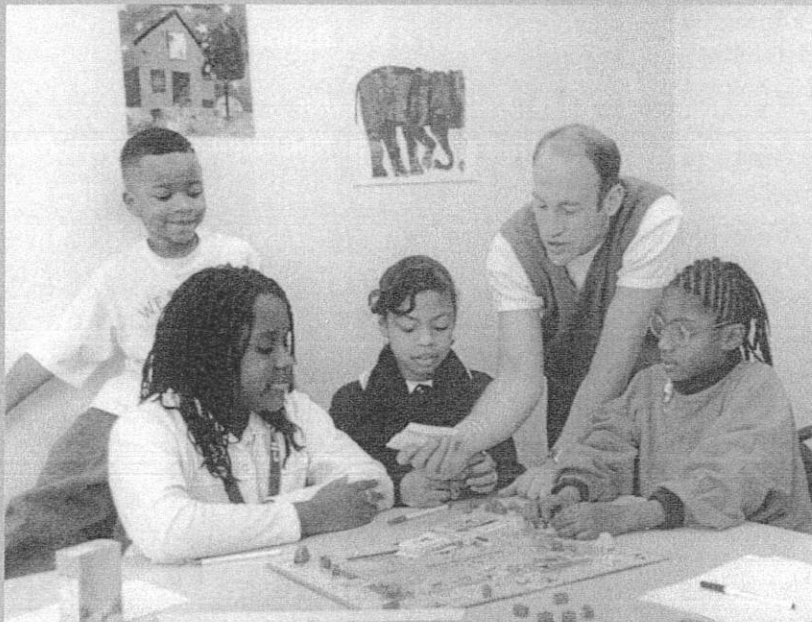
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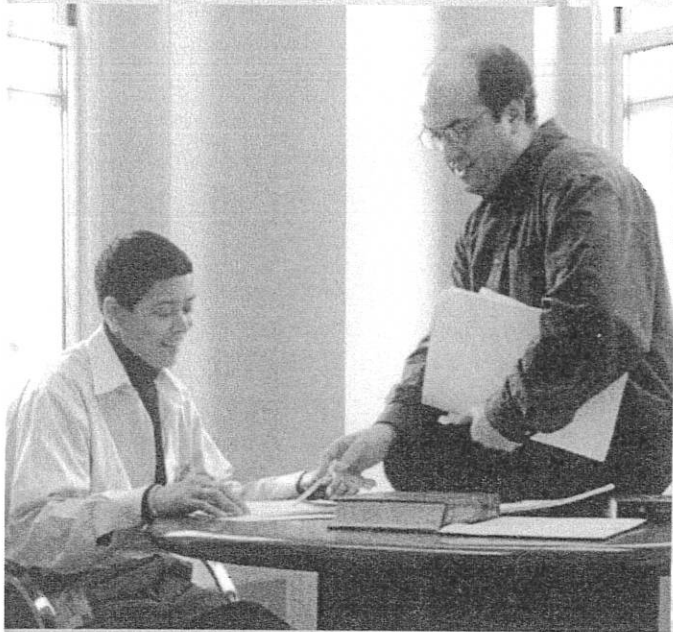
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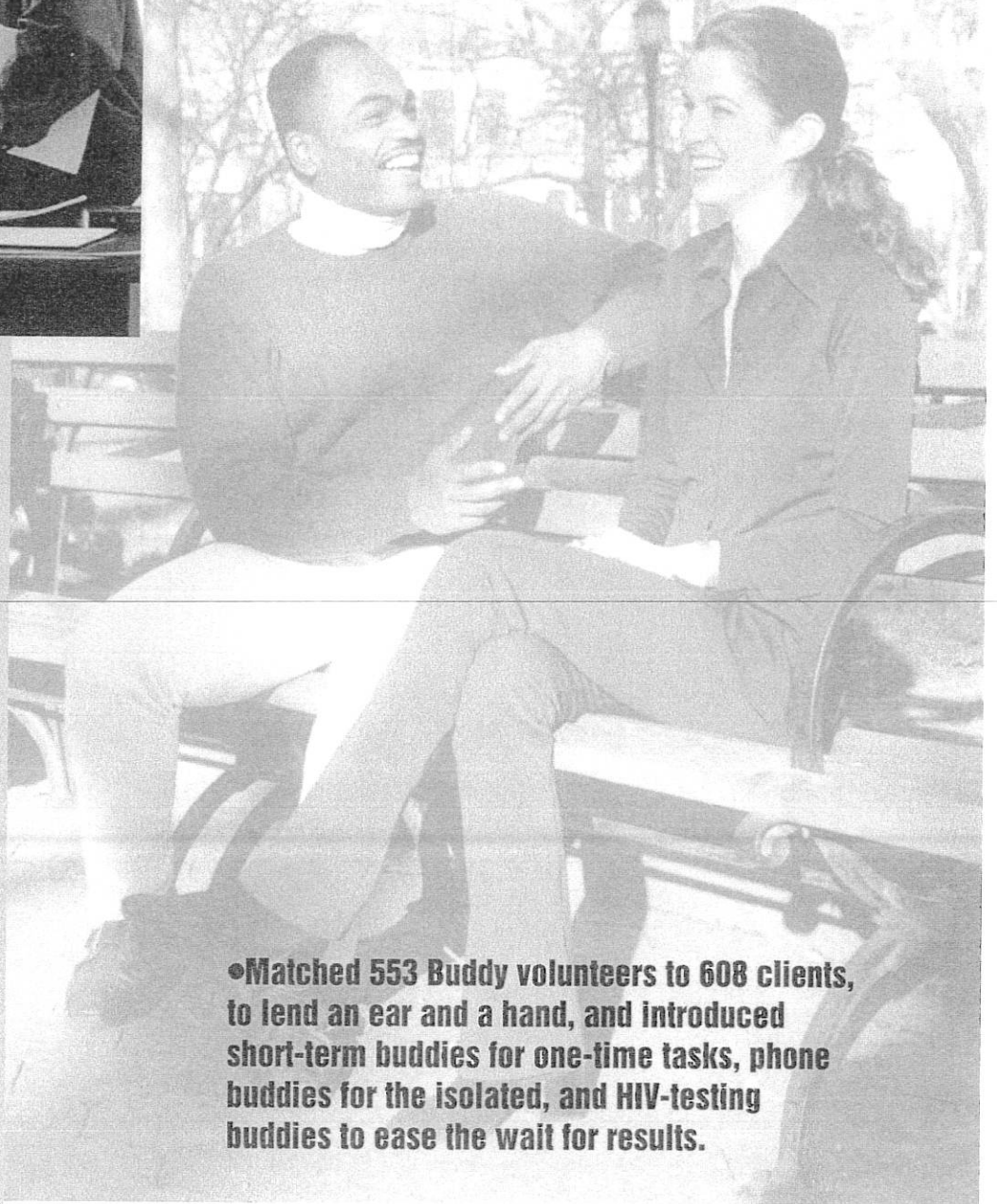
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- Distributed 1,100,831 educational publications and brochures.

