



# community report 2002-2005





HIV/AIDS is an epidemic that doesn't get the attention it deserves. The incidence is alarming and increasing rapidly each year, disproportionately affecting minority communities, women and young gay men.

In 1990 several local foundations, including Alliance Healthcare Foundation (AHF), and concerned community members joined forces to form the San Diego Grantmakers in AIDS Collaboration. Funds were pooled and re-granted to local organizations serving the HIV/AIDS community. In 1997 grantmakers and community leaders changed the name to the San Diego HIV Funding Collaborative (SDHFC) and moved it to AHF. Housing this collaboration reaffirms AHF's deep and lasting commitment to the issue of HIV/AIDS.

We have a lot to be proud of. Since inception, SDHFC has raised over \$3.7 million for HIV/AIDS services in San Diego and Imperial Counties, and Northern Baja California such as medical and mental health services; prevention and education services for homeless and runaway youth; educational support groups for multi-ethnic English and monolingual Spanish-speaking clients; residential and hospice care; and harm reduction services and materials. The National AIDS Fund and the Elton John AIDS Foundation helped leverage local donations, bringing dollars into the region that would have gone elsewhere.

Data show that our region is still heavily impacted by this epidemic. In San Diego County, there are nearly 8,000 individuals with HIV and over 5,600 people living with AIDS. In Tijuana, approximately 1 in 125 people ages 15 to 49 is infected with HIV or AIDS, and limited HIV prevention services are available. While the per capita numbers are not as high in Imperial County as in San Diego County, few services are available.

Thanks to many generous donors including AIDS Foundation San Diego, AIDS Walk San Diego, and the McCarthy Family Foundation, the San Diego HIV Funding Collaborative has a remarkable history of partnerships to fund essential HIV/AIDS services in our community. We deeply appreciate your commitment and hope you will continue to join us in the fight.

Ruth Lyn Riedel  
CEO, Alliance Healthcare Foundation

For twenty-five years now we have been disheartened, confused, shocked and overwhelmed by the HIV virus and the effect it has had on millions of amazing, productive lives. What started as a disease primarily affecting gay, white men has exploded into a global catastrophe disproportionately affecting the most impoverished nations in the world.

We have had some tremendous medical breakthroughs to respond to the changing needs of the epidemic. Science has come a long way, but there is still a long way to go. We are fortunate in San Diego to have a fabric woven of spectacular non-profit organizations dedicated to serving the needs of this community.

Through our collaboration with other foundations, non-profit organizations and private individuals, our role is to support the wide variety of capable service providers that feed, clothe, provide medical and social support, and house people affected by the AIDS epidemic.

In the last few years we have seen a rise in HIV fueled by the use of crystal methamphetamine, primarily in gay, white men. This easily accessible, inexpensive drug helps users connect socially and sexually, something we all strive for in our own, independent worlds. Somehow this epidemic is coming full circle in



less than a quarter of a century, regardless of all the prevention and education messaging available.

We are very proud of our \$1.3 million contribution to the San Diego region's HIV service providers from 2002-2005. We all need to redouble our financial commitment and our efforts. I want to encourage you to think about how this affects your life, however peripherally, and donate to SDHFC or an organization of your choice. Register for AIDS Walk or volunteer at one of our grantee organizations to help our community overcome this growing epidemic.

It's been twenty-five years and despite the advances in medicine, people are still dying every day. Look within yourself to support our community any way you can. What will your legacy be?

With kindness and compassion,  
A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Contois". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name.

David Contois  
Advisory Committee Chair, 2003-2005  
San Diego HIV Funding Collaborative





## San Diego HIV Funding Collaborative

The San Diego HIV Funding Collaborative (SDHFC) is a group of funders and concerned community members. Our mission is to raise, leverage and collaboratively allocate private funds to reduce the impact of HIV in the San Diego region.



### Our History

By 1990, AIDS had become a major health crisis in the San Diego region. In response, a group of local funders – including Alliance Healthcare Foundation – established the San Diego Grantmakers' AIDS Collaboration (SDGAC), which was housed at The San Diego Foundation. Donations were pooled and re-granted to local service organizations to help people affected by HIV/AIDS.

In 1997, Alliance Healthcare Foundation offered to provide SDGAC with fiscal sponsorship and administrative support. The increasing prevalence of HIV and the lengthening of life expectancy led SDGAC to change its name to the San Diego HIV Funding Collaborative (SDHFC).

