



FROM THE CEO

In 1985, the AIDS epidemic had firmly taken hold. Rock Hudson became the first American celebrity to announce an AIDS diagnosis and died of the disease in October of that year. Activist and author Larry Kramer's play "The Normal Heart" premiered in New York City. The first commercially available test for HIV was licensed by the FDA.



Mary Bockovich

CEO, Allies for
Health + Wellbeing

And in Pittsburgh, a group of volunteers who met through the Pitt Men's Study formed an organization to address the needs of local people with AIDS. The Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force connected people with AIDS to legal services and information and resources about the disease. Through the Buddy Program, offered companionship to those who may not have had support otherwise.

Today, forty years later, the HIV/AIDS landscape has changed dramatically. Medications have made HIV a manageable, chronic disease instead of a death sentence. Pre-exposure prophylaxis or PrEP is highly effective at preventing HIV, through a once-daily pill, an injection every two months, or – in one of the newest developments in HIV/AIDS research – through injections every six months.

Through it all, the Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force, now Allies for Health + Wellbeing, has continually evolved to meet the changing needs of its patients and clients. Today, our medical clinic offers primary care, HIV specialty care, PrEP, STI testing and treatment, gynecological services and gender-affirming care. Nearly 1,500 patients received services in our clinic in fiscal year 2024-25. Allies Pharmacy filled 5,568 prescriptions for 1,420 patients. More than 1,400 people saw our outreach staff for STI testing, with 1,053 HIV tests performed. Support for people living with HIV remains the core of what we do, and 598 people came to Allies for case management. In our food pantry, 284 clients made 1,115 visits, and a total of 397 clients accessed any kind of food assistance from Allies 3,231 times.

The AIDS epidemic is not over, and we know there are challenges ahead, but we look forward to continuing to serve those living with - or at risk of - HIV, hepatitis C and sexually transmitted infections. It is thanks to the support of our community that we have been able to do this work for the past 40 years, and your ongoing support will help us to continue this work for the next 40 years and beyond.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mary Bockovich". The signature is fluid and cursive, matching the color of the text above it.



CONNECTING TO HIV CARE

The Minority AIDS Initiative is part of the greater Ryan White CARE Act, which is the largest source of federal funding for people living with HIV/AIDS. While anyone with HIV is eligible for care and services under the Ryan White CARE Act, the Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) offers extra support for those who are at greater risk of contracting the disease.



Michael Latady,
MSW, MPH

**Client Services Manager
Retention in Care Specialist**

While many communities have Ryan White programs – and the city of Pittsburgh and southwest Pennsylvania have many organizations that fall under the Ryan White umbrella – the MAI program at Allies and a smaller program at Community Care Management in Johnstown are the only ones of their kind in our area.

Michael Latady, Client Services Manager - Retention in Care Specialist at Allies for Health + Wellbeing, ran the MAI program at Allies. The program is now housed in the Outreach and Education department.

"People of color have a disproportionate HIV burden – access to care, lack of access to sex education, homophobia, racism, medical mistrust," he said.

HIV SUPPORT SERVICES



121

**CLIENTS LINKED
TO HIV
TREATMENT AND
SERVICES**



44

**FAMILIES
HOUSED**



244 clients

**RECEIVED
TRANSPORTATION
ASSISTANCE**

454

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH VISITS

CONNECTING TO HIV CARE

"That is why it exists, because that was identified as a big concern, and they wanted to provide separate funding just to get those individuals into care."

Though Allies is the hub for MAI in Pittsburgh, those eligible for the program do not need to receive care or services at Allies.

"It's very much a community collaborative, and the idea is to get people connected to care no matter where they receive case management, where they receive medical care," Latady said.

What the Allies MAI team does is to remove barriers that may prevent someone from accessing or keeping up with care – including driving people to their medical appointments, if needed.

"We're trying to focus on people who are really isolated and who really have issues in engaging in care by themselves and need that support," he said. "It's making sure people get medications, get engaged and stay engaged."