- Dispensed 181,396 condoms, 70,000 condom packs for Spanish-speaking and black gay men, and 4,000 of GMHC's first safer sex kits for women.

● Answered 37,238 Hotline calls.

- Informed and counseled 764 people through our A-team crisis intervention walk-in service.

- Distributed 10,000 copies of GMHC's first comprehensive HIV prevention brochure for women, and began safer sex workshops for them (in partnership with Lincoln Hospital and Bronx AIDS Services).

- Pioneered support groups for women testing positive or thinking about testing, and for HIV-positive women on methadone.

- Started women's groups on disclosure of their HIV status, and groups for women who are partners, caretakers or "family" of PWAs; began women's drop-in groups, in English and Spanish, as well as one-on-one counseling, referral and earpoint acupuncture for them.

- Published 30,000 issues of *LAP Notes* for lesbians at risk for or living with HIV.

- Inaugurated monthly women & AIDS forums on topics like Medicaid managed care, female prisoners, and nutrition and HIV.

- Distributed 50,000 new HIV prevention brochures — revamped *HIV & AIDS: The Basics* (in English and Spanish) and GMHC's first oral sex brochure.

- Launched b.2K: Beyond 2000 to recruit 2,000 gay and bisexual men to help uninfected men stay uninfected through the 21st century.

- Started Soulfood for black gay and bisexual men — creating a poster HIV prevention campaign; holding discussion groups on body image, sexual identity, safer sex; and conducting 8-week group for HIV-negative men to talk about relationships, sex and HIV risk.