### SDHFC Today

On behalf of SDHFC, Alliance Healthcare Foundation raises funds from the local community, makes grants to local organizations and assists grantees with technical assistance. Since 1990, \$3.7 million has been raised and re-granted to programs that fill gaps within the San Diego region's HIV/AIDS service delivery system.

Community partnerships with the National AIDS Fund and the Elton John AIDS Foundation have enabled SDHFC to maintain its fundraising momentum, leveraging local grants to maximize our funding potential.

More than a quarter of a century after the discovery of the disease, the need for grantmaking in the area of HIV/AIDS remains critical. HIV infection continues to affect the lives of thousands of people, disproportionately affecting minority populations, youth and women.

## How We Operate

SDHFC supports HIV/AIDS service providers in the San Diego region that meet our established criteria. For more information, please go to [www.sdhivfunding.org](http://www.sdhivfunding.org).

We offer three kinds of support:

### **AIDS Walk San Diego/San Diego HIV Funding Collaborative Coordinated Allocations Process**

Each August, SDHFC releases a Request for Proposals. An Allocations Committee representing the diverse members of the San Diego HIV Funding Collaborative Advisory Committee, AIDS Walk San Diego (AWS D), and concerned community members is responsible for the review of all proposals. Committee members read the proposals and each organization receives a site visit by a team of two Committee members. The Allocations Committee meets to discuss each proposal and makes grant award recommendations, spending between 20 and 30 volunteer hours on this review and recommendation process.

### **Emergency Funding**

Emergency funding is available for HIV/AIDS service providers that experience emergency situations that threaten the overall health of the organization and/or impact the provision of services.

### **Discretionary Funding**

Discretionary funding is available for opportunities that arise outside of the AIDS Walk San Diego/San Diego HIV Funding Collaborative coordinated grantmaking process. Current AWS D/SDHFC grantees cannot apply for discretionary grant funding unless invited to do so by SDHFC.

Proposals for discretionary and emergency funding are reviewed by the SDHFC Advisory Committee throughout the year.



## Clinica Acosida Tijuana, A.C.

*"Clinica Acosida Tijuana has been very fortunate to receive grant funding from SDHFC since 1990. We continue to provide all of our services at no cost, thanks to SDHFC grant support and the dedication of an all-volunteer staff. In order to maintain our independence and ability to serve a population that might not otherwise qualify for medical assistance, we have avoided soliciting government funding. Therefore, SDHFC grant funding is the mainstay of our clinic program."*

*Dr. Ricardo Dueñez, Medical Psychologist and CEO  
Clinica Acosida Tijuana, A.C.*

## Our Collaborators

Thomas C. Ackerman Foundation

AIDS Foundation San Diego

AIDS Walk San Diego

Alliance Healthcare Foundation

Anonymous

James S. Copley Foundation

Diamond Economic  
Development Corporation

Willis & Jane Fletcher Foundation

Elton John AIDS Foundation

John M. Lloyd Foundation

McCarthy Family Foundation

National AIDS Fund

David E. Rogers Innovation Fund

The Lesbian and Gay Fund of the San  
Diego Human Dignity Foundation and  
The San Diego Foundation at The San  
Diego Foundation

The Parker Foundation

The San Diego Foundation

United Way of San Diego County

Weingart-Price Advised Fund at  
The San Diego Foundation

James Ziegler Advised Fund at  
The San Diego Foundation



### Fundraising

Every year, SDHFC holds a fundraising drive to meet a 1-to-2 challenge grant (\$1 donated for every \$2 raised) from the Elton John AIDS

Foundation. The Elton John AIDS Foundation is one of several philanthropic organizations and corporations that provide financial resources to the National AIDS Fund (NAF). In turn, NAF channels these funds to 29 community-based HIV/AIDS funding partners, including SDHFC.

