

# VOICES

THE VOICE OF DELAWARE'S HIV COMMUNITY

## DELAWARE HIV CONSORTIUM

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From the Executive Director

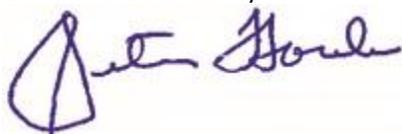
### Happy Holidays!

This year, my holiday message is about – YOU! As I look back over the past year, there have been so many things to be grateful for: expansion of HIV prevention services, new, innovative programs to help Delawareans with HIV, successful fundraisers to cover budget shortfalls, the support of philanthropic foundations, the partnerships with our corporate neighbors as well as other AIDS service organizations. And most of all – YOU – our community who sustain us with your advocacy, your financial support, your volunteer time.

This past year has been filled with the promise of our vision – to end this epidemic. Even during these trying times, we can sense that the end is in sight. And so, through rededication to research a cure, redoubling our efforts to test and link people to services, and to provide the highest quality support services to men, women, and children with HIV in our community, we will win this battle. With your help.

Now and throughout the year, on behalf of the people we serve and the Consortium's Board of Trustees: we send you heart-felt gratitude and wish you a Happy Holiday and a happy, healthy, and peaceful New Year.

Until there's a Cure,



Peter F. Houle, MBA  
Executive Director

### A Triple Treat from Iron Hill!

A tasty way to treat yourself and support the Delaware HIV Consortium! When you buy a Triple Chocolate Hill Brownie at Iron Hill Brewery & Restaurant at Riverfront Wilmington, a portion of your purchase is donated to the Consortium! A portion of the donation also supports the battle against childhood cancer. Talk about a TRIPLE WIN!

#IHBRiverfront



### HIV Testing & Linkage to Care

The Consortium's Testing & Linkage to Care program, in collaboration with Walgreens and Orasure Technologies, is now entering its sixth year. In an effort to be more accessible, we are now concentrating our testing efforts in two Walgreens locations on three days:

- Monday, 12:30 – 4 pm, 9th & Market
- Tuesdays, 12:30 – 4 pm, Elsmere (Kirkwood Hwy.) and
- Fridays, 9:30 am – 12:00 pm, 9th & Market



With the support of private foundation grants and your donations, we have been able to offer free HIV testing as well as the addition of Hepatitis C testing in 2018. This year, we tested more than 200 people and linked two positive individuals to HIV treatment. We also tested 158 people for Hepatitis C exposure and referred three positive individuals to their primary care physicians for follow-up.



## 2018 AIDS Walk Delaware

AIDS Walk Delaware, “#OneDayTwoWalks,” was held on September 22, 2018, at Dravo Plaza, Riverfront Wilmington, and at Grove Park in Rehoboth Beach and raised close to \$92,000 in support of HIV services in Delaware. The Walk is a collaboration between AIDS Delaware, the Delaware HIV Consortium, and all Delaware HIV/AIDS service organizations. Thank you for your support! Next year’s Walk is scheduled for Saturday, September 21, 2019!  
#OneDayTwoWalks



## Are You 50 Plus?

**Are you 50+? Join Us on Tuesday, January 22, 2019, 12 Noon**

If you are 50 years old or more and are living with HIV, the Delaware HIV Consortium would like you to join a special support group designed just for you. Thanks to a grant from the National Minority AIDS Council, the Consortium will be hosting a series of lunch and dinner meetings once a month from January to June. The purpose is to discuss issues surrounding aging and HIV, allow you to learn some things, and hear what concerns you might have. Food, refreshments and door prize gift cards will be provided at each meeting.

RSVP required. You must reserve your seat to attend. Call Suzan at 654-5471 to reserve.

## Make purchases through Amazon Smile and support DHC!

If you’re a frequent Amazon shopper, you can enroll in their Amazon Smile program and every time you make a purchase, Amazon will make a donation – a percentage of your purchase – to the Consortium. Sign up here: [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com).



## Year-End Giving

Your tax-deductible gift at the end of the year will help the Consortium continue to provide high quality services to people with AIDS, plus a host of services to help prevent HIV. The best thing is that you can choose where to direct your gift!

- **The Michael Brossette Memorial Fund** - helps provide emergency financial assistance to clients for things that normally fall through the cracks - burial expenses, an oil delivery, paying off an outstanding medical bill, and more.
- **Personal Care Items Closet** - comfort items for our clients.
- **Testing & Linkage to Care** - pays for HIV and Hep C test kits for our free testing program at Walgreens.
- **HIV education and prevention** - support our outreach and education programs to prevent HIV.

Click [HERE](#) to select a fund to donate to.

# Thank You!

Our thanks to members of the business community who supported our work in 2018. Please patronize our friends and tell them thanks!



Thank you for your generosity to your fellow Delawareans living with HIV and for your support of the Delaware HIV Consortium throughout the year. Our best to you and your loved ones for a happy and healthy holiday season!



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