

West Alabama AIDS Outreach

2009 Annual Report

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Statement of Purpose

West Alabama AIDS Outreach (WAAO) is a community service organization founded in 1988 and incorporated under the laws of the State of Alabama as a not-for-profit corporation.

The goals of West Alabama AIDS Outreach are:

- To provide social and supportive services to persons living with HIV/AIDS;
- To educate all facets of the community, to make timely information available about HIV, and to encourage safe and responsible behavior;
- To work cooperatively with other groups, associations, and agencies which are dealing with HIV-related issues; and
- To serve as advocates of the rights of individuals who are affected by HIV.

WAAO's mission: Striving to promote a healthy, aware, and compassionate community through EDUCATION, SUPPORT, SERVICE, and ADVOCACY for people living with or affected by HIV/AIDS.

FINANCIAL CONDITION

As of September 30, 2009

The annual audit of West Alabama AIDS Outreach was conducted by Lawrence, Hitt, and Pugh, LLP.

Assets

Current Assets

Cash & cash equivalents	<u>\$65,374</u>
<u>Total Current Assets</u>	<u>\$65,374</u>

Property and Equipment

Vehicle	\$22,756
Building	\$181,937
Land	<u>\$10,000</u>
<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>\$214,702</u>
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(\$40,113)</u>
<u>Net Property and Equipment</u>	<u>\$174,589</u>

<u>Total Assets</u>	<u>\$239,963</u>
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Liabilities and Net Assets

Current Liabilities

Current Portion of Long-Term Debt	<u>\$4,773</u>
<u>Total Current Liabilities</u>	<u>\$4,773</u>

Long-Term Liabilities

Note Payable – Net of Current	<u>\$30,614</u>
<u>Total Long-Term Liabilities</u>	<u>\$30,614</u>

<u>Total Liabilities</u>	<u>\$35,387</u>
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Net Assets

Unrestricted	<u>\$78,167</u>
Temporarily Restricted	<u>\$126,409</u>
<u>Total Net Assets</u>	<u>\$204,576</u>

<u>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</u>	<u>\$239,963</u>
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West Alabama AIDS Outreach, Inc.
2009 Board of Directors

President – Michele Massey
Vice President – Ray Taylor
Treasurer – Casey Jones, CPA
Secretary – Jamie Satcher, Ph.D.
Resource Development Chair – Robby Johnson
Legal Counsel – Steve Wiggins, J.D.
Governance Director – Lea Yerby, Ph.D.
Executive Director – Billy Kirkpatrick, M.A.

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Bebe Barefoot Lloyd
David Massey
Rick Olson
Cindy Smith
Annabel Stephens, Ph.D.
Karen Thompson

West Alabama AIDS Outreach
2009 Staff

Billy D. Kirkpatrick, MA – Executive Director
Regina Prewitt – Office Manager
Barbara Lowery, MA – Case Manager
Vicky Carter, MSW – Case Manager
LaShonda Hayes, MA – Community Resource Specialist
Glenda Clark – Transportation Coordinator
Ann James, BA – Prevention Education Coordinator, SISTA Facilitator
Sharon Cantrell, LCSW – Quality Assurance
Ross Harris – Information Technology Director

WEST ALABAMA AIDS OUTREACH provides....

HIV/AIDS Education

- **Prevention programs tailored for any audience**
- **Free educational materials**
- **Facts about HIV testing**
- **Toll free information Help-line**

Free Testing

- **Oraquick and Orasure HIV Antibody Tests**

Services for people living with HIV/AIDS

- **Comprehensive Case Management Services**
- **Client Advocacy**
- **Emergency Financial Assistance**
- **Transportation Services**
- **Housing Assistance**
- **Food Pantry**
- **Personal Hygiene Closet**
- **Support Groups**

All services provided free of charge.

Executive Director's Summary 2009

In 2009, WAAO observed its 20th year serving those infected with and affected by HIV in West Alabama. The event recognizing this anniversary, Are You RED-y for a Cure?, allowed the WAAO Board of Directors, staff, and clients to reflect upon the past 20 years and recognize those who have made WAAO's existence and growth possible. 2009 was also the year in which WAAO board members, staff, and clients engaged in the most comprehensive advocacy campaign to date. WAAO supporters, as well as supporters of AIDS Service Organizations (ASOs) throughout the state, asked legislators of the State of Alabama to provide \$7.88 million for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program and Legislative Support Funding. AIDS Alabama received a \$1,000,000 grant stemming from the Federal Stimulus Package which will fund the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Programs (HPRP). Because of this grant, several ASOs, including WAAO, are now able to provide more housing opportunities to clients in need. In December 2009, WAAO received news that its SISTA Program (Sisters Informing Sisters on Topics of HIV/AIDS) was being renewed for another two years.

WAAO provided prevention education services to over 6,000 individuals in 2009. Twenty-five SISTA programs were provided to women of color in at-risk areas. WAAO case managers provided comprehensive services to 224 persons with HIV/AIDS,

including 40 new clients. The ARAP (Alabama Rural AIDS Project) was able to link 9 clients with permanent housing, thanks in great part to Tuscaloosa Housing Authority's Shelter Care-Plus program. WAAO continued to manage a food pantry and personal hygiene closet on a daily basis and provided 73 clients with additional boxes of food and hygiene products as part of the holiday gift box project in December. WAAO's transportation services allowed clients to get to and from vital medical appointments, covering a 7,700 square mile area. Also, 347 persons were tested for HIV at WAAO in 2009. The Helpline was answered from 8-5, Monday through Friday, and WAAO services were advertised in all West Alabama area phone directories.

Other accomplishments were the successful fundraisers conducted by the WAAO Board of Directors and friends, such as Bal Masque XVII, First Fridays at the Old L&N Train Station, and the Annual Letter Campaign. WAAO also provided service and information to various venues on National HIV Testing Day, National Black HIV Awareness Day, National Latino HIV Awareness Day, and World AIDS Day.

WAAO staff continue to serve as members of many committees and groups which strive to make Tuscaloosa and West Alabama better communities. Some of these include the West Alabama HIV Prevention Subcommittee, the Consumer Advisory Board, CHALENG Homeless Continuum of Care, AIDS Service Organization Network of Alabama, and the Community Mental Health Task Force. We assist with research projects of the faculty of the University of Alabama and facilitate service projects for University students as well. WAAO is a proud member of The Chamber of Commerce and The United Way of West Alabama.

WAAO would not be able to continually offer its services without such a focused and determined staff, hardworking volunteers, a dedicated Board of Directors, and a supportive community at-large. We are extremely appreciative of the opportunity to provide such vital services to a population in need.

Billy D. Kirkpatrick
Executive Director

The 2009 monetary donations of the following individuals and organizations placed them in WAAO's Red Ribbon Society:

Visionary [\$10,000 and above]

Mystic Krewe of the Druids

Initiator [\$2,500 - \$4,999]

Mercedes-Benz U.S. International

Advocate [\$1,000-\$2,499]

Gloria Gray

Karen Burgess

WCR (Easter Basket
Auction)

Supporter [\$500-\$999]

David & Cissy Fuhrman
David & Rebecca Fuhrman
Debra Davis
First United Methodist
Church
Gloria Gray
Jim Spearman
Michele Massey
Steve Galvez

Friend [\$250-\$499]

April R. Lane
Beverly Phifer
Bill Stewart
Eric Moeller
Hubbard, Wiggins, Mcilwain &
Brakefield
Janet M. Richards
Kate W. Ragsdale
Laura Lineberry
Luther Richardson, Jr.
Martha Morgan
Martin Gutman
Thomas "Tommy" Hester
University Presbyterian Church