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**FRONT PAGE - FRONT LINES**

How fortunate we are to live in such a caring community!! The greater my involvement in volunteer work, the more amazed I become by the enormity of the collective heart in our state. I am continually humbled and inspired by so many of you.

Since joining the board of The Aids Project in January, I have met some of the most incredible people that I have ever known. With such an enlightened collective conscience pulling together to fight each battle, it is only a matter of time before we win this war. A special thank you to Frannie Peabody. Her example inspired me to "pick-up the sword" in the fight against AIDS.

Assuming the role of co-editor of this newsletter has been exciting and more than a little bit scary. AIDS is a threat to every person on the planet, it has no sexual preference, religious affiliation, race or political boundaries. HIV is not a bigoted virus. In this newsletter we have such a powerful tool for communication and education, two of the only defenses against this disease.

If you are a person living with AIDS or HIV, a person whose life has been touched in any way by AIDS or HIV, or a concerned citizen of the planet Earth, this newsletter is a labor of love for you. If you would like to submit an article, poem or contribute in any way, please let us know. I encourage your participation and at the same time look forward to the day when this newsletter no longer has to be written.

*Jeffrey Levensaler*

In the almost decade since AIDS has become a known disease that impacts people of every age, class and ethnic background, the movement to unite and fight for medical and social rights of PWA'S has become a "civil rights" issue as well.

I recently moved to Maine from the San Francisco Bay Area where the numbers of PWA's and organizations involved in AIDS advocacy were constantly growing. California by the reality of its statistics was a forerunner in AIDS education and services. I have been heartened to find a dynamic and committed group of "warriors" here in Maine working together to provide services and education related to AIDS.

I feel honored to be co-editor of the newsletter and hope to use this quarterly forum as a vehicle to create community and continued support for all concerned with AIDS. The issue runs so deep-- it affects all people and must be contended with in all segments of society, through education, medical and legal channels. People are looking at their values and fears. Aids brings life into focus: the preciousness of life and the reality of our inter-connectedness. It is a challenge for our culture to open our hearts to all PWA's and unite against this disease.

Please send us your letters, thoughts, poems or news stories so that we may share with others your concerns and ideas.

*Wendy Moser*

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## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE**

**by Marjorie Love M.S.W.**

In the three months since I last "spoke" to you through this column, the AIDS Project has continued in its recovery.

A round of Board recruitment resulted in a number of recent additions to our Board (you can find a list of members on page 2). At our next Board meeting, we should be voting in our last new member, bringing the number to the maximum of fifteen. New people always bring new energy to us all, and the current blend of skills and energy of old and new members together give us a valuable resource for the year ahead.

We're adding new members to our volunteer corps, as well. Our March volunteer training graduated 20, most of whom will be staffing the statewide AIDS hotline that TAP manages. This has permitted us to restore evening and Saturday hotline hours (the hotline is operating Monday-Saturday 9am-5pm, plus Monday and Wednesday evenings until 7).

Volunteers are also active answering our office phones, providing transportation and other concrete support to our clients, preparing and serving our Thursday community lunch, raising money through special events and adopting Every Penny Counts jars, and filling

that need volunteers is elsewhere in this newsletter). A small group of volunteers are serving as team leaders (Traci Butterfield, Peter Hodgkin, Jan Moberg, Lisa Morriss, Larry Plant, Mark Roop, and

Hester Wilkinson) allowing us better communication with-and organization of-volunteers than in recent times.

Within this atmosphere of widespread support, our staff is hard at its work. We're providing case management services to a growing number of individuals with AIDS or HIV infection, we offer individual and group supports to affected families and friends, we do our part to prevent the spread of AIDS with our educational hotline and prevention work throughout the community, and we advocate for individual clients' needs and within the system for change.

The AIDS Project is out of crisis, feeling healthier, thinking ahead to the future. But the AIDS crisis is not over. The number of Maine people diagnosed with AIDS more than doubled in the two year period from 1988 to 1990. The AIDS Project's three case managers are now working with a caseload of more than 160 people living with AIDS or HIV infection. Our biggest current challenge is finding the resources to increase our staff enough to handle that caseload, and keep up with the continued growth that we know will come.

There is work to be done. I am grateful that so many have stepped forward to help us to do it.

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# A CIVIL FIGHT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

By Jeffrey Levensaler

This past April, our state government voted to defeat L.D.430, An Act to Prevent Discrimination. Although the Senate voted to enact this bill, The House of Representatives, under the tutelage of our governor, voted against it. The message is clear: a segment of Maine's tax payers are not considered worthy of the same civil rights as the "other" segment of tax payers. Or perhaps better stated: The Gay community in the state of Maine is hereby officially recognized by their state government to be second class citizens.

