

AIDS Community Watch

Project DownCity Inspires Giving

*Local Eatery dedicates Month of April to
Charity*

Dave Martins, an employee of DownCity @ 50 Weybosset, was the spark plug at the eatery that ignited a month long charity event dedicated to raising funds for AIDS Care Ocean State (ACOS). More than \$300 was donated to ACOS as a result of the fundraiser.

Martins placed donation canisters around the bar of DownCity @ 50 Weybosset with a sign that read "In keeping with the spirit of sacrifice, the DownCity family will donate all monies accumulated to AIDS Care Ocean State at the April Hi-Tini."

Indeed, a check was presented at the April 7th Hi-Tini to ACOS's Director of Development Stephen Hartley. Mr. Hartley said the fundraiser was well received. "It's always great when someone recognizes a need in their community and steps up to the plate to help out. We are forever grateful to people like Dave" Mr. Hartley said.

To learn more about giving to ACOS, please visit www.aidscares.org.

Believe it or not, here comes PRIDE!

ACOS plans festivities for PRIDE 2008

Believe it or not, PRIDE is just around the corner! And ACOS is already gearing up for this year's activities. Come and see ACOS, along with Miss Kitty Litter, at all the 'Countdown to PRIDE' events.

In addition, make sure to visit our booth at PrideFest in Providence on Saturday June, 21st in Burnside Park. ACOS, Rhode Island's largest AIDS Care Agency, will be offering free, anonymous HIV and Hep-C testing.

Also, don't miss the PRIDE Block Party at the Dark Lady that night. Proceeds from the door will directly benefit ACOS client services. The night kicks off at 8:00 p.m. and doesn't stop till 3:00 a.m. There will be performances by Sabrina Blaze, Miss Kitty Litter, BB Hayes, Empress Diana Prince, Vi'let, Miss Gay RI and many, many more local celebrities throughout the night!

To learn more about ACOS's free, anonymous HIV and Hep-C testing, please call Elier Reyes at (401) 781-0665. You can schedule a flexible, friendly appointment, get same-day results and also take advantage of other services offered. Also, visit

www.aidscares.org to learn more about HIV/AIDS services offered in the state.

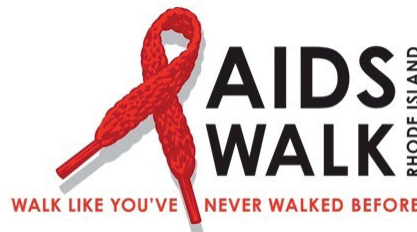
Latino Leadership on HIV/AIDS Agencies

As an initiative of Al Wroblewski, executive director of AIDS Project RI, the Latino employees of APRI have been meeting twice a month with the purpose of putting together a plan that works for its Latino clients and the community in general. El Grupo de las Damas Hispanas (The Hispanic Ladies) includes Judy Paiva, Minerva Quiroz and Viola Uribe, case managers, and Omaira Ochoa, client services. The group is talking to figure out more resources and programs to fulfill the diversity in the Latino communities of the state of RI.



In prevention and education we are committed to go everywhere and to reach people one-on-one or as a group to stop the numbers of infected people from growing. We have gone to Health fairs, adults' education programs, housing complexes and churches, and interact with people of all ages.

Each one of Las Damas Hispanas is excited with the idea of working together for a common cause. We encourage employees and employers to try this initiative of team working for the benefit of our clients. Thanks to APRI for supporting our work.



RI AIDS Walk Scheduled

AIDS Project Rhode Island (APRI) will hold the 21th Annual 5K Walk for Life on Sunday, June 8. Registration opens at 8 at Roger Williams Park Carousel in Providence and the walk begins at 10. The four mile walk winds its way through the historic park and returns to the Carousel. Walkers will receive free refreshments from Dunkin Donuts and Gagas Sherbetter at the conclusion of the event, along with other refreshments and entertainment.

Call Stephen Hogan, Development Director and Walk Coordinator at AIDS Project Rhode Island, 831-5522 x110 for information on

becoming a team captain, or have your team members register as part of your team online at www.aidsprojectri.org.

Honorary Chairman for this year's event will be Providence Mayor David N Cicilline. Hosts will be Eyewitness News Anchor Karen Adams and Coast 93.3 Morning Show hosts Tad Lemire and Brian Mulhern. Cardi's Furniture will be presenting sponsors, and contributing sponsors are Coast 93.3, WPRI Channel 12, FOX Providence, "Lose Yourself with the Derek Shapiro Show" and singer/songwriter Rolla from "The ROLLA Zone."

Remember, if you raise \$150 or more you will receive an AIDS Walk Rhode Island t-shirt. For \$250 or more you will receive an AIDS Walk Rhode Island umbrella --- great for rainy and sunny days! And if you raise \$750 or more you will be enrolled in the Extra Mile Club and receive both the t-shirt and umbrella.

The Walk for Life is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy yourself and be part of the circle of support needed to serve those with HIV/AIDS and work to eradicate the disease.

