

Charles Edward Clifton

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Charles E. Clifton, Claudell Clifton Weaver and Kurt Kausch.

Test Positive Aware Network Executive Director and Positively Aware Editor Charles E. Clifton, 45, passed away on Sunday, August 15, of a pulmonary embolism. He leaves behind his loving partner, Kurt Kausch, of Chicago and dear mother, Claudell Clifton Weaver, of Louisville, Mississippi, and many family and friends.

Born February 11, 1959 in Milwaukee, WI, Clifton earned a B.A. in U.S. History at San Francisco State University in 1993, an M.A. from both Dartmouth College, 1995 and University of Chicago, 2002. Clifton joined TPAN in 1995, and in 2000 assumed the duties of editor of *Positively Aware*. In July of 2002, Clifton was appointed executive director of TPAN. He worked with the Chicago Department of Public Health's STD/HIV/AIDS Public Policy and Program division on numerous important initiatives, including serving as a member of the HIV Prevention Planning Group. He served as co-chair of the Policy Committee and as a member of the Executive Committee for the AIDS Foundation Chicago's Service Providers Council for the past several years; served on the Editorial Advisory Board of *PositiveWords.com*; was a member of the Steering Committee of the national AIDS Treatment Activists Coalition (ATAC); chaired the Community Advisory Board of the Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections; and chaired the Executive Committee of the North American Treatment Action Forum (NATAF).

His passing is a tremendous loss to the TPAN family and HIV/AIDS community. Charles was a wonderful human being and much loved. He was also well respected, and a passionate advocate for people living with HIV.

Memorial donations can be sent to
The Charles E. Clifton Memorial Fund,
c/o TPAN, 5537 N. Broadway, Chicago, IL 60640.