

MENDOCINO COUNTY AIDS/VIRAL HEPATITIS NETWORK

MCAVHN

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Providing services and comfort to people with HIV/AIDS since 1987

MCAVHN's Mission is to care for people affected by AIDS and HEPC and to prevent the spread of these diseases in our County.

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MCAVHN, True to our Mission!

With our State funding cut so dramatically, grants drying up or gone, and the flagging local economy affecting donations considerably, the future of MCAVHN is squarely in the hands of the few remaining staff and volunteers. The good news is that, we know our mission is absolutely essential. We know we must stay the course because, without this agency a great many families will suffer. We are keeping our drop-in center open, in order to provide a

non-judgemental and compassionate place and to deliver care coordination and prevention services to those in need.

We are currently operating with 3 part-time employees, who work many unpaid hours to make ends meet. In addition, we have a crew of very dedicated volunteers and a board of Directors, who do their best to assist with the daily activities of the agency. **Why is MCAVHN important to your community and you?**

In addition to care coordination services for those living with HIV and Hepatitis C, MCAVHN also provides prevention education and alternative recovery services for those at risk. Our case management services help people, from all walks of life, managing systems, legal issues, paperwork, medical coverage and appointments, housing needs, and empowering people to learn to advocate for themselves and their families.

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Help us pay the Rent

Our largest ongoing cost each month is the rent on our Drop In Center/Office at 145 Clara Avenue. Two very generous donor (who wish to remain anonymous) have paid our rent for September and October.

Could you help us pay for November or December? Our rent is \$1050. a month. If you want to help us bridge the gap to funding we expect to receive in early 2011, please consider this tax deducti-

ble donation. If a whole month is too rich, do you have family, friends, co-workers, or colleagues who could get together and raise one month? Please consider this investment in keeping our community safe and healthy.

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AIDS is no longer a certain Death Sentence, but it is still a Life Sentence. AIDS has not been cured. AIDS is not spread by casual contact — Learn the facts, get tested, and be safe

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As a “harm reduction” agency, MCAVHN also serves the community by distributing information and supplies, running a community syringe exchange program, delivering motivational and recovery oriented counseling, HEPC testing, and helps reduce the spread of infectious disease in our communities. People who use these services often find the very first motivation to make significant changes in their lives. While using MCAVHN services, people have the opportunity to be in contact with extraordinary people. This is a healthy first step towards developing long-standing relationships with those who are willing and able to meet them exactly as they are.

Event of the Heart 2011

Save the Date, it's going to be the event of the year! **Saturday, February 12, 2011** will be a night of romance and dance, Argentina style!

Join us at the lovely Ukiah Valley Conference Center, decorated again by Wil Gonzalez and company to reflect the magic and excitement of the Tango. Eddie Vedolla and his Dance Troupe will be on hand with demonstrations and instructions — pull out your most elegant and slinky dance clothes. Enjoy the wine reception, delicious hors d'oeuvres and dinner, dessert, and live & silent auctions. Come and support our work and enjoy a great party! Sign up online!

Donors, 2010 **Thank you to all these wonderful supporters who have donated this year.**

Barbara Willens	Marlene Shupe	Marie Galletta, & Eric Sulauf
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Due to new fees imposed by the banks, we can no longer take credit card payments.

Welcome PayPal. You may now donate via our website at www.mcavn.org

Congratulations DR. LIBBY GUTHRIE After several years of preparation, and seemingly endless angst, our Executive Director, Libby Guthrie has finally been awarded the title of: **Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) in Counseling Psychology**. Libby's doctoral dissertation is a study of rural HIV care delivery systems, and compares Mendocino County HIV care delivery to other systems nationwide. This endeavor could not have been accomplished without the generous participation of our wonderful clients right here in Mendocino County.



24th Annual
“Event of the Heart”
Last Tango in Ukiah
Saturday, February 12, 2011
Ukiah Valley Conference Center
 Wine & Hors d’oeuvres reception
 Tango Lessons with Eddie Vedolla
 A Gourmet dinner with dessert & coffee
 Live & Silent Auctions
 Dancing to a great local band