



# » PCAF NEWS SUMMER 2017



## MEET TERITA

Terita is a long time survivor who always has a smile for everyone she meets and her love for PCAF shows. Terita has been a client at PCAF since she was first diagnosed with HIV in 1998. Initially, she was terrified of what this might mean for her future. With all of the stigma and misinformation surrounding HIV, Terita didn't realize that she could be HIV positive and still live a happy, healthy life. After your support helped connect her with life-affirming services and a caring case manager, all of her fears went away. Because of you, Terita was able to access the resources and programs she needed to live her best life, including PCAF's support group for women living with HIV.

Terita worked hard to face life's obstacles and get peace of mind. Today, she has so much love for everyone who has supported her at PCAF. ***"Ya'll are family to me. I think of you all as family."***

She says, "If you are HIV positive, I've got the perfect place for you. PCAF is the perfect place you can be. They've got everything you need and [they'll] help you in any way they can." Your support makes it possible for Terita and people like her to access important life-affirming services at PCAF so they can live their happiest, healthiest lives.

If you'd like to share what PCAF means to you as a volunteer, donor, or community partner then we'd love to hear it! To get involved contact our Development and Communications Director, Jill, at [jrose@piercecounyaids.org](mailto:jrose@piercecounyaids.org) or at 253-722-0709.



## WELCOME!

Welcome to this special issue of PCAF's brand new newsletter! We hope you'll find it interesting and informative, and that you'll feel like you are an important part of the work we do - because you are!

In this issue you'll meet Terita, a long-time client, learn more about our new Olympia office, find out about PCAF's 30th Anniversary Year plans, and get a quick snapshot of PCAF's 2016 successes and program highlights.

Whether you are reading a print copy or online, we hope you'll enjoy it and share with others. Every edition will be posted on our website and available to read online, email to a friend, or download and print. Let us know what you think! We welcome your feedback.





# » PROGRAM UPDATE

## OUR NEW OLYMPIA LOCATION

Thanks to your support our transition into a new office space in Olympia was both easy and smooth.

When we heard that our Olympia office would soon be turned into apartments, we were excited for the chance to find a more welcoming and bright location to better serve the South Sound community.



Because of your investment and the help of other donors, we were able to locate a new space and have it remodeled to better fit our clients' needs.

## OLYMPIA-AREA SERVICES

PCAF has provided HIV case management and prevention services in Olympia since 2012, after United Communities AIDS Network (UCAN) ceased operations

after 26 years. Through the Olympia office, PCAF connects with clients living in Thurston, Lewis, and Mason Counties.

When PCAF began services, our priority was to meet the immediate needs of our clients, so developing our image and community presence was put on hold.

Now PCAF is focused on engaging with the community so that we can become an even stronger asset for the South Sound.

## WHAT DOES HIV LOOK LIKE IN THE SOUTH SOUND?

Because of your generosity last year, PCAF served 159 people living with HIV out of the Olympia office. Of those, 55 people regularly came to PCAF for food, 35 people received housing assistance, and 28 people sought help with mental health issues. We also tested 67 community members for HIV.



The need for HIV services in the region continues to grow. **Since January of 2017, PCAF has already had 35 new clients walk through our doors seeking help.**

## WHO HELPED MAKE THIS TRANSITION POSSIBLE?

- You and other caring people helped secure a bright, new office space where clients and visitors feel welcome, dignified, and respected
- Community businesses and organizations reached out to form partnerships that will help us better serve those affected by HIV
- Local funders helped us increase sustainable resources for the HIV positive community
- Community members volunteered their time to help facilitate the moving of offices and set up of the new office space

# » SPOTLIGHT

## 30 YEARS OF COURAGE, COMPASSION, RESILIENCE

### 2017 IS PCAF'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR!

In 1987 at the height of the epidemic in Washington State, PCAF was founded with just one staff member dedicated to community education. Now, with over 35 staff, we mark our 30th anniversary and take the opportunity to thank those of you who've supported us along the way.

*This year on World AIDS Day we will host a 30th Anniversary Community Celebration and **hope that you'll join us!***

While much has changed over the past 30 years, many challenges facing our first clients are the same ones facing clients today. In the current political environment, funding is a constant challenge. Public policies are debated about issues such as mandatory testing, named reporting, and affordable and accessible healthcare for all. While the debate continues, people in our community are still becoming infected and clients' needs continue to grow.

In these uncertain times, we remain steadfast in our commitment to social justice and to combatting HIV stigma and discrimination. As we mark our 30th year, we maintain our dedication to our mission of service, education, and advocacy for and with the people affected by HIV in Pierce, Thurston, Lewis, and Mason Counties.



### 30TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

- Oly Olio\* performance festival - September 23
- UNWIND, PCAF's annual fall fundraiser - September 28
- Book Brawl - October 19
- HeartSparkle Players Performance - Nov. 10
- 30th Anniversary Community Celebration - December 1
- [More events to come. For a complete list, visit our website: www.piercecountyaid.org](http://www.piercecountyaid.org)



### PCAF'S LEGACY CIRCLE

You can make a planned gift today and leave a legacy for the future. Your generosity and planning will ensure people continue benefiting from PCAF's programs and services for many years to come.

It doesn't have to be complicated and you don't need to have a lot of assets or property to make a difference.

One of the simplest ways to leave a gift is to use the beneficiary designation on financial accounts, retirement accounts, or life insurance policies. These can often be done with no cost and typically only require you to sign a beneficiary designation form.

Other ways to make a planned gift include naming PCAF in your Will or Trust, donating gifts of stock, assets or property, through charitable trusts or annuities, and more.

Now sure how to get started? Give us a call at 253-722-0709! Our Development Team would be happy to talk with you and suggest resources.



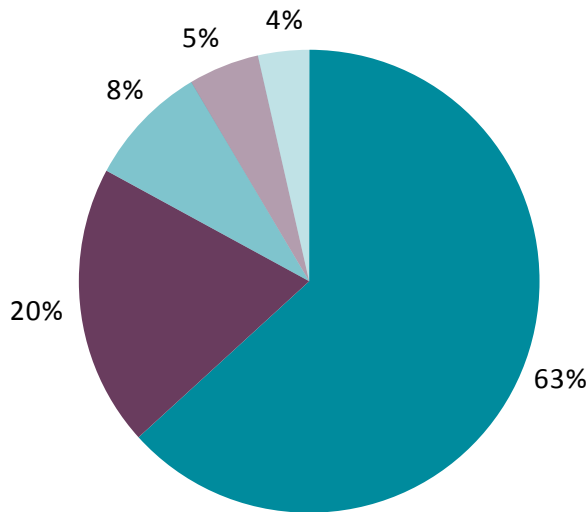
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# » 2016 YEAR IN REVIEW

WHEN YOU CONTRIBUTE TO PCAF, YOUR INVESTMENT SUPPORTS US IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS:



- 628** HIV+ PEOPLE RECEIVED SERVICES
- 337** PEOPLE TESTED FOR HIV
- 96,383** SAFER SEX MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED
- 115** HIV+ PEOPLE RECEIVED HOUSING ASSISTANCE

- Staff Time (case management for HIV+ persons, community outreach, etc.)
- Client Assistance (transportation vouchers, food bags, etc.)
- Other (professional services, events, etc.)
- Welcoming and Dignified Office Space
- Materials (HIV tests, condoms, etc)