- Began Proyecto P.A.P.I. for Latino gay and bisexual men — creating newsletters and videos; holding support groups in Jackson Heights; creating a brochure, *El Diario de Andres: Mantenerse Negativo no es Automatico*; and running workshops in Spanish to help HIV-negative men stay negative.

- Launched Peer 2000 for gay, bisexual and transgender youth/young adults, primarily black and Latino, 15 to 25 — reaching 11,278 people by taking peer-education, counseling and referral to the streets, ball and house culture, and clubs where at-risk youth congregate; attracted 3,000 to House of Latex ball.

- Began Summer Share education and outreach for gay men on Fire Island.



●Ran 22 ten-week groups, "Sex Is," targeted to young gay men (20s and 30s) who are HIV-negative to explore feelings about sex, relationships, HIV and risk-taking.

●**Launched Women's Education Services department for HIV-positive and at-risk women; calling GMHC "A Place for Women" on 500 posters heralding our first Women's Open House.**

love. friendship. care. healing. knowledge.
wisdom. support. strength. laughter.
respect. dignity. hope.

what we give to each other.
what we make for ourselves.

HIV testing. prevention. education.
legal advocacy. treatment information.
Hotline: 212/807-6655
TTY: 212/645-7470 (for the deaf)

For more information on services for women at GMHC, including workshops, groups and acupuncture, contact Marianela Virella, Women's Education Services: 212/337-3544

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GAY MEN'S HEALTH CRISIS

- Created posters with HIV-positive gay men saying "I'm positive and positive he won't get it from me," displayed at 50 New York sex and gay venues, recruiting HIV-positive gay men to disclosure workshops.
- Offered 1,200 individual assessments and 972 counseling sessions about alcohol/drug use and sex; and 10-week "Steps Towards Change" groups for gay men who use drugs and alcohol.
- Assisted in developing the U.S. Public Health Service's HIV Treatment Guidelines for doctors — expert recommendations on promising new HIV therapies.
- Expanded one-on-one peer counseling to help people with HIV make informed treatment decisions.
- Presented treatment education and information about living with HIV to 6,074 people in Manhattan, Queens, Brooklyn, Bronx and New Jersey; held 21 medical treatment forums (in Spanish in Washington Heights, the Bronx and Queens), educating about research advances, long-term survival and living with under 50 T-cells.
- Sent out 200,000 copies of *Treatment Issues*, the world's largest monthly newsletter on AIDS, and expanded AIDS Medical Glossary to explain new drug options.
- Distributed 17 different treatment fact sheets (in English and Spanish, some in French) on protease inhibitors and opportunistic infections, and developed the first-ever national collaboration of HIV treatment education programs to distribute protease inhibitor information — reaching 200,000 people.

●**Informed and counseled over 5,200 gay and bisexual men — with workshops, disclosure discussion groups for HIV-positive men, "Staying Negative" workshops for men who are HIV-negative (or don't know their serostatus).**

- Networked with government, pharmaceutical companies and insurers to promote further research after HIV drugs are approved for marketing in order to ensure their safety and efficacy.



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Politicians and the public, insurers and doctors can change the course of the epidemic. Their decisions shape the fate of every person battling the virus. In a more hopeful era, GMHC leads coalitions to expand access to medical care and new therapies, to secure benefits under assault, and to increase funding for programs vital to the lives of men, women and children with AIDS.

..... This year, GMHC:

- Negotiated quality medical care for 100,000 HIV-positive New Yorkers on Medicaid who soon will be funneled into HMOs.
- Led the campaign to secure \$100 million for New York's AIDS Drug Assistance Program to pay for medicine that prolongs life.
- Fought for and helped pass landmark legislation to strengthen the New York City Division of AIDS Services and Income Support, serving 20,000 City residents with AIDS.
- Helped sideline the sell-off of New York City's public hospitals, where half of New Yorkers with HIV get hospital-based outpatient care.
- Won first-time New York funding for HIV treatment education to teach people about new therapies, helping them make treatment decisions; and sat on State committee to ensure access to new drugs.
- Helped continue guarantee of Federal Medicaid coverage, relied on by 53% of Americans with HIV, and worked to expand coverage for HIV-positive people.
- Pressed Congress successfully to increase AIDS funding by millions of dollars across the board.
- Helped organize the Coalition for AIDS Prevention to press for syringe deregulation in Albany and the National Coalition to Save Lives Now to lift the Federal ban on needle exchange.