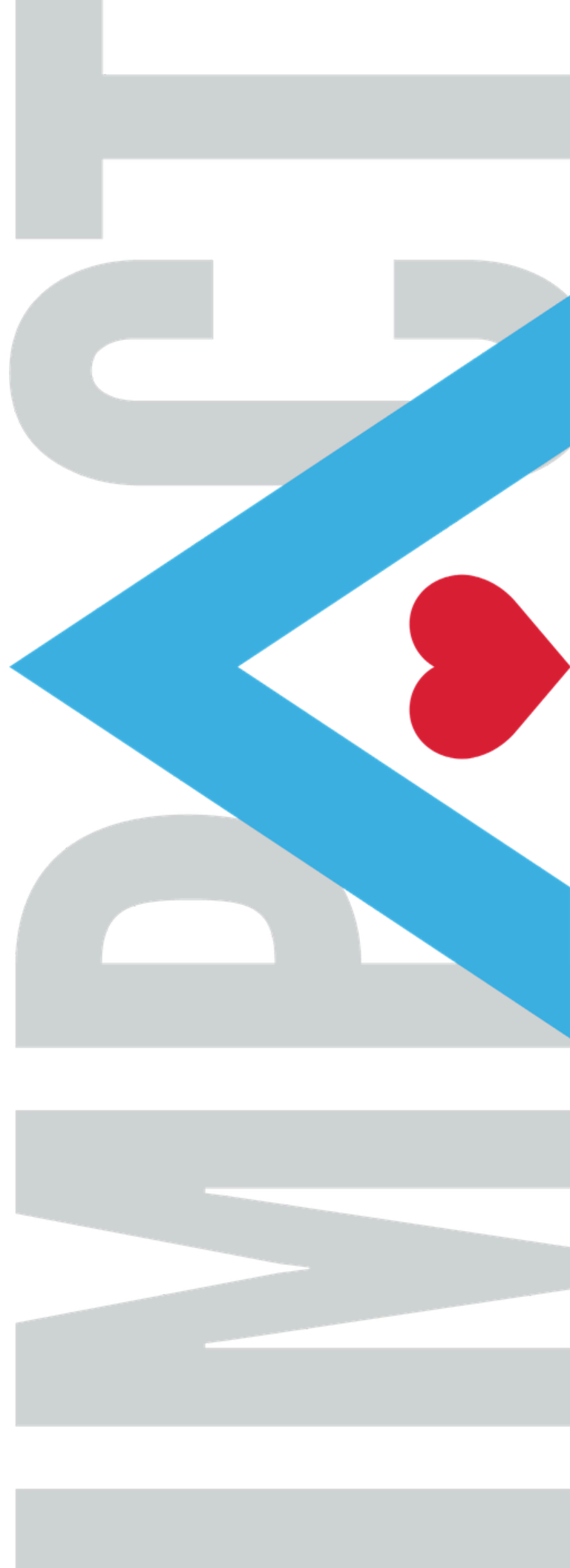
Typically, this includes getting connected with case management services and a healthcare provider that they are comfortable with in order to work toward viral suppression. Viral suppression means that HIV is undetectable by standard lab testing, and a person who is virally suppressed cannot transmit HIV to another person through sexual activity.

People usually enter the MAI program at Allies through community referrals. These referrals come from other HIV service organizations, medical clinics, the Allegheny County Health Department, jails and prisons, among other sources.

Latady said his goal is to get more organizations familiar with the MAI program and how it works.

"That's been our focus - making sure other agencies are aware that we exist, and they're like, 'Oh, I know who to call,'" he said. "It's supplemental, and it's not a substitute for anything else. It's an extra layer, and we work with anyone regardless of insurance, demographics, even income."

"People need to know how easy it is. Just call. We'll figure it out."





FROM LEFT: Guests at Allies' 40th Birthday Party in April 2025 participate in cake-themed performance at Laurie Trok. The 2025 constellation of Bright Young People pose for a photo at the Bright Young People party. Guynj Cready, Allies board secretary, and Alan Jones, former Allies community health advocate, take part in a conversation at Allies' Legends and Legacies event.

In 1985, a group of volunteers led by Kerry Stoner formed the Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force, an organization dedicated to meeting the needs of people with AIDS in Pittsburgh. In 2025, the organization, now Allies for Health + Wellbeing, marked 40 years of service to people living with, or at risk of, HIV.