Whatever your position on this issue, the facts are clear and indisputable from the "AIDS Warrior" viewpoint. This Bill was and still is vital to our effectiveness in education and the prevention of the spread of HIV. How can we expect the general population to communicate honestly with their health care providers or seek out life saving information, when by doing this they stand the risk of being stereotyped and discriminated against with no legal recourse. Taxation without representation aside, the defeat of L.D.430 was a death sentence for a number of Maine's citizens.

I offer to you on the following pages, testimony that was sent to Augusta by our Executive Director, Marjorie Love, M.S.W. This testimony was first offered ten years ago in support of L.D.961, An Act to Include the Term "Sexual or Affectional Orientation" in the Maine Human Rights Act, dated February 20, 1981. It was again offered this past March in support of L.D.430. The facts are timeless, the message remains crystal clear.

## 1981 Testimony

My name is Marjorie Love. For the past 7 years I have worked in the field of reproductive and sexual health care in this state. For the past 3 years I have directed a Venereal Disease Clinic.

I would like to testify to the health effects of the current denial to gay people of the basic protections

guaranteed to other citizens. I think it is clear that vulnerability to discrimination is not supportive of emotional health. I would like to point out that it is also destructive to healing and to health.

Currently, to be perceived as homosexual can have a disastrous effect on one's economic and personal future. As a result of this, most gay people keep secret this part of their identity. Because the stakes are so high, that secrecy is usually preserved even in their relationship with their physician, or other health care provider. Trust in professional confidentiality is unlikely as long as the results of breach of confidentiality can be so devastating.

For this reason, many gay people avoid the health care system entirely. Women may do without regular pap tests rather than face questions about birth control use that they are unable to safely answer. The gay elderly may avoid medical care out of dread of a hospitalization made harder by the hospital staff's denial or invalidation of the important support role of the gay patient's life partner, or "significant other(s)".

Those who do venture into the health care system are extremely likely to withhold important information from their physician/provider. As a result, physicians are rarely aware of the emotional stresses contributing to the health problems of their gay patients, such as the death of a loved one, the end of an important relationship, or the everyday fear of losing jobs or child custody. Physicians are also rarely aware of the emotional strengths and support in their gay patients' lives-thing like the ability of a "spouse" to care for a sick individual at home. Quality health care cannot be given without such awareness.

The situation can be worse. Without the knowledge that a patient is gay, medical misdiagnosis is not uncommon. Critically ill lesbians are diagnosed as having tubal pregnancies or venereal disease, both highly unlikely. The mistake can be life threatening unless the woman takes the risk of acknowledging her homosexuality. Even at its best, the results of such poor communication between provider and patient are confusion and misinformation. Important questions can't be asked from a "closet".

I see this frequently in our efforts to control Venereal Disease. Lesbians almost never experience Sexually Transmitted Diseases(STDs), but gay men-like heterosexual men and women-do. In the current climate of secrecy, gay men withhold information that would result in appropriate testing, and so many leave a V.D. checkup with undiscovered V.D. If, by chance, the appropriate tests are all done, the information they receive-which

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assumes their heterosexuality-may not answer their questions or give them the knowledge they need to responsibly manage their disease. Furthermore, the help they need and cooperation they must give in order to bring other infected individuals to treatment are impossible if the patient's homosexuality cannot be acknowledged-and if the effort to bring a sexual partner to treatment threatens to set that person up for discrimination.

The resulting fiasco for the control of V.D. hurts gay people-and also "straight" people, who share in the same epidemics. It is just one example of the health damage that results from individual intolerance and institutionalized discrimination.

Remove the potential for discrimination, and you've opened the door to honesty between gay patients and their health care providers.

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## ***HIGHER SELF***

*So gentle and warm  
The man inside  
Full of love  
Still trying to hide*

*A beautiful soul  
I see in your eyes  
A troubled soul  
I hear in your sighs*

*Afraid to get close  
Afraid to be known  
This great man I see  
This great man I've grown*

*Loving yourself  
Can be hardest of all  
Forging ahead  
Sometimes you fall*

*Healthy and happy  
Are lifelong goals  
The work is not easy  
The rewards are untold*

*You'll get there  
I know  
I'll be there too  
Please feel love for me  
I feel love for you*

*J. Levensaler*



## WHAT ABOUT THE CHILDREN?

By Wendy Moser

"As I stood alone in the dark blue sea, a wave sprang up from behind me, my heart missed a beat as I shielded my eyes. My ears were throbbing and my hands were shaking, it seemed to be waiting for me to run. But I stood there rooted to the ground, then suddenly I sank down with it."

