

# THANK YOU TO OUR MANY SUPPORTERS!

Transition and change continue to offer opportunities for Central Coast HIV/AIDS Services (CCHAS). Through many challenges and very difficult economic times, we continue to provide vital services for those living with HIV/AIDS while working hard to educate and prevent the spread of HIV in our communities.

None of this would be possible without YOU...our supporters and community members who have stood by us during changing times.

**THANK YOU!**

*We can't do it without you!*

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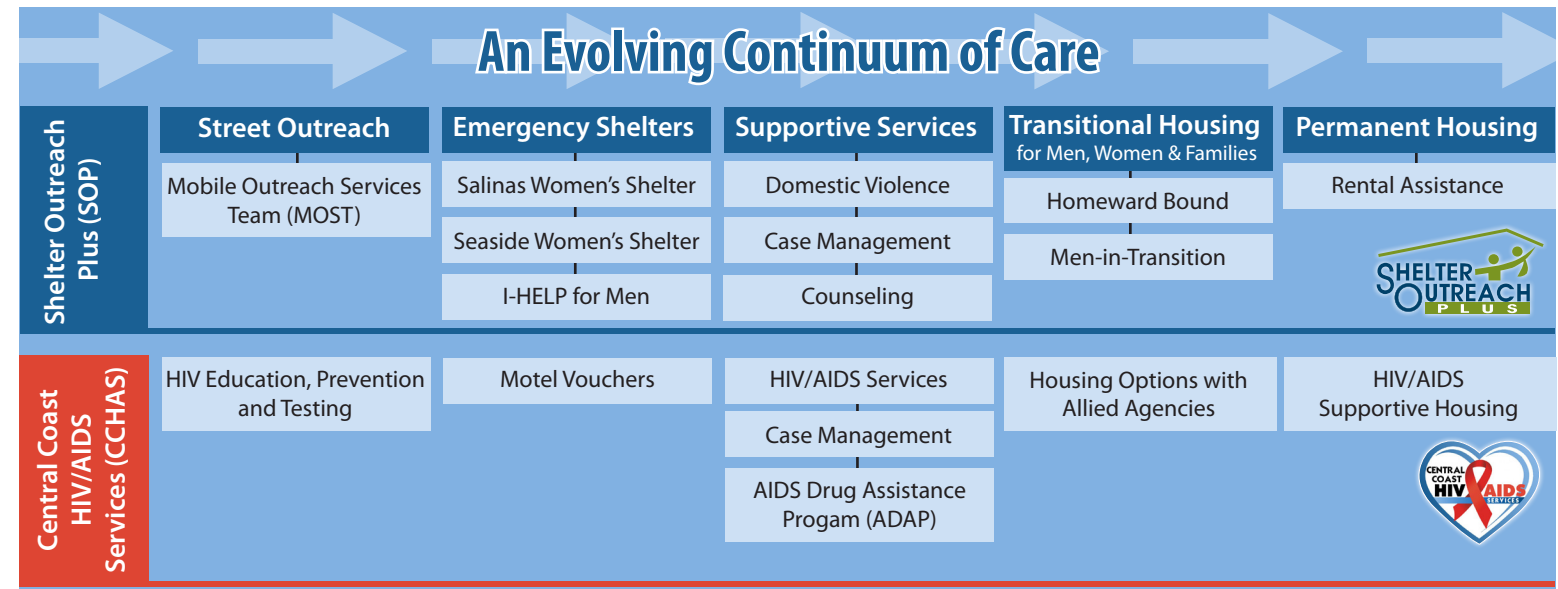
## Transitions • Moving Forward Through the Continuum

Spring is a great time to witness transition. We see it all around us in nature, as the flowers and trees come into full bloom, the rain turns to sunshine, and our fields grow more bountiful.

This Spring, we celebrate transitions here at Central Coast HIV/AIDS Services (CCHAS). For us, it means a new

collaboration with another agency which also serves those most vulnerable in our community...Shelter Outreach Plus (SOP). As we work together, we look forward to growing more efficient and streamlined.