"We were founded by volunteers, and we have always been grateful for the support we receive from our community," said Mary Bockovich, CEO of Allies for Health + Wellbeing. "That support has allowed us to grow into the organization we are today and has given us the opportunity to serve those living with, or at risk of, HIV. The continued support of our sponsors and friends will allow us to continue our work for another 40 years or more."

Allies marked its anniversary with a series of events throughout the year. To kick things off, Allies honored longtime volunteer Michael Hellman with the Kerry Stoner Award at a luncheon in March. The Kerry Stoner Award is presented annually by Allies for Health + Wellbeing to someone who has shown commitment to Stoner's legacy and vision.

Hellman met Stoner in the early 1990s after moving to Pittsburgh and said he was honored to be recognized for carrying on Stoner's work.

"I tend to look back at all the other recipients and say, 'Wow. I'm a part of that group?'" he said. "I still can't believe I'm a part of that group, because they have been exceptional people through the years who have been honored through his legacy."

Later in March, Allies recognized its fourth

constellation of Bright Young People, people who are making a real and tangible difference in our community and working toward a bright future, particularly in the realm of diversity, equity and inclusion. The Bright Young People are making their mark through their art, their careers and their activism.

"Our 40th anniversary is an opportunity to reflect on the work we've done over the past 40 years and those that we've served," Bockovich said. "As we look forward to many more years of service, the Bright Young People are examples of what the future can be."

In April, Allies threw an '80s-themed birthday party at the Roxian Theatre, complete with music, dancing, and of course, birthday cake. Event architect Thommy Conroy turned the Roxian into Danceteria, a nightclub that operated in New York City from 1980 until 1986 and in the Hamptons until 1995.

Allies wrapped up its anniversary year with "Legends and Legacies: Celebrating the stories of PATF and Allies," a storytelling event held in conjunction with World AIDS Day in December. The event featured video and live conversations with people who shaped and were shaped by the Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force and Allies.

"The Legends and Legacies event honored

those who helped create PATF 40 years ago by sharing their experiences with others, some of whom weren't even born when the AIDS pandemic began," Bockovich said. "The event offered a snapshot of what it was like to be in the middle of the AIDS crisis in our community. It was also a way to thank those who were brave enough to help when most turned their backs on people with HIV/AIDS."

At the end of the anniversary year, Allies for Health + Wellbeing closed the door on another chapter of its history by relocating from its Penn Avenue location to newly designed offices just a few blocks away at 211 Tower, 211 N. Whitfield St., in East Liberty. The move offers more room for Allies' clinic and pharmacy services as well as space to grow.

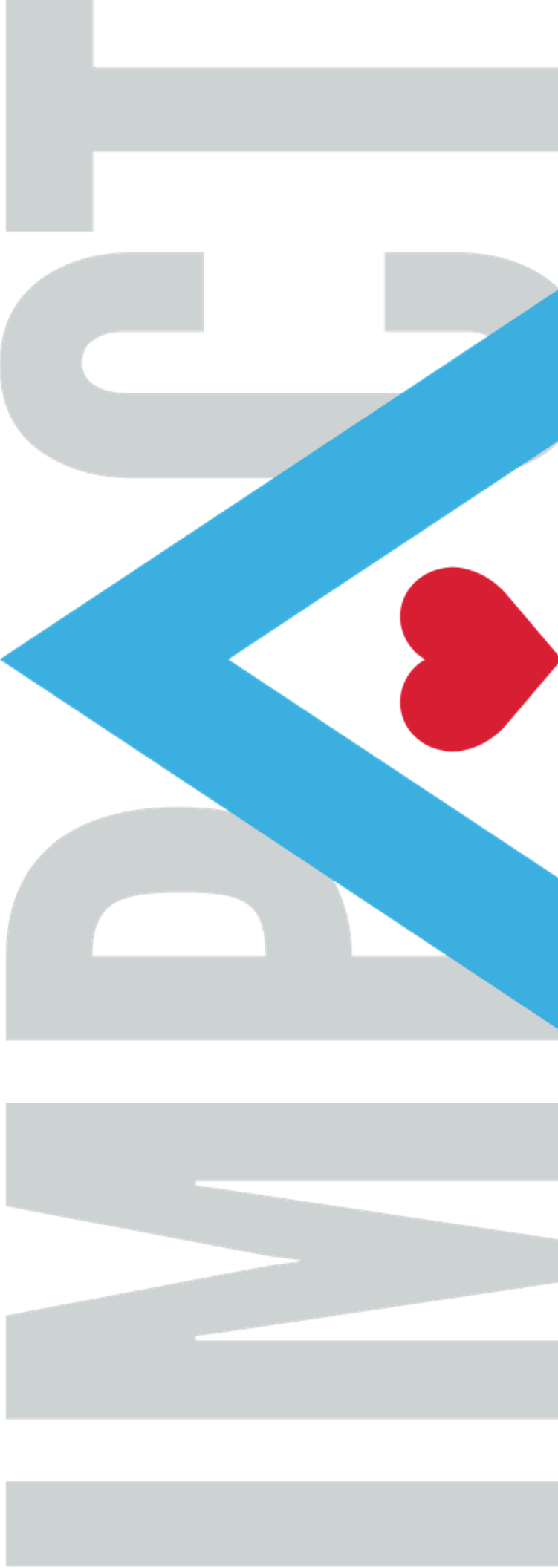
"The landscape of HIV and AIDS has changed many times over the past 40 years," Bockovich said. "Each time, PATF and Allies has adapted to the breakthroughs in medical treatment and the changing needs of our patients and clients. HIV has not gone away, though it is now a manageable chronic illness, and we will continue to meet the challenges ahead and to provide the best possible care and support to those we serve."