### M.F. Age 11

It is not unusual for children to stand alone in this culture.

Children are often talked about as a priority and yet we find that education, children's rights and children's issues are sadly ignored in this country. So it is with children with AIDS and HIV.

AIDS is already a leading cause of death among children. If current trends continue, AIDS will move into the top five leading causes of death in the next three or four years.

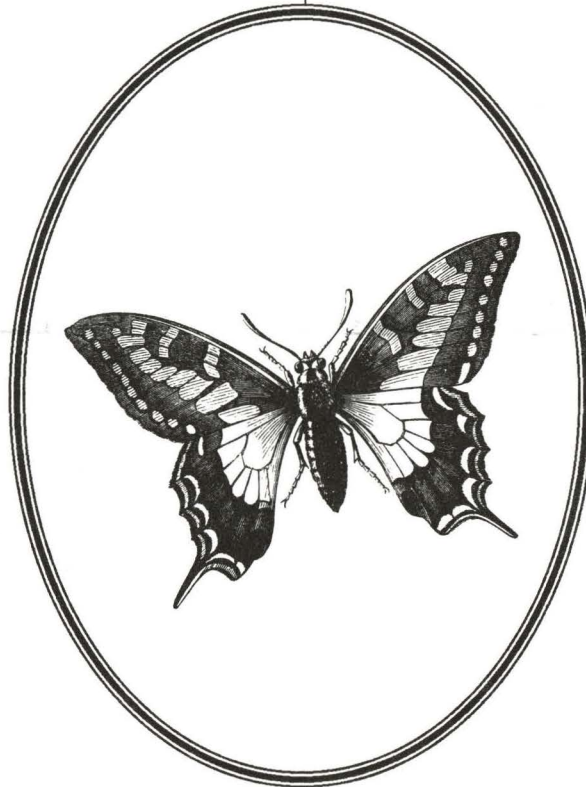
The majority of children with HIV infection acquire it perinatally from their infected mothers. Children can also be infected by contaminated blood products or blood transfusions (a rare occurrence now because of blood screening tests). Adolescents can contract infection through intravenous drug use or unsafe sexual practices.

Reported cases of pediatric AIDS severely underestimate the true scope of the problem. For every child who actually has AIDS another two to ten are HIV infected. Thus, the projections indicate that by this year 10,000 to 20,000 children in the U.S. will be infected.

On June 11, 1991 the First National Children With HIV/

AIDS Awareness Day will be held at the Mall at the Capital Building in Washington D.C.. Brave children, teens and their families from across the nation will assemble to raise the level of consciousness about youth with AIDS. This awareness day will focus on educating the nation about the various modes of pediatric AIDS transmission, to impress on Congress the need to allocate more funds for AIDS research, to remember the children throughout the nation who have died as a result of AIDS, to encourage community organizations to establish more comprehensive services and to empower families living with HIV/AIDS through joining with other families in similar life situations.

The Sunburst Foundation is sponsoring this first awareness day. They may be contacted at P.O. Box 422, Brooklyn, New York, 11234. (718) 763-8095. Children across the nation are asked to participate in making butterflies which will be displayed on the stage backdrop at the June 11 demonstration. The butterflies will serve as a remembrance of children who have died throughout the world as a result of AIDS. For additional information call the national office at (718) 763-8095.



"When you come to the edge you think you have come to the end but you've only come to part of the beginning, the beginning is the start for anyone, you will never come to the end, but keep on going."

### J.R.S. age 8

Children with AIDS and HIV need us to advocate and care for them. There are many ways to contribute and work for the children. Keep hope alive and fight for the rights of children.



## **HOLDING THE LINE**

**BY PAULA STEARNS**

Do you have questions about AIDS, safer sex or HIV testing, and don't who to ask? Have you tested HIV positive and don't know where to turn? Are you a person with AIDS? Do you love someone who has AIDS or HIV? Do you feel alone? There is somewhere to turn to for help: THE AIDS-LINE. Informed caring people are waiting to answer your questions, refer you to medical help or support groups or to just listen. At the heart of THE AIDS-LINE is hotline coordinator Lisa Morris. I met with Lisa recently at The AIDS Project to learn more about the hotline and her work as a volunteer at TAP.

