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RAIN Staff Members Receive High Honors

The Director's Desk

I wish they would find a cure. Life is a precious gift and I would like to have it." Hydeia L. Broadbent, 12 years old and living with AIDS.

Hope is a paradox - strong yet fragile. Webster defines hope as "to cherish a desire with expectation of fulfillment." We relish the new hopefulness and we share with you three reasons to celebrate.

After months of planning, the HIV/AIDS ACTION INITIATIVE for NE OKC was launched. This project represents the hopes and dreams of a dozen organizations, many concerned citizens and clergy and the Oklahoma City Community Foundation. RAIN is honored to be selected to administer the major grant and work with the Initiative Advisory Group. The goal of the Initiative is to prevent HIV infection in African Americans through education and to assist local African American faith communities in developing programs that reflect a compassionate response to those impacted by HIV/AIDS. Initiative Coordinator, Patrick Baker, is working hard to be a visible source of information and education.

Patrick got involved in the fight against AIDS when he learned of its impact on the Black community and heard predictions that by the year 2000, half the people infected with HIV will be Black though Blacks make up only about 15% of the population. The year 2000 is just three years away and he knows there is so much educating about HIV to be done in the Black community.

"When it comes to AIDS, the Black community is virtually silent, somewhat like a state of shock as if AIDS is the final blow to the Black race. On the other hand, the clergy and community organizations we have encountered have welcomed the

Initiative. The most challenging part is getting through to a contact person within the church."

Receiving a big hug from Billie Jean King was icing on the cake for Joan Foreman when she and Gloria Bellymule were honored as "Local Legends in the Fight Against AIDS" by CarePoint Inc. and the National AIDS Fund October 5. Joan and Gloria were recognized for the outstanding dedication and steadfast commitment and will have their names added to the wall of the National Women's Museum in Seneca, NY. At the Red Ribbon Rally before the Legends Tennis Tournament, Mike Fischer, president of CarePoint's Board of Directors acknowledged Joan's work starting a free massage program for PLWAs and beginning the AIDS counseling program at Red Rock Mental Health Center.

Adding to Joan's enjoyment of the evening's events was the presence of her family - husband Larry, daughters Suzie and Angie, sisters Cris and Judy and brother-in-law Wayne. Joan described her feelings at being honored in this way as "exciting, great, tremendous, and grateful." All of us at RAIN are proud of Joan and pleased with her deserved recognition!

In Tulsa on October 15, another valued RAIN staff member received the Tulsa Chapter American Red Cross Exceptional Volunteer Award. The William M. Probes Award represents the pinnacle of direct service volunteerism and was presented to Dannette Russell-Geren in a ceremony at the Embassy Suites. Describing Dannette, Roger Dahl stated "she represents the strength of character, idealism, dedication and commitment to excellence Bill Probes embodied -the traits that make the Red Cross strong. She has chaired the American Indians Decision to Survive Committee, guiding the curriculum to completion.

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With her tenacity and dedication to her heritage, she has kept the door open for preservation of American Indians against this life threatening disease. Our award winner has the ability to break down the cultural barriers through her quiet, sensitive, respectful demeanor"

Dannette is the only Instructor Trainer in the American Indian HIV/AIDS training so she often is asked to travel to other states to conduct courses for American Indians. Upon receiving this award, Dannette said that she was very honored by it because she knew Bill Probes when he was the CEO of Red Cross (he died about three years ago) so it meant even more. Mr. Probes loved Indian culture and was very supportive. RAIN is fortunate to have Dannette as our Education Coordinator in Creek County.

OKC Metro-Men's Chorus Slates Holiday Concert

Portion of Proceeds to Benefit RAIN

The OKC Metro-Men's Chorus will present "A South-western Christmas" Thursday, December 19 at OCU's Petree Theater. The concert is scheduled to begin at 8:07 pm.

The chorus is donating 20% of the proceeds to RAIN Oklahoma. Tickets are \$10.00 in advance, \$15.00 at the door. Tickets may be obtained through a chorus member or by contacting the OKC RAIN office at 405-232-4372 (or 1-800-324-7246 outside the metro area).

