

A grayscale photograph of several hands of different skin tones stacked on top of each other, symbolizing unity and support. This image serves as the background for the top half of the report cover.

Annual Report

Sept 2022 - Sept 2023

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Our Mission

A Word from Our CEO

Our Mission: TPAN serves individuals of all identities living with and vulnerable to HIV, with the highest quality of equitable care and resources to promote health and well-being.

Word from Kara: It has been a year since I started at TPAN. I was drawn to TPAN because of the people. The incredibly dedicated staff, the community of die-hard supporters, and the clients we serve - those who are often overlooked or ignored who deserve the highest quality of care possible. Each day, I am more and more impressed by the work. This work is not easy - funding sources are diminishing, the pandemic has unveiled a system that is broken, healthcare costs continue to fluctuate, and our clients are faced with pervasive mental health needs. But what I see every day, is a team of people who honor our clients, treat them with the highest level of dignity and care, and provide what our Board member Rob Garofalo calls "the cadillac of HIV holistic care for the non-bougie".

The work of TPAN honors a legacy of peer-to-peer support, it honors the loved ones we all have who were not able to overcome the devastation of HIV and AIDS, and it honors the present state of HIV which sees Black and Brown communities being disproportionately impacted.

There is so much more work for us to do. But together, we can ensure that our clients are cared for and that our communities continue to have access to the information and resources they need in order to thrive.



In solidarity,

Kara Eastman

CEO

Impact of Programs

Support Services	#Clients	
Medical Case Management	195	
Housing	140	
Retention	7	
Linkage to Care/Peer	15	
Substance Abuse, Outreach, Harm Reduction	#Clients	#Visits
EPIC	29	257
HOPE	37	227
Youth Drop-In Center (Tea Room)	68	456
Prevention	#Clients	#Visits
Testing	216	363
Syringe Exchange	Anonymous	31
PrEP Referrals	44	50
TEAM	32	50
Behavioral Health	#Clients	#Visits
Mental Health Counseling	65	1766
Support Groups	49	142
Paws N Effect	6	

TPAN in Action

Monkeypox Clinic



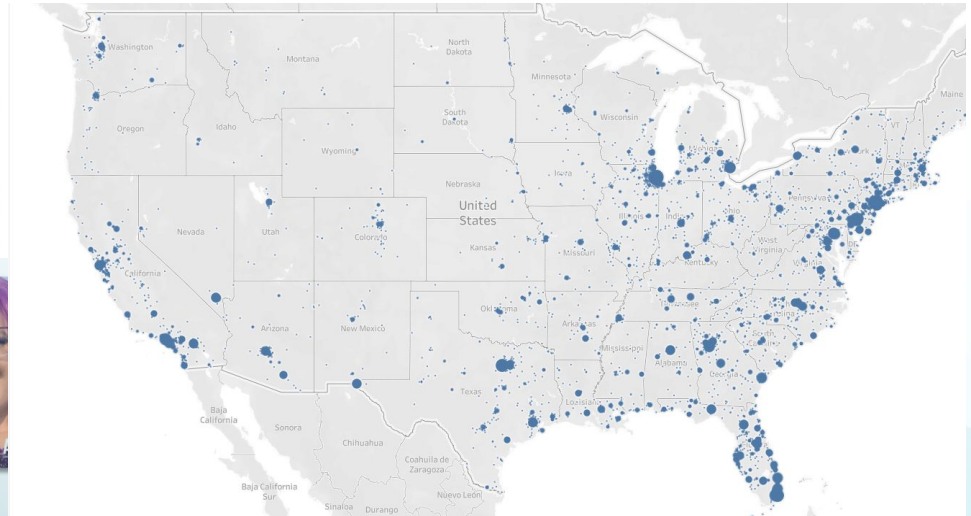
Outreach



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In Our Own Words

My name is Jeffery;

I work at the same place that saved my life.

This November marks 30 years that I have been living with HIV. When I got the call from the doctor who told me, *I thought I was going to die.*

It was the most difficult period of my life: my partner died, and I became homeless.

I didn't know of any services near me. There was still shame and stigma. That's when I started using substances as a coping mechanism

However, in 2005, I went into a treatment facility, found a community, and was fortunate enough to get connected to TPAN.

Once I found TPAN, I was able to participate in some TEAM training and group meetings. I was a client in their case management program, and one of the best parts, I was surrounded by counselors who had the same lived experiences as I did that made me feel comfortable and gave me *hope for my own future.*

Today, I'm the Youth Program Manager here at TPAN– giving back to the community and organization that showed me it was possible to live with HIV.

I feel like I can use my experience to help those who are newly diagnosed with HIV and get connected to care and TPAN offered me more opportunities.

I see the agency growing and I am excited to grow with it.

I love working here; I love getting up and coming to work.



In Our Own Words

A client was referred to TPAN after recently moving to Chicago from Detroit.

Kevin (one of our Peer Navigators) met with the client and introduced him to all the services TPAN offers.

The client was living with HIV, needed financial assistance, insurance navigation, a food pantry voucher and medical assistance. Kevin helped the client to obtain a medical appointment, and, in the meantime, got him a bridge for his ART medication. He enrolled the client in case management, assisted him in filling out food pantry application, enrolled him in ADAP and Medicaid, and assisted in helping him with financial assistance from one of our partners, AFC. This client was very motivated to find a job, but he was not able to read or write. Kevin helped with creating a resume and guiding him to apply for positions he would not only be interested in but for those which he was qualified. The client was able to get an interview with Swedish Hospital for a custodial worker position and Kevin even accompanied him to the interview as he was very nervous.

After being offered a position just one week after the interview, the client was over the moon!

Today, he is self-reliant, still working at the hospital and in great physical and mental health.

Events

Ride for Life 2022



Webinars

DISCOVER THE POWER OF A DOG'S UNCONDITIONAL LOVE

TPAN's Paws n' Effect program
pairs people living with HIV
with dogs in need of a home.
Learn about this unique healing
experience at a special webinar.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17
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Register for the webinar
tpan.com/paws



Dining Out for Life 2022



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TPAN In the News

Former congressional candidate Kara Eastman takes job at helm of Chicago nonprofit

Martha Stoddard Aug 23, 2021 Updated Sep 30, 2021 0

WINDY CITY TIMES

TPAN to host Closing Ceremony for Ride For Life Chicago June 19

-- From a press release

2022-06-15

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Chicago, IL—TPAN will host the Closing Ceremony of the Ride For Life Chicago on Sunday, June 19 at Foster Beach from noon-5pm. Cyclists will complete their 200-, 100-, and 50-mile rides to converge at the beach for TPAN's largest community-based fundraising event. The day also celebrates TPAN's anniversary, celebrating 35 years of serving individuals of all identities living with and vulnerable to HIV.

To co-celebrate Father's Day, School of Rock Andersonville will present a concert of favorites performed by students. As June is Pride Month, there will be