Lisa has been volunteering at TAP for over a year, putting in twenty to twenty four hours each week. She plans to work toward her Masters degree in Social Welfare this year. Lisa felt that volunteering would be a good way to test her ability and confirm her desire to pursue this goal. "I wanted to make sure I could do it," she told me. Her first month as a volunteer passed slowly. "The staff people were so busy, they didn't have time to delegate. I'd show up and say, I'm here." She would read a book while waiting for something to do. "Now I'm busy all the time!" Lisa has been the hotline coordinator for nine months. She works closely with education coordinator Cathy Kidman. They recently trained nineteen new hotline volunteers. In March, she completed the "HIV Antibody Testing and Counseling, and Partner Notification" training and is certified to counsel people in these areas. Her direct client contact includes working with PWA'S as volunteers at TAP and once a week she also visits with and cooks for two PWA's living in a home hospice setting. What impressed me most about Lisa was her eagerness to talk about the service that THE AIDS-LINE provides as well as her deep concern and dedication to those who use it. After all, for the people who call the hotline, that is what matters the most.

Offering support to PWA's, their loved ones and families accounts for much of the work that Lisa does while staffing the hotline. "Two thirds of the calls that come in are from PWA's." Her first concern for them is that they have a case worker and are in touch with a project somewhere. Lisa handles many calls from loved ones and families of PWA's, who call for a variety of reasons. She told me she recently spent hours on the line with a partner who was suicidal because he felt alone and without support. Family members might call for information about the disease, or because they just need to

talk. "That's what I mean about offering support, just letting them talk it out," she explained.

Many calls come in each day from people wanting information about safer sex. There are a lot of questions about oral sex. These can be some of the most challenging calls for the volunteers. You can't answer questions that people are too uncomfortable to ask. "It's hard to draw out the information," Lisa said. "I'll send them mailing packets, in unmarked envelopes, and ask them to call me with any questions, and they do."

Lisa keeps the hotline volunteers and the staff aware of current AIDS information by maintaining a resource library that includes newspaper and magazine articles and other media coverage on the AIDS crisis. The hotline receives calls from people who are upset or frightened over an article they have read or a news story they have seen on TV. "The media sensationalizes and people believe it. It's very frustrating. They are not always getting all the facts and details are often left out."

Some of the toughest calls that Lisa has dealt with are of a political nature. "If you want to call it political," she said.

There are some angry people out there who just call to pick a fight. "Anger is so hard to deal with. Sometimes I think if I don't put this person on the defensive, maybe I can change their opinion. Sometimes I just say good-bye." Lisa has encountered this type of anger at times at her restaurant job. A button on her blouse that expresses her concern about the AIDS crisis has provoked a few people. "My boss asked me to stop fighting with the customers. I get so angry with the horrible discourse that surrounds AIDS. There's so much prejudice." Working at TAP helps Lisa get past the anger. "I can't be fighting all the time." She knows that she is doing something to help. "It sounds cliché, but I've never felt more reward in anything, I really feel needed."



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Lisa is needed. Her commitment is strong. Her compassion is real. She was helpful to me, not only by providing me with an interview, but personally as well. You see, a dear friend of mine has AIDS. I shared my fears and concerns with Lisa and told her how I felt alone with them. She listened and seemed to know exactly what I was trying to say. She told me of a support group that she thought would be helpful and provided me with literature.

As I left the office, I didn't feel so alone. Thanks to Lisa and all of the hotline volunteers, Maine people do not have to feel alone with their fears and questions about AIDS. Call THE AIDS-LINE. Someone is waiting to help you.

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Some of the areas where volunteers are especially needed are:

- Adopting an Every Penny Counts Jar
- Cleaning and Maintaining TAP Offices
- \* Client Visits/Transportation/Assistance
- \* Cooking/Serving for Meals Program
- Help with Fundraising Events  
(October Walk-a-thon Next)
- Maintaining TAP Library
- \* Receptionist for Counseling & Testing (Eves)
- \* Skilled Support Group Facilitators
- \* Staffing AIDS Hotline
- TAP Newsletter (Writers, Editors)
- \* Telephone Coverage in Office (Days)

**\* These roles require completion of TAP Volunteer or MASS' Buddy Training. Call TAP to register.**



## **BROKEN TEMPLE**

*by Dennis Cournoyer*

*Heal thou broken temple,  
aching deep and marred.  
Unleash mine failing body,  
truly whole but scarred.*

*Gracious servant, I,  
grieving for mankind;  
devoted soldier, yet  
falling nay behind.*

*Thine cross resting heavy  
on the shoulder lay,  
burdened by my carry,  
face thee one more day.*

- Dennis Cournoyer is a Christian who has AIDS and ministers to the elderly and terminally ill. He is currently preparing a book of his poetry for publication.

