



2015

"A New Year"



The "Common Thread"

"Presidents Letter"



Chris Banko

Winter is almost over and with that FACT's fundraising efforts are moving into high gear. Who could have imagined that 30 years later we are still fighting the stigma of HIV/AIDS? As most of you are aware FACT has granted over \$3,000,000 in contingency funding for individuals in Northampton, Lehigh, Berks, Monroe, and Carbon Counties. This feat has been accomplished by a very dedicated all volunteer board. Though the faces have changed over the years our Mission has remained the same Fighting Aids Continuously Together.

FACT needs our support first by attending one of our many events, volunteering your time, or joining our hand working Board of Directors, and last but not least any amount of financial assistance you can help, no matter how "large or small", your donations are needed so that FACT can carry on their mission in assisting individuals who have been infected/affected with HIV/AIDS.

As I am writing this our Contingencies have skyrocketed to historic levels in almost 30 years. Though this increase has taken place at the same time corporate, federal, state sponsorship, and grants have dramatically declined due to the weak economy.

Look for upcoming details on our 30th Anniversary fundraising Campaign "Passing the Love" which will be launched in the next few weeks. If anyone has an idea for a fundraiser or would like to host a House Party please contact Chris Banko, Carl Mancino, Chirs Criswell, or any FACT board member and we can make it Happen!!

In closing, I hope you can join us at one of our many events in 2015 or go to our website for several new events planned which we hope will appeal to everyone. Lets not forget to support us at the 30th Annual Summer Games, which will be held at The Woods Campground on Sunday August 30th 2015. We are looking forward to renewing old and making new Friends to our FACT family. Hope to see you all there!!!

Sincerely, Christopher D. Banko
President of FACT of the Lehigh Valley

Welcoming the 2015 Board of F.A.C.T.

Executive Board Members:

[President] - Chris Banko

[Co - Vice President] - Carl Mancino

[Co-Vice President] - Chris Criswell

[Treasurer] - Bryon Reynolds

[Secretary] - Brian Marks

[President Emeritus] - Skip Scheetz

General Board Members:

William Santiago - Daniel Belles - Bill Aull - Allen Smith -

Leroy Cooper - David Moyer - Tom Newhard

Newly Elected: Sue Stosko

Annual Board Meeting UPDATE:

On November 17, 2014 FACT held the Annual Board meeting at the FACT office.

At this meeting we elected new board members, and we also accepted the 2015 Budget

"Become - A - Volunteer"

With this upcoming year, FACT, will be making some changes in venues for our major events. We need your HELP! If you are planning to attend an event please volunteer an hour or two of your time while you are there. What a great way to not only help FACT, but meet new friends and "SHOW YOUR SUPPORT", for people infected/affected by HIV/AIDS. FACT always has the need for volunteers outside of events as well. Right now we need volunteers for the FACT Bingo's, FACT Summer Games 2015, Snowball 2015, Pride in The Park 2015, as well as many other FACT events/fundraisers. If you would like to volunteer, or help with mailings, or staff an information table or any other areas please contact Bryon Reynolds at FACT: (610)-820-5519 or by our web page: www.factlv.org.

F.A.C.T. Mission Statement:

FACT is an organization of concerned people committed to raising money to assist individuals and families infected/affected by HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, and to conquer the HIV/AIDS crisis within the Lehigh Valley and surrounding communities. FACT identifies, supports, and monitors programs that provide direct and educational services within the communities. FACT's mission is to alleviate suffering and reduce the spread of HIV/AIDS and to provide an improved quality of life to those affected by HIV/AIDS.

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“A Look Into Past FACT Events”

Snow Ball 2014

The 28th Annual Snowball was held this year on Sunday December 7, 2014 at The Palace Center in Allentown, PA.

This years theme was “A Night of Studio 54” This years Rainbow Award recipient was “Drop Me A Line” in Allentown, Pa for their ongoing involvement in helping to raise funds for FACT, and The Presidents Award recipient was Philly Aids Fund for their continuous support and education in the AIDS affected community.

This years event exceeded our goal!! Way to GO!!

FACT's 3rd Annual NYC Christmas Shopping Excursion

On December 21, 2014 FACT invaded NYC for the day. It was a day of shopping, dining, exploring, and so much more.

A Great time was had by all who came. For those who could not make it, look forward to the NYC Heritage of Pride 2015 Festival bus trip scheduled for June 2015 or the 4th Annual NYC Christmas Shopping Excursion 2015.



30th Anniversary “Passing the Love” Campaign

FACT, Fighting AIDS Continuously Together, is a shining example of what an organization can do to help and care for people in their fight against HAIV/AIDS and FACT has been doing it anonymously 365 days a year for 30 Years.

In celebration of FACT's 30 year Anniversary, the Board of Directors has established a campaign called “Passing the Love” with a goal of raising \$30,000.00 during this Historic Anniversary Year so that we can continue our vital mission.

Please join us in “Passing the Love” by making a \$300.00 pledge that will help FACT continue to help those in need. *All pledges are Tax Deductible and can be paid in affordable small monthly installments.*

Annual Fact Bing Event

Was held October 19, 2014 at Dimaonz Bar and Gill - Hosted by Sylvia Silverberg

Thank you to all who attended and showed their support.
Special Thanks to Vicki D., Volunteers, Fact Board, & Lenora
(Look for future Bingo Event Dates)

Check out Our New Link to Donate!!



<https://www.crowdrise.com/FACTContingencyChallenge>

“Become - A - Board Member”

FACT is always looking for new members to serve on our board! If you would be interested in serving on the board of FACT, please contact, Carl Mancino, at the FACT office: 610-820-5519 or by email at Carlmancino@aol.com. He will explain to you what would be necessary and how much time would be required. You will be asked to submit a general resume explaining to the board who you are and why you would like to come onto the board. We are always looking for new fundraising ideas and new ways of spicing up our regular events! The FACT Board is and all volunteer working board. It is an awesome way to give back to your community and make new friends in the process!



!! UPCOMING EVENTS !!

January

Passing the Love Campaign

Kick OFF

(A year long campaign to raise 30K)

May

***House Party* - TBA**

***Fact Spaghetti Dinner* - @ Diamonz**

(TBA)

September

Wine Tasting Event

TBA

February/March

***White Party* - Saturday March 7, 2015**
(Fact Benefit In Memory of Gisselle
@ Diamonz - \$7 Cover Buffet &
Entertainment)

***Gail Hoovers B-Day Bash @ Mix**

(Saturday March 14, 2015)

"Get Your Rocks Off" Campaign -

St. Patrick's Day - Shamrocks

(\$1, \$5, \$10 Shamrocks)

June

***Summer Solstice* - June 14, 2015**

FACT Heritage of Pride Festival Bus Trip
2015 - Sunday June 28, 2015

October

OktoberFest

TBA

July

***Summer Mixer* - TBA**

November

***FACT Fall Bingo* - TBA**

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

April

***FACT Spring Bingo* - TBA**

August

***30th Annual Summer Games* @ The**
Woods Campground

Sunday August 30, 2015

December

***29 Annual Snowball* -**

Sunday December 6, 2015

***FACTS 4th Annual Christmas NYC Bus**
Trip - Sunday December 20, 2015

Membership Levels - Have You Renewed Your FACT's Annual Membership??

General Membership - \$15

Topaz - \$25

Amethyst - \$50

Diamond - \$500

Sapphire - \$75

Ruby - \$100

Emerald - \$250

Other- _____

FACT is a registered not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization. The official registration and financial information of Fighting AIDS Continuously Together may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department Of State by calling toll free, from within Pennsylvania 1-(800)-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.