Kerry Stoner
Founder and first executive director, Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force



Michael Hellman
2025 Kerry Stoner Award recipient



CLIENT COMFORTED BY ALLIES' LONGTIME SUPPORT

On July 4, 1993, Cory S. learned that he had AIDS.

"I was given three to six months to live," he said. "Thirty-one years later, I'm still trying to figure it out."

Shortly after his diagnosis, Cory was connected to the Pitt Men's Study and the Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force.

"It's always been a part of my journey," Cory said of PATF and now Allies. "You guys assisted me many times, actually. I've been very fortunate in my life to have the doctors, the support system, Allies, the old AIDS Task Force. I find comfort in knowing there's an organization I can rely on when I need some help, whether it's legal problems or utility problems that I've experienced in the past."

In addition to the staff of PATF, Cory gathered a "circle of support" around himself, which included his large, close-knit family.

"I come from a real big family, and they're very loving and supportive," he said. "My mother helped me immensely during my journey. Me and my mom and my circle of support kind of just took the bull by the horns and approached it in that way. I kind of just took it as, 'OK, what do I need to do?'"

Nevertheless, there were times when Cory's confidence was shaken. Several years into his journey, he had lost about 90 pounds and was very ill. "That was a very scary point," he said. "I was so scary looking, and I was like, 'Am I going to make it?' There was a point where I couldn't go out of my house for two years, I was just in so much pain."

But he pulled through. "I found the resources in my life to do whatever I need to get well, and here I am," he said. "I'm 68 years old right now. I'm planning on being around for a long time."

Reflecting on his experiences, Cory said, "The journey has been really something."

"I'm always a glass half-full kind of guy. That's the way I approach my AIDS thing, too. It was the worst thing that happened in my life, no doubt. It ripped the carpet out from under me. It really set me back. But it was a blessing in my eyes, too."

CLIENT COMFORTED BY ALLIES' LONGTIME SUPPORT

"It opened up so many things that maybe I had not seen," he continued. "This isn't rocket science to me. When you get this type of diagnosis, it really puts into perspective what's important, and for me, it was my family, my foundation." More than 30 years later, Cory is grateful for that perspective and for those who have supported him along the way.

"Every chance I get, I thank the people that have helped me," he said. "What you do is important, and it's needed. The work you do is so important."