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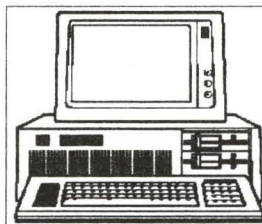
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**The AIDS Project  
Phone: (207) 774-6877**

## Ways You Can Help Us Help Others

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The AIDS Project relies on the support of its friends to provide services and to provide educational programs. Contributions to support our programs are welcome.

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation  \$15  \$25  \$100 other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### A Memorial Contribution

To express condolences for the loss of loved ones, many friends choose to make a memorial gift to The AIDS Project. A letter will be sent to notify a surviving loved one or friend of your gift.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_ In Memory Of: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Ongoing Calendar of Meetings

### MONDAY

Support group for Seronegative lovers of Seropositive individuals, 5:15-6:45 P.M., at the PWA Coalition. Call 774-6877 or 1-800-851-2437 for more details.

AIDS Response of the Seacoast in Portsmouth, NH, runs a support group for PWA's, PWARC's and HIV+'s. The group is open to people from York County. This group is lead by professional facilitators utilizing holistic healing techniques, meditation, visualization, heart centering, music and touch in a supportive and loving environment. For more information and an intake interview, contact: Suzanne Bowman (207) 439-2136.

Support Group for PWA's, families, friends and significant others, every other Monday at Miles Conference Center, Damariscotta, 6:00 -7:00 P.M. Contact Kandy Powell at 563-1709. Sponsored by AIDS Coalition for Lincoln County.

Belfast Area AIDS Support in Waldo County. For PWA's, PWARC's, HIV+'s, friends, family and caregivers. Call 338-3736 (Family Planning) Mon-Thurs 9 A.M.-4:30 P.M. or Alan 548-2929 evenings/weekends for information.

Rumford area C.A.A.P., (Community AIDS Awareness Project), Support Group. Contact Ron Ashworth, 364-2616 for further information on meeting time/place. For PWA's, Family members and/or friends. Monthly meeting open to the Public.

### TUESDAY

Morning Support for PWA's, HIV+'s, their families, friends, and caregivers meets from 10:30-12:00 Noon. Location: The AIDS Project, 22 Monument Square, 5th Floor, Portland. Call 774-6877 or 1-800-851-2437 for more details.

Tuesday evenings, closed support group for people with HIV infection, 6:00-8:00 P.M., The AIDS Project, 22 Monument Square, 5th floor, Portland. Contact Toby Simon at: 774-6877.

Support Group for Caregivers, every second and fourth Tuesdays, 7:30-9:00 P.M. at the Down East AIDS Network (Dean) office, 114 State St., Ellsworth. Doug Kimmel, Ph.D., facilitator. For more information contact Bobby Poulin, 667-3506 or Doug Kimmel, 422-3686.

Support group for PLWA's, PWARC's, HIV+'s their Partners, Families, and Friends - 7:30-9:30. Meets in the CDU Building, 2nd floor, Frisbie Memorial Hospital, Whitehall Road (Route 16), Rochester, NH.

AIDS Education & Support Group for Knox County, P.O. Box 1613, Rockland, Maine 04841. Public meetings are held at 7:00 P.M. on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the University of Maine at Augusta's Thomaston Center. For more information call 354-6906 or 596-6979 or write.

### WEDNESDAY

Augusta area HIV/AIDS Support group meets at the office of Dr. Karen Kalustian, 152 Dresden Ave. in Gardiner. The group is open to all on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, 6:30-8:00 P.M.. Contact: Cecilia Leland, 371-2147 or Steve Fleming, 777-1701.

### HIV ANTIBODY COUNSELING AND TESTING

To schedule a counseling session call or HIV testing call 1-800-851-AIDS (2437) or in Portland call: 775-1267 daily between 9-12;1-5 Monday & Wednesday 6-9 P.M.

### THURSDAY

Women's HIV Support Group every other Tuesday 7:00-8:30 P.M., facilitated by Roberta (Bobby) Poulin, M.S..For information call: Bobby: 469-6405 or 667-3506 or call: Patty Miles: 947-0700.