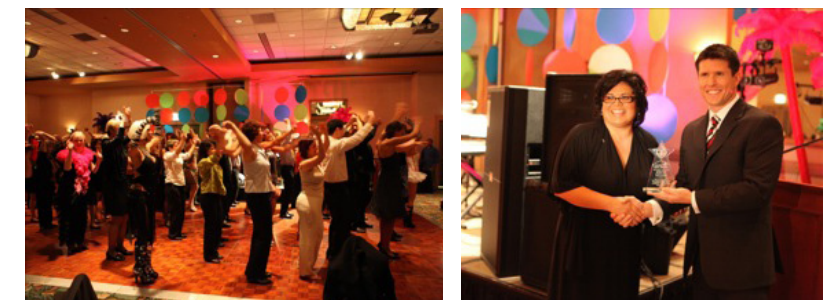
Transition brings challenges, but it also brings new life, new friends, and new opportunities.



## Success

### 10th Annual Crystal Ball Heats Up the Night!

With over 150 in attendance, the dance floor was ablaze with guests at *Hot Salsa Nights* on Saturday, May 7. Great food and live Salsa entertainment made this annual fundraising event a smashing success. Thanks to all our supporters who helped raise funds for vital HIV/AIDS services!



Left: Guests get busy on the dance floor. Right: M.C. Nick Emmons of KION News presents Esther Benitez, of the NIDO Clinic, with CCHAS' Honored Care Provider Award.

## From The Executive Director

### Transitions = Opportunities

For CCHAS, this past year has seen many challenges and transitions. Though times have been tough, transitions can also offer opportunities. As the only AIDS Service Organization (ASO) in Monterey and San Benito Counties, our Board and Staff have been looking for ways to raise more funds and reduce costs, while at the same time maintain and expand vital HIV-related services in order to realize our mission, and to do so in a way that's truly sustainable into the future.

To that end, our transitions continue and we are pleased to report that **CCHAS is taking collaboration and coordination to the next level** with another local non-profit, Shelter Outreach Plus, or SOP, the largest non-profit providing comprehensive homeless services in Monterey County.

Both agencies have had over a decade of working closely together in serving the homeless and those less fortunate. But in these times of reduced government support and a fragile economy, **the need to innovate a new way of maximizing scarce resources has become a primary goal for each agency.** To ensure continuity of vital services so that they are sustainable in the long term, the CCHAS and SOP Boards of Directors have agreed to enter into an Operating Agreement whereby all CCHAS operations will be assumed by SOP, and in effect, I have become Executive Director for both agencies. A staged transition period started this past January and runs through June with the hand-off beginning the new fiscal year, July 1, 2011.

To be clear, CCHAS will retain its current agency mission, non-profit status, Board independence and authority, but its basic day-to-day operations will be contracted out via an Operating Agreement to SOP. **Core programs for both agencies will remain the same while funding and donations will be kept separate for both.** It is believed that this new business model will assist in the pooling of resources to maximize economies of scale, especially regarding administrative/back-office functions, and **better coordinate programs between agencies that often touch common clients.**

Creating this innovative, cooperative model not only brings new components and opportunities to the agency's HIV Continuum of Care, but strengthens it at the same time by making it more sustainable into the future. Can we make this really happen to the benefit of those we serve? Yes we can.

In order to help ensure the success of our efforts, we will continue to rely on your support as we move forward. In our race to help those who are HIV+ and help stop the spread of the disease, you, as always, continue to be the wind at our back.

Thank you. ~ Tom Melville

## Did you know?

- In 2010, Client Services provided 6,815 units of service to 817 individuals
- CCHAS enrolled approximately 120 clients in the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)
- Education, Prevention and Testing programs served 8,116 clients
- CCHAS had 100 unduplicated volunteers providing 7,999 volunteer hours

## We Remember...

Elmoreis R.  
David M.  
Colleen 'Coco' S.

Hirofumi S.  
Charles C.  
Chamberlain B.

The special people mentioned above completed their journey with HIV/AIDS between November 2009 and April 2011. The ripple they have made in the pond of life extends far to the many whose lives they have touched.