The Petree Theatre is located on Blackwelder just north of NW 23rd



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IN HONOR OF:

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IN-KIND DONATIONS

SWB Prepaid Calling Cards - Tomme Fent; John & Nancy Bird; Ann Jackman; Carolyn Taylor; Rev. Karrie Oertli; Nancy Truelove; Judy Bland; Dr Bonnie Ritter; JB Schuelein.

FUNDRAISERS

Enid Follies Revue • Sapulpa Picnic • Tulsa Boo Bash.



A warm Thank You goes to Richard Clifton for offering for sale his lovely handmade holiday cards. The sale of the cards benefits RAIN and ASP. These unique cards are available at New Leaf Floral, 9309 N. Penn Place, CasadySquare, OKC, 842-2444.



News from Around the State News from the West

Fifteen people attended RAIN Training in Norman in September and several RAIN Teams gathered new members from this training. Thank you to the staff and members of the Norman Unitarian Universalist Fellowship for their hospitality and hosting the training. RAIN Volunteer Coordinators, Rev. Kathy McCallie & Jeni Markham-Clewell were two of the presenters. Kathy gave the "Spiritual Concerns" presentation and Jeni presented the "AIDS 101" session. Thank you Kathy and Jeni!

Two attendees, Cristie Walker and Corrine Smith, are members of Junior League who have chosen AIDS as their area of focus for their volunteer work for the coming year. Cristie will be doing HIV/AIDS Education/Prevention presentations for PTA groups and Corrine will be developing a video about RAIN that can be used when making community presentations.

Joan and her daughters traveled to Washington, DC, on the Epworth United Methodist bus to see the Names Project Display of the National AIDS Quilt. They participated in the Candlelight March from the Capitol to the Lincoln Memorial.

Plans are being made for the World AIDS Day Candlelight Memorial Service to be held Sunday, December 1, at Epworth United Methodist Church in Oklahoma City.

RAIN intern, Travis Brewer, Community Health student from the University of Central Oklahoma, is helping us organize a RAIN Client Memorial Book.

The next Western Oklahoma RAIN Training will be December 7 & 14 at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church in Oklahoma City.

The first two AIDS Care Giver Workshops in September and October were attended by small, but enthusiastic, numbers of RAIN Team members. Presenters Gail Addis and Beverly Rapp gave excellent presentations on "Setting Healthy

Boundaries" and "Creative Visualization". November's workshop will feature Art Therapist, Pat Lynn Moses, and December's workshop will be on Grief and Bereavement.



News from the East

Temporarily displaced due to the office flooding, Eastern Oklahoma Coordinator Kathy Bird appreciates every-one's patience due to this inconvenience.

Jeffrey Knox, Eastern OK Volunteer Coordinator, has scheduled an HIV/AIDS panel of PLWAs on November 13th. A Caregivers and Boundaries workshop will be held on February 5th, featuring Dr. Roy Steinhoff-Smith from Phillips Seminary.

A continuing education workshop in Muskogee, January 11th from 10:30 am to 4:30 pm, will benefit the Southeast OK RAIN Teams.

Eastern OK RAIN Training is scheduled for January 13, 14, & 15, from 5:30 pm - 9:00 each night. Call the Tulsa office for details or registration.



News From the Northwest

Alisa Hankins, our Northwest-ern Associate Coordinator, is taking a leave of absence from her duties in Enid. When she returns to work on November 18, she will be working half-time. She wants to thank all of the RAIN Board members, staff, clients and RAIN Team members who have telephoned, sent cards and offered their support during her time off.

Alisa worked very hard with others in Enid to put on two fund raisers to benefit RAIN, OGRA's "Tumbleweed Ball" on September 14, and a performance of the "Follies

Revue" on September 28 at the Gaslight Theater in Enid. Both were wonderful events. Thanks go to the Oklahoma Gay Rodeo Association, the Enid HIV/AIDS Coalition, Enid RAIN Team members, the cast of the Follies Revue and others who made these two events possible.

During intermission at the Follies Revue, Alisa made a touching presentation to Michael Pontious, M.D., a physician in Enid to whom the performance was dedicated.

The November Training has been rescheduled for January. Alisa hopes to have the first RAIN Team in Woodward in place by Spring.