A CLOSER LOOK: ALLIES FOOD PANTRY



FOOD INSECURITY ON THE RISE

Allies clients' need for food assistance increased by

47%

since the 2022-23 fiscal year

2022-23



2023-24



2024-25



FOOD PANTRY VISITS ALONE HAVE INCREASED BY 32% SINCE FY2022-23

FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS

	2025	2024
Cash and cash equivalents	\$3,480,991	\$1,991,606
Accounts receivable	\$1,846,331	\$1,685,196
Grants and pledges receivable	\$399,019	\$498,686
Investments	\$1,897,656	\$1,693,798
Prepaid expenses	\$58,666	\$57,606
Other assets	\$384,431	\$231,938
Property and equipment, net	\$579,939	\$587,412
Operating lease right-of-use-asset	\$205,745	\$376,653
TOTAL ASSETS	\$8,852,778	\$7,122,895

LIABILITIES

	2025	2024
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$2,018,226	\$2,050,759
Operating lease liability	\$207,993	\$380,828
Loan payable	\$375,005	\$475,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$2,601,224	\$2,906,587

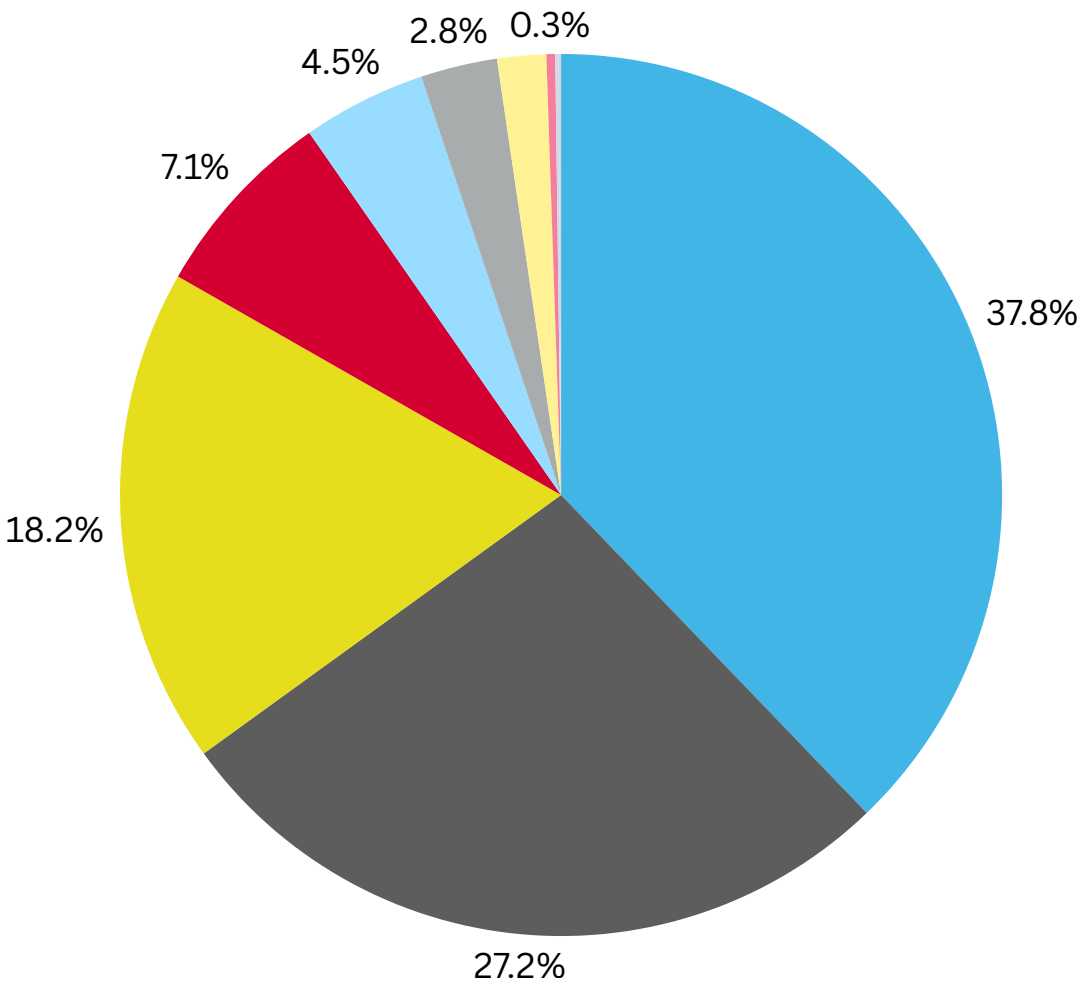
NET ASSETS

	2025	2024
Total net assets	\$6,251,554	\$4,216,308
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$8,852,778	\$7,122,895