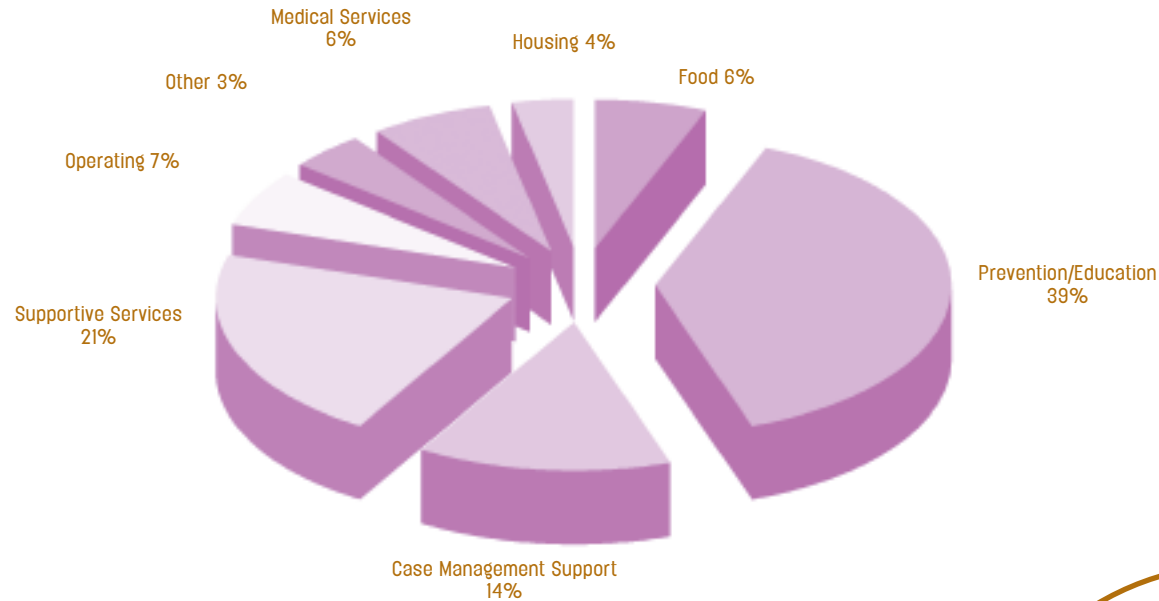
By leveraging funding from outside the San Diego area, NAF enables locally raised dollars to work harder. All decisions about how and where the funds should be spent are made at the community level.

For more information about donating to the San Diego HIV Funding Collaborative and helping us meet our fundraising goals, please contact Katherine Crow at 858-614-4894 or [kcrow@alliancehf.org](mailto:kcrow@alliancehf.org).

*“We are a small family foundation trying to leverage our financial resources to gain maximum benefit. It is extremely gratifying to know that our funding is making a greater impact on the community as a whole, thanks to the challenge grants, such as the Elton John AIDS Foundation, that are available through SDHFC.”*

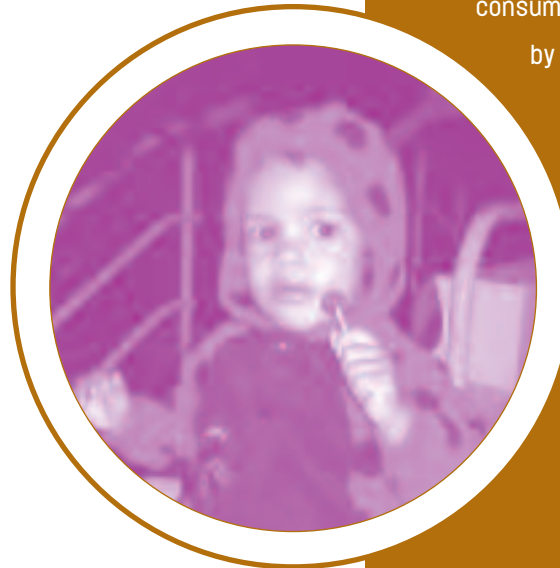
**Rachel McCarthy Bender  
McCarthy Family Foundation**

## Funding by Category, 2002-2005. Total \$1,329,562



### Advocacy

Part of the support SDHFC provides is advocacy for HIV/AIDS funding for San Diego on the national level. Communities Advocating Emergency AIDS Relief (CAEAR) Coalition is a national grassroots organization advocating on behalf of people living with HIV/AIDS who rely on Title I, Title III and the Title II AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) of the Ryan White CARE Act for primary HIV health care and support services.



Reflecting local community needs, our funding priorities are established yearly using data from the California State Office of AIDS and the San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency, HIV, STD and Hepatitis Branch. This also includes the

### Establishing Funding Priorities

consumer needs assessment prepared by the San Diego HIV Health Services Planning Council and the Comprehensive Plan for HIV Prevention Services for San Diego County, prepared by the San Diego County HIV Prevention Community Planning Board.