News from the Southwest

In August, Sandra spoke at the Baptist Comanche-Cotton Association quarterly meeting and bragged on the new Friendship Baptist RAIN Team, currently the only black Southern Baptist team in the state of Oklahoma. This team is supported totally by their pastor, Leroy Adams, and the entire membership of their church. The October RAIN Training in Lawton resulted in additional members for teams in Duncan, Ardmore, and Lawton. Sandra is a valuable resource for pastors needing help for persons just dropping into their church office and saying I have HIV/AIDS and I need help and can I come to your church....

Two SW Oklahoma RAIN clients have been on protease inhibitors for several months now and their teams are not getting to do much for them, just staying in touch. It is really nice and we celebrate these days of freedom for our clients.



(News From Around the State
is continued on page 7)

HIV Positive?

New state-of-the-art investigational drug therapies are now available in the Southwest for HIV/AIDS and opportunistic infections.

If you are interested in participating in one of the promising new investigational therapies, call us at 918-743-1000

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Calendar

November

18 - SW Region Team meetings, Lawton
25 - Eastern & Western OK Regions
Team Rep Meetings

December

1 - World AIDS Day Community
Memorial Service, Epworth UMC,
OKC, 7 pm; Trinity Episcopal
Church, Tulsa 6:00 pm
7 & 14 - Western OK RAIN Training,
Mt Carmel Baptist Church, OKC
8 - Care Givers' Workshop - "Grief &
Bereavement", 2-5 pm,
RAIN conference room, 924 N.
Robinson, OKC
19 - OKC Metro-Men's Chorus, 8:07
pm, Petree Center, OCU

January

13, 14, & 15 - Eastern OK RAIN Team
Training, Tulsa
20 - Stillwater Regional RAIN Team
meeting; SW Region RAIN Team
meeting, Duncan
24 & 25 - RAIN Team Training, Warner,
OK
27 - Eastern & Western OK Regions
Team Rep Meetings

February

9 - Have a Heart Auction, Tramps, OKC

Reader Contribution

Bits and Pieces, Bits and Pieces

People. People important to you, people un-important to you cross your life, touch it with love and carelessness and move on. There are people who leave you and you breathe a sigh of remorse and wonder why they had to go away and leave such a gaping hole. Children leave parents; friends leave friends. Acquaintances move on. People change homes. People grow apart. Enemies hate and move on. Friends love and move on. You think on the many who have moved into your hazy memory. Your look on those present and wonder.

I believe in God's master plan in lives. He moves people in and out of each other's lives, and each leaves his mark on the other. You find you are made up of bits and pieces of all who ever touched your life, and you are more because of it and you would be less if they had not touched you...

Pray God that you accept the bits and pieces in humility and wonder, and never question, and never regret.

Bits and pieces, Bits and pieces
-Author unknown

Shared by Betty Smith,
McFarlin United Methodist RAIN
Team, Norman, OK

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In Memoriam

Tulsa All Souls Unitarian Team B
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OKC Epworth United Methodist
Team E (Indigo)
Damon

OKC United Methodist
Church of the Servant Team B
Mike

OKC Southern Hills Baptist
Pat

Tulsa Community of Hope
Scott

Lawton Barnett Chapel AME
Michelle

OKC Epworth United Methodist
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Chris

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Holiday Ornaments Still Available

Ornament Sale Benefits RAIN

RAIN's 1996 First Edition Holiday Ornaments are still available at all RAIN offices and several retail stores across the state.

The gold, red, and green collector's edition ornament features a lighted candle within a holiday wreath intertwined with a red ribbon, the symbol of AIDS awareness. Hand-crafted in the USA, measuring 2½" by 3½", it is engraved with "RAIN 1996" on the back.

While ornaments will be available at the OKC Metro-Men's Chorus concert December 19, you may also call the OKC RAIN office (MasterCard and VISA accepted) or visit the following merchants:

Tulsa: Charles Faudree Interiors, 1345 E 15th, ph: 918-747-9706;
Mary Murray's Flowers, 5800 S Lewis, ph: 918-743-6145
OKC: Geoffrey's Cards & Gifts, 7650 N Western, ph: 405-843-0833
Enid: Garbo's, 4125 W Garriott, (in the mall) ph: 405-242-2240,
Duncan: Antique Mall, 920 W Main, ph: 405-355-7500

The sale of these Holiday Ornaments helps RAIN Oklahoma raise the funds needed to carry out its mission of education and service *without relying on federal or state funding.*

RAIN Update October 1996

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITY:

21 presentations to 792 people.
Total February 1990 to October 1996: 987 programs to 38,835 people. These include faith congregations, community groups, work place settings, and school systems.