- Stalled conservative attempts to weaken the Food and Drug Administration, which ensures the safety and effectiveness of medications.
- Softened Governor Pataki's radical welfare reform package, helping organize a coalition of people with disabilities to fight its cruelest aspects.
- Improved the Eligibility Verification Review Process that unfairly tossed people with HIV off welfare rolls.
- Opposed onerous HIV testing laws, including involuntary criminal defendant and prisoner testing; mandatory partner notification; and damaging newborn testing provisions.
- Worked with physicians who organized the Association of Physicians in AIDS Medicine to advocate for more enlightened AIDS policies in our state.
- Participated on or consulted for President Clinton's Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS; New York State AIDS Advisory Council; and the New York City HIV Planning Council.
- Rallied against dread disease insurance policies in New York that would offer inadequate coverage for HIV and AIDS.
- Led coalition to ensure PWA protection when Empire Blue Cross/Blue Shield converts from a non-profit insurer of last resort into a for-profit company.
- Helped write HMO consumer assistance programs into New York State law.
- Lobbied Governor Pataki to increase AIDS funding, using a campaign of posters, postcards and handouts that noted his sorry record, "25% more cases, 25% more deaths, no new funding."

Join Hands • Fight

- **Expanded the New York Citizens AIDS Network (New York CAN!) by more than one-third, enlisting 1,700 activists to press for more enlightened policies; trained grassroots advocates throughout New York State; registered 20,000 voters; phoned more than 16,000 voters and co-sponsored "Hands Around the Capitol" to remind people to vote.**



**GOVERNOR PATAKI'S WELFARE SCHEME:
IT'S ENOUGH TO MAKE YOU SICK!
JUST ASK DAWN AND CANDIDO.**

Governor Pataki's inhumane welfare requirements will harm tens of thousands of New Yorkers with disabilities like HIV, and leave New Yorkers like Dawn and Candido without lifesaving benefits. Although they want to work a steady job, bouts of fighting HIV can make that impossible. Pataki would force these New Yorkers to work in situations that aren't designed for them and might make them sicker.

Depriving people like Candido and Dawn of public benefits they depend on to pay for medical care, housing, food and trips to the doctor could jeopardize the last chance that new medical breakthroughs give them. Their staying alive longer depends on taking new lifesaving drugs and trying to live the healthiest life possible.

Republicans and Democrats in 1990 established the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act to ensure protection for the disabled. That landmark legislation acknowledges that people with disabilities face barriers at work and requires employers to accommodate their special needs. That's why New York's welfare program should use the ADA definition of disability.

**NEW YORK STATE SENATORS, PROTECT
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USE THE HUMANE ADA DEFINITION OF DISABILITY.



●Placed ads in the *Legislative Gazette* in Albany advocating syringe deregulation and welfare protections, and opposing dread disease legislation.

●Fought against xenophobic immigration reform proposals.

●Kept in touch with 2,100 journalists, garnering nearly 500 media mentions of GMHC, including *The New York Times*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post* as well as NBC, CBS, ABC and CNN national news programs.

●Separated hope from hype in the wake of the Eleventh International Conference on AIDS, decrease in AIDS-related deaths and public perception that AIDS is over.

●Produced 52 issues of public policy update, *In Brief*.

●Informed 45,000 people with GMHC bimonthly *The Volunteer*, which featured issues on protease inhibitors, women and AIDS, prevention in the next era.

●Aired 18 new "Living With AIDS" shows, on HIV testing, new antiviral therapies, new Managed Care Bill of Rights, workplace disclosure.

●Arranged press interviews with GMHC experts on complex issues: new therapies, testing policies, return-to-work options, oral sex safety, HMO abuses.

●Unfurled our banners and rode our float at Gay Pride parade, vowing that GMHC will be "Going the Distance" to lead the fight against AIDS.



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The activities that unfold behind the scenes—raising precious resources to meet expanding needs, training and supporting skilled staff and volunteers, providing research and quality control—bolster GMHC's service, education and advocacy programs. By partnering with other organizations, we now can help address these needs in underserved communities.