Statement of financial position June 30, 2025, and 2024

ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

SUPPORT AND REVENUE



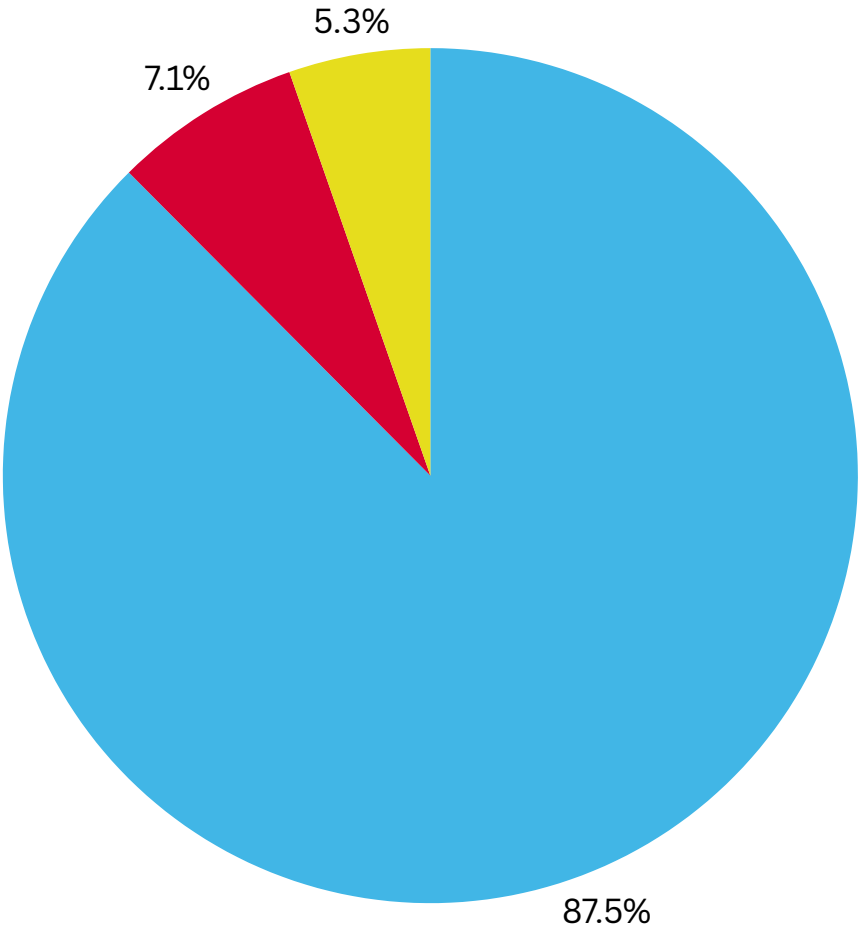
\$10,319,963

- Governmental grants and contracts, \$3,902,230
- CCN Pharmacy revenue, \$2,808,982
- Allies Pharmacy revenue, \$1,880,125
- Contributions, \$730,676
- Patient service revenue, net, \$468,239
- Investment gain, net, \$289,673
- Special events, \$185,218
- In-kind donations, \$32,959
- Other income, \$12,861
- Fee for service, \$9,000

STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

EXPENSES



\$8,284,717

- Program services, \$7,252,758
- Development and marketing, \$588,823
- Administration, \$443,136

BREAKDOWN OF PROGRAM SERVICES

 **\$3,654,612**
for
**HIV SUPPORT
SERVICES**

 **\$801,006**
for
**OUTREACH +
EDUCATION**

 **\$2,797,140**
for
**PHARMACY
+ CLINIC**

MISSION

To improve health and wellbeing, we provide integrated medical care, supportive human services, and community-based education for individuals living with, or at risk of, HIV, viral hepatitis, and sexually transmitted infections.

VISION

We envision a healthier community whereby people access integrated medical care and supportive human services in a respectful setting, free of stigma and discrimination.

VALUES

Quality, community, accountability,
respect, engagement

Our work is made possible by
support from people like you!
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