RAIN TEAM ACTIVITY:

Seventy-six (46 Western OK, 30 Eastern OK) RAIN Teams consisting of nearly 1,000 people are operating in Oklahoma. Congregations represented include: African Methodist Episcopal, Assembly of God, Baptist, Catholic, Christian (Disciples of Christ), Congregational, Episcopal, Jewish, Metropolitan Community Church, Nazarene, Presbyterian, Quaker (Society of Friends), Religious Science, Unitarian, and United Methodist.

These teams have served 375 HIV-infected individuals, their families and care givers. Sixty-five clients are being served currently. A team serves a client for the duration of the illness and is not assigned again until the team has gone through a RAINbow Retreat followed by a period of time to process and deal with what it has experienced.

RAIN Team training sessions are being attended by members of the medical and mental health community, volunteers for community-based organizations, family members living with HIV, and church members who want the education but are not serving on a RAIN Team. RAIN Volunteers logged 1,485 hours in October 1996.

----- Clip and Mail -----



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----- Clip and Mail -----



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The RAIN Staff
 and Board of Directors
 hopes everyone has a
 Happy Hanukkah,
 Merry Christmas,
 and Enjoys and Celebrates
 Kwanzaa!
 May Your Holidays be Filled
 with Joy and Love!



GIVING A GIFT THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Regional AIDS Interfaith Network (RAIN) offers a solution for those who struggle each year to think of appropriate and meaningful gifts for friends, colleagues, and loved ones at this time of year. If you would like to save time and energy, provide much-needed support for RAIN's mission of education and service, and let those on your gift list know how much they mean to you, just make a contribution to RAIN in their names. They will receive a card recognizing your gift to RAIN in their honor.

You won't have to worry about the size, the color, the style; you can even take a tax deduction! Each contribution is acknowledged by a letter from RAIN, with an update about those who are being served. Each contribution, regardless of amount, is needed and appreciated. Thank you.

Costs of recruiting, training, and supervising a RAIN Team are estimated at \$2,500 per year, according to Triangle AIDS Interfaith Network (TRAIN) in North Carolina. With 76 teams currently, that would make our cost \$190,000 for maintaining healthy RAIN Teams by providing adequate staff support, continuing education for staff and volunteers, and training for potential new volunteers.

A gift of \$25.00 provides a scholarship to a RAIN Training for someone who needs it.

A gift of \$70.00 provides for RAIN's 800 number for one month, allowing anyone needing information about RAIN to call at no cost.

A gift of \$500.00 provides for the mailing of the quarterly RAIN newsletter, helping RAIN stay in touch with the 4,600 individuals and organizations on our mailing list.

RAIN is proud to be able to say that we are supported entirely by private dollars. We realize that the service RAIN provides is for improved "quality of life" support for people living with HIV/AIDS and we try not to compete for funds that really need to go for essentials - such as medications, health care, housing. With your help, RAIN can continue to educate about HIV/AIDS and serve those living with HIV/AIDS until there is no need.

University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy Drug Trials Recruiting Participants

- #1 • Individuals who are HIV infected and who have had no previous treatment or have taken AZT for less than 6 months, have a CD4 cell count of 200-500
- #2 • Individuals who are HIV infected, past therapy not relevant, CD4 cell count of 300-549

Both studies seek male and female participants, all races and sexual orientations. Please contact Dr. Chris Rathbun at 405-271-6878 or Dr. Len Slater at 405-271-0501 ext 3284. Additional studies are planned and interested individuals are encouraged to call.

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Empowering African Americans Through Education and Prevention

Food for Thought

Love dissolves inequities the way the sun melts icebergs in the sea. Love reaches to help without thought of how much or why. It catches hands with the weak and comforts in total giving.

Love is not a one-way street, no different from standing in the sunlight or catching the garden's fragrance - if you are there, you get it. You see it in compassionate expressions, you sense it in the gentle touch.

In agony it seems not enough was given, things were left undone. But in absolute truth, if you loved, you gave it all. Not of necessity, not because it was expected, but because it flooded out - warm and alive. And it heals.