### A Tribute to Fr. Rick Parker & Joan Richter

We pay a special, heartfelt tribute to Fr. Rick Parker, CCHAS Board Member, and Joan Richter, longtime volunteer. Both were known for their years of dedicated service to the community, as well as the comfort, love and understanding they brought into the lives of many clients and their families.



Starting in 1993, Fr. Rick worked for many years with our local HIV/AIDS agencies, and as a volunteer chaplain at CHOMP. During that time, he was a foundation that many clients leaned on for emotional and spiritual support.



Joan Richter had been volunteering with the HIV/AIDS community in Monterey County for over 20 years. During that time, she had endeared herself to many clients. Her friendly, kind nature will be greatly missed at our Peninsula office in Seaside.

### Toy Drive for Children Touched by HIV/AIDS

Once again this past holiday season, over 150 toys and presents were collected and distributed to children in households affected by HIV/AIDS. CCHAS' Annual Toy Drive brings many smiles and joy to those in need. Special thanks go to long-time supporters Ernie Sanchez (Franco's Club), Teen Challenge Monterey Bay volunteers, and Randy Fry of McGraw Hill who provided many wonderful books, stuffed animals and gifts for the children.



## Volunteers - The Strength of CCHAS

### CCHAS Volunteer Honored

Jessey Sacayanan



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Due to his true dedication as a volunteer for over 14 years, Jessey Sacayanan was honored at the Annual United Way Community Service Awards this Spring. Always with a smile on his face, Jessey serves as the receptionist, yet has participated in every aspect of the agency when needed. With over 20,000 volunteer hours served, Jessey continues to give his heart to those who need it the most. Congratulations Jessey and many thanks for your loyal and committed service!

### A Family's Story of Hope

Two years ago, 'Enrique' was tested through CCHAS' free HIV testing services. When his test came back positive, he was immediately referred to our Client Services Department who assisted him with gaining access to medical help through the NIDO HIV clinic (Natividad Medical Center). His needs were assessed during the client intake process and he was placed on our housing "wait list", while Client Services enrolled him in the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) to help him receive the medications that he needed. 'Enrique' also qualified for immediate monthly rental assistance for his family.

In five months' time, there was an opening in CCHAS' Safe Shelter Program, a partnership with CHISPA, offering affordable, single-family homes. 'Enrique', as well as his wife and two young children, moved into their new home. As 'Enrique's' health improves, he is able to work more hours than before his diagnosis. By moving through CCHAS' Continuum of Care and working with partner agencies, "Enrique" and his family are currently safe and thriving in their new environment.

### Hope and Compassion

CCHAS was there for 'Ron' from the first day he was diagnosed. In his words... "Client Services referred me to the right doctors and helped me enroll in the right benefit plan for my situation. CCHAS has always made me feel special and less fearful. They have given me a second chance at life and helped give me time with my boy."

### CCHAS Volunteers at Big Sur Marathon

Sunday, May 1st was a clear, sunny day while 32 CCHAS volunteers staffed the largest water station along the race course in Big Sur. While helping to hydrate over 3,000 participants, this yearly event provides CCHAS with funds to be used towards HIV services. Special thanks to Henry Reynolds and his many volunteers from Teen Challenge Monterey Bay, as well as the Calhoun family, for their dedicated volunteer service over many years.



CCHAS Volunteers at the 2011 Big Sur Marathon

### Love and Care - as told by one client

"My experience with the agency has been a very positive and supportive one. They have provided assistance to me emotionally, physically, and financially. It has eased the isolation of being infected. The struggle of being or feeling sick everyday, not always from HIV, but from the toxic cocktail medications I take, is depressing and discouraging to say the least. During the holidays, I was able to provide some type of Christmas for my children due to the generosity of CCHAS' Toy Drive. My appreciation runs deeper than words can express, and I can only hope I will be healthy and able to give back one day."

### Wish List

The following items are always needed to help run our programs!

- 1st class postage
- copy paper (white and colored)
- cleaning supplies
- sets of dishes for clients
- new or gently-used bath towels
- bedsheets and bed linens
- warm coats