*"SDHFC is a unique organization that brings multiple funding sources to the needs of various organizations. Funding partners want assurances that resources will be properly spent and that there is proper provision of stewardship. SDHFC does a marvelous job of this with perfect assurance."*

*Benjamin F. Dillingham III  
AIDS Foundation San Diego*

**AIDS Foundation San Diego**



**amounts granted**

**2002** **\$224,916**  
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**\$337,450** **2003**  
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**2004** **\$386,401**  
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**\$380,795** **2005**  
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**TOTAL** **\$1,329,562**

## Grantees 2002-2005

Clinica Acosida Tijuana, A.C.

Alpha Project for the Homeless

Asian Pacific Islander Community  
AIDS Project (APICAP)

Auntie Helen's Fluff 'n Fold

Being Alive San Diego

Bi-National AIDS Advocacy  
Project (BAAP)

Bienestar Human Services

Camp Laurel

Christie's Place

Clinicas de Salud del Pueblo

Community Connection  
Resource Center

Community HousingWorks

Comprehensive Health Center

Council of Community Clinics

Family Health Centers of San Diego

Fraternity House

Horn of Africa

Karibu Center for Social Support  
and Education

Mama's Kitchen

Metropolitan Community Church  
of San Diego

Neighborhood House Association

North County Health Services

Operation Samahan

Pacto Latino AIDS Organization

PAWS San Diego County

Pioneers Memorial Healthcare District

PHFE Management Group  
(Reclaimed Hope)

San Diego American Indian  
Health Center

San Diego Harm Reduction Center

San Diego Hospice and Palliative Care

San Diego KGTV Channel 10

San Diego Urban League

San Diego Volunteer  
Lawyer Program

San Diego Youth &  
Community Services (SDYCS)

San Ysidro Health Center

Serving Youth Through Education  
and Support (SYTES)

Something Special Food Pantry

Southern Indian Health Council

Special Delivery San Diego

Stepping Stone of San Diego

Townspeople

California-Pacific Annual Conference,  
United Methodist Church

University of California, San Diego

Uptown Faith Community  
Service Center

Vista Community Clinic



*“Continued grant support has enabled Christie’s Place to provide a peer-advocacy based support program, which is one of the most effective intervention programs for HIV/AIDS.*”

*In 2005, Christie’s Place served over 1,000 women, children and family members impacted by HIV/AIDS. Our caseload continues to climb each year, and without the financial support of SDHFC, we would have to turn people away from our life-enhancing services.”*

*Elizabeth Brosnan  
Executive Director  
Christie’s Place*



*“We are delighted and proud to be in partnership with SDHFC. Having the capacity to leverage our financial contribution and stretch it to be the most it can be is extraordinarily gratifying.”*

*Dr. Delores Jacobs, CEO  
The San Diego LGBT Community Center/  
AIDS Walk San Diego*



# 2002 to 2005

## San Diego HIV Funding Collaborative Advisory Committee

Jonathan Bailey, AIDS Foundation San Diego (2002)

Rachel McCarthy Bender  
McCarthy Family Foundation

E. Thomas Brewer  
Alliance Healthcare Foundation (2002)

Don Caulfield, Concerned Community Member

David Contois, SDHFC 2003-05 Chair  
San Diego Human Dignity Foundation and  
Concerned Community Member

Katherine Crow  
Alliance Healthcare Foundation, SDHFC Staff

Terry Cunningham, HIV, STD, and  
Hepatitis Branch, HHSA, County of San Diego

Mariano Diaz, The San Diego Foundation  
(2003-05)

Benjamin Dillingham III, AIDS Foundation San  
Diego (2002-05)

Michelle Glenn, Concerned Community Member

Larry Johnson, United Way of San Diego County  
(2002-05) and Concerned Community Member

Linda S. Lloyd, Alliance Healthcare Foundation

Carole Norman, SDHFC 2002-03 Chair  
Concerned Community Member

Ruth Patterson, The San Diego Foundation  
(2004)

Fred Sainz, AIDS Walk San Diego (2003-05)

Walt Sandford, The San Diego Foundation (2002)

Robin Slade, AIDS Foundation San Diego

Scott Suckow, United Way of San Diego County  
(2003-04) and Concerned Community Member

Anthony White, Concerned Community Member

Jim Ziegler, Donor and Concerned  
Community Member

## Vista Community Clinic

*“When Vista Community Clinic identified the need for a comprehensive support group program for its HIV positive clients, it turned to SDHFC for assistance. Two support group programs were established to serve the HIV positive population in North County. Without this key financial support, the group activities would be severely hindered.”*

*Sue Martin, HIV Programs Manager and  
Lisa Nelson, HIV Project Coordinator  
Vista Community Clinic*





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