*Joyce Sequichie Heffler
Bartlesville, OK*

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News from Creek County

RAIN Education Coordinator, Dannette Russell Geren, didn't allow herself to linger in the spotlight after receiving the American Red Cross top honor for volunteers; she can't be complacent when it comes to educating youth about HIV/AIDS. A recent wellness assessment at a Creek County Middle School showed that 16% of students already felt pressured to be sexually active and 28% felt that they don't know how to protect themselves from HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases. Realizing that the health of today's young people is indeed at risk, Dannette continues to work with youth in schools, shelters and churches.

Five youth from Sapulpa

and Bristow became HIV/AIDS Peer Educators by devoting their fall break to completing the American Red Cross training. The teens all believe that they will know someone in their lifetimes who is HIV positive and they hope to make a difference in someone's life.

A Teen Who Cares

Becoming a teenager is a big deal - ask any twelve year old. As Emily Fleischaker anticipated becoming a teen, she also prepared for her Bas Mitzvah, the initiatory ceremony for girls in the Jewish faith. Emily's parents, David and Pam Fleischaker, believe strongly in promoting human welfare through philanthropy and hoped that along with assuming religious responsibilities, Emily would share a portion of what she received in gifts honoring her.

Emily made a very significant contribution to RAIN this past year. "I wanted to help a small organization where my gift would really help. AIDS is a bad disease and I'm worried about its spread. I'd like to find a cure for AIDS or cancer when I'm older," Emily told Pam Cross in a recent phone conversation. RAIN thanks Emily and her parents for their generosity.



Christopher Radko Ornaments Benefit AIDS

"A Winter Bear's Heart" is this year's name for the unique hand blown glass holiday ornament designed by Christopher Radko.

The collectible ornament is in the likeness of a black and white panda with a gold heart emblazoned with a red AIDS awareness ribbon.

The designer stopped in Tulsa October 14 during his tour of ten US cities for a signing hosted by Margo's Gift Shop of Utica Square. Radko signed ornaments for a \$25.00 donation to either RAIN or Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Our appreciation goes to Christopher Radko and also to Margo's for hosting this event.

Ornaments are available at Margo's Gift Shop, 2058 Yorktown Alley, Utica Square, Tulsa OK 74114, ph 918-747-8780.

World AIDS Day

Events

Oklahoma City:
Community Memorial Service
Sunday December 1, 1996
7:00 pm
Epworth United Methodist
1901 N Douglas, OKC

Tulsa:
World AIDS Day March
5:00 pm Bartlett Square
5:30 pm March begins
Memorial Service
6:00 pm
Trinity Episcopal Church
501 S Cincinnati

Have a Heart Auction Slated

Larry Crosby, owner of Tramps in OKC, will once again host the Have a Heart Auction to benefit RAIN and Loaves and Fishes.

The fun & high-spirited event is scheduled for Sunday, February 9, 1997.

Those unusual holiday gifts that just don't fit your style can be donated to this great cause - just call Larry at (405) 843-0554. Pickup is available in the OKC area.



OKC RAIN Office to Relocate



The RAIN Oklahoma City Executive Office/Western Region office is moving to 1200 North Walker, 5th floor. The Osler Building has a lovely elegance and has witnessed a lot of OKC history. Our phone numbers will remain (405) 232-4372, (800) 324-7246 and our new fax # will be (405) 232-RAIN (7246).

We appreciate the generosity of David Porté and Thom Collins, who are making this attractive suite of offices available to RAIN at no cost. Working near other AIDS service organizations and health organizations will be beneficial to RAIN clients, volunteers and staff. We are excited about the future.

Excitement about moving into our own offices is mixed with sadness about leaving the Episcopal Church Center, RAIN's first home. RAIN has grown in so many ways since Mary Catherine Smothermon first undertook beginning a program of education and service through communities of faith. We appreciate the support of Bishop Robert M. Moody, his Administrative Assistant Emily Alexander Shurley, and all of the Diocesan staff who have been so helpful. We hope to maintain a close relationship since the new RAIN office is just six blocks away.

Please watch for notice of a RAIN OKC Open House early next year but stop by and visit whenever you are in the neighborhood!

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