.....This year, GMHC:

- Launched the Community Partnership Initiative in order to strengthen AIDS organizations in New York's most underserved neighborhoods, offering consultation, mentorships and crisis intervention in areas such as fiscal management, infrastructure development, fundraising and program design.

- Developed intensive technical assistance partnerships with the Bronx's Young Adults Against Drugs and Alcohol; Staten Island's Project Build; Manhattan's Gay Men of African Descent and Positive Health Project; and Brooklyn's three HIV Care Networks — Bedford-Stuyvesant-Crown Heights, East New York-Brownsville, and Williamsburg-Greenpoint-Bushwick — as well as other Brooklyn groups like the Haitian Women's Program and United Community Centers.

- Encouraged donors to honor the memory of beloved friends, family, colleagues through naming opportunities in the new building like the **Allan Morrow Roof Garden, and the Robert Woolley and Jeffrey Childs Living Room.**

- Taught volunteers Spanish to enhance services to diverse clients.
- Advised corporations on the development of short-term volunteer teams.

● Deployed 6,600 volunteers, who donated 117,723 hours valued at \$2,527,273.

- Hosted the third annual "Show of Hands," for people in recovery.
- Celebrated Volunteer Awareness Month with Kudos volunteer appreciation party, and fourth annual citywide volunteer skillsbuilding conference.
- Linked evaluation of managers' performance to hiring, retention and promotion of members of diverse communities such as women and people of color.
- Collaborated (with the Center for AIDS Prevention Studies, University of California, San Francisco; Rutgers and Jersey City State College) to develop a prevention strategy to encourage HIV-positive men to help negative men stay negative and to study the impact of protease inhibitors on sexual behavior.



- Completed 14 research studies on topics such as young, HIV-negative gay men and oral sex practices; expectations that our clients have about GMHC; our clients' experiences with managed care; incidence of client depression.





●Toasted our benefactors, David Geffen and Joan Tisch, at a gala Carnegie Hall benefit; featured Bernadette Peters in a Grammy-nominated benefit performance.



●Reviewed 28 proposals through GMHC's Research Ethics Committee, to ensure ethical treatment of GMHC clients, staff and volunteers by researchers.

●Launched the Employer Consulting Service, offering customized AIDS-in-the-workplace trainings to businesses and corporations in New York City.

●Trained 1,496 people to improve their professional skills; became an Authorized Training Center (through New York's AIDS Institute) to teach people to be HIV test counselors; and trained people to work with children and families.

●Expanded Speakers Bureau and gave HIV/AIDS presentations to 6,128 people, 40% more than last year.

●Created a Quality Assurance Department to enhance GMHC performance, productivity, financial stability and safety; worked with our testing facility, client advocacy and recreation programs, to incorporate quality measures.

●Continued to raise vitally needed money for the "Fund for the Future" capital campaign — enabling GMHC to consolidate from five sites to new headquarters at 119 West 24 Street.

●Received \$3.5 million, the largest individual gift ever given to an AIDS service organization, from long-time volunteer and Board member, Joan Tisch, and her husband Preston Robert Tisch; and named our new home The Tisch Building in their honor.

●Welcomed a record 18 new members to GMHC's President's Council, chaired by Joan Tisch, with David Geffen as Honorary Chair.

●Held steady the commitment of Friends for Life, raising \$1.7 million.

●Generated \$4.9 million through government grants and contracts, and \$3.2 million through direct marketing.

●Attracted 35,000 walkers to the Twelfth Annual AIDS Walk, generating more than \$4.8 million, and \$181,000 for other AIDS organizations.

●Boosted corporate and foundation funding by 16%, and corporate matching gifts by 25% over last year.

●Mobilized volunteers in communities devastated by AIDS — Bronx's Morrisania and Melrose sections; at Brooklyn's Bushwick & Hylan Houses, Brevoort and Sumner housing developments.