Bangor Area AIDS Support Group meets every Thursday evening. Contact the Eastern Maine AIDS Network (EMAN) at P.O. Box 2038, Bangor, ME 04401, or call 990-3626

**HIV+ Support Group meets from 5:30-7:00 P.M. at: The Aids Project, 22 Monument Square, 5th Floor, Portland. This is an open group, no advance contact is needed. Call 774-6877 or 1-800-851-2437.**

A Healing Circle for People affected by AIDS is held the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month in Hancock County. Sponsored by the Downeast AIDS Network (DEAN). For information and directions, call 326-8580.

Thursday support group for seropositive people. Call Diana Carrigan at The AIDS Project's Lewiston office, 783-4301.

### FRIDAY

Support group for PLWA's, PWARC's, HIV+'s their Partners, Families and Friends - 7:30-9:30. at Portsmouth Hospital, Classroom B, Near Main Entrance.

### OTHER

AIDS Coalition of Lincoln County is a group focusing on AIDS education in Maine. We welcome PWA's, PWARC's, HIV+'s and their lovers, friends and family members, as well as all concerned people to our meetings. For time and place, call Barbara Brampton at 563-3032.

*Please call 207-774-6877 with any corrections or additions to our calendar.*



## Hotlines

**Maine AIDS Line:**  
1-800-851-AIDS  
OR 775-1267

**NH-AIDS Info Line:**  
(603) 224-3341  
(800) 752-AIDS (24 hr. Hotline)

**VT- AIDS Info Line:**  
(802) 254-4444  
(800) 882-2437 (VT Only)

**Mass.-AIDS Info Line:**  
(617) 536-7733  
(800) 235-2331 (MA Only)

**National AIDS Hotline:**  
(800) 342-AIDS

## **VOLUNTEERS MEETING**

The next monthly meeting of TAP Volunteers will be Saturday, June 8, 1991, from 9:00-11:00 A.M., 22 Monument Square, 5th floor.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**June 12 - 14**

### **Substance Abuse and AIDS A Faculty Development Program for Primary Care Providers**

Contact: Patrick O'Connor, MD., MPH. Yale University School of Medicine, IE 61, SMH, 33 Cedar Street, New Haven, CT. 06510, Phone: (203) 785-6761

### **June 28, 1991 AIDS Satellite Television**

"Highlights from the Seventh International Conference on AIDS, Florence, Italy." Viewed live at V.A.M., Togus, Me. Call Melda Page, 623-5773 for more information. This film may also be viewed on July 19 and August 16.

## **September**

### **Provisions Conference**

This conference will be sponsored by Rhode Island Project AIDS. For more information, program abstracts, etc. contact: Christine Pellegrini, 95 Chestnut Street, 3rd floor, Providence, RI. 02903

## **October 13, 1991**

### **MAINE WALK '91**

Fundraising Walk-A-Thon to benefit the community based AIDS service and support organizations in Maine. The WALK will be held on October 13 at Portland, Bridgton, Rumford, Waterville, Brunswick, Bangor, Ellsworth and Belfast. For more information, contact the Maine AIDS Alliance, 236-8561, or the community-based organization in your area.

## **WHO'S WHO IN MAINE**

### **ACT UP**

AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power, is a diverse non-partisan group united in anger and committed to direct action to end the AIDS crisis. We protest and demonstrate; we meet with government and public officials; we research and distribute the latest treatment information. We are not silent. Meetings are every Monday at 7:00 PM at the People's Bldg. 155 Brackett St. Portland, Me. New members are always welcome. For more information write: ACT UP/Maine P.O. Box 5267, Portland, Me. 04101 or Call: (207) 772-5351.

## **WHO'S WHO IN MAINE**

### **MAINE AIDS ALLIANCE**

The Maine AIDS Alliance is a consortium of Maine's fourteen community-based AIDS service organizations. As such, the Alliance does not provide direct services, but assists member organizations by sponsoring statewide fundraising events, providing technical assistance and training, participating in coalitions and advocating with the state and federal government, and assisting with grant writing. The Alliance is authorized to enter into government and foundation contracts, when those contracts will strengthen or improve services provided by the member organizations. The Alliance serves as a referral system for anyone needing to contact AIDS organizations or locate AIDS information and resources. The Alliance also publishes a bi-monthly newsletter available to the public. For more information, contact the Maine AIDS Alliance at P.O. Box 973, Camden, Me. 04843, Phone:

## **NOTICE**

### **Skilled Facilitators**

Skilled Facilitators needed for evening support groups in Portland and Lewiston. Please call TAP at 774-6877.



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