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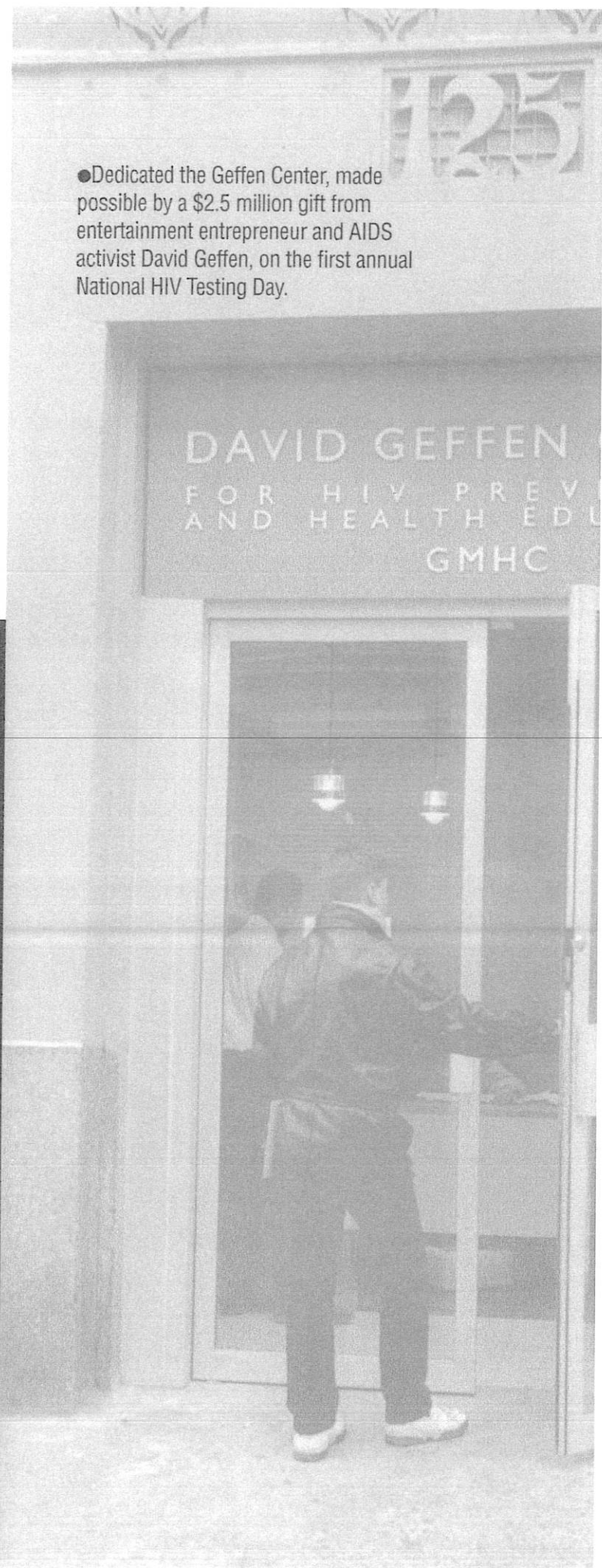
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- Gave clients uninterrupted support with the same counselor administering the HIV test, counseling, and being available by phone during the wait for results.
- Provided fast one-week test results, and trained testing buddies to support people while waiting and after getting their results.
- Provided services in English and Spanish.
- Linked HIV testing to support, prevention and medical care at GMHC and elsewhere — a first for a New York City testing facility.
- Launched advertising campaign, designed pro bono by a major agency — 33,000 posters (10,000 on buses and subways) and 15,000 brochures in English and Spanish — to educate the public about the unique Geffen Center.

● Dedicated the Geffen Center, made possible by a \$2.5 million gift from entertainment entrepreneur and AIDS activist David Geffen, on the first annual National HIV Testing Day.





●Humanized testing with client-centered (rather than test-centered) counseling, using pre- and post-test counseling to discuss HIV in the context of an individual's unique circumstances and concerns.

*The day when **Gay Men's Health Crisis** can close its doors, tragically, is not around the corner. HIV can become resistant to all the drugs now available. Too many people don't have access to new treatments. Too many people don't know that they are infected. Too many don't practice safer sex or use clean needles. The promise of a vaccine has not yet been realized. With our move to improved quarters, GMHC is taking a huge leap forward in our ability to respond to an ever-changing epidemic. Resolute, we are marshaling all our resources to **go the distance** until we reach the end of AIDS.*

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GMHC is grateful to all of those who contributed to its building, programs and services during the 1997 fiscal year (July 1, 1996 - June 30, 1997). While it is not possible to list all of our supporters due to limited space, we have printed the names of donors who made gifts of \$2,500 or more.

Names in bold are members of GMHC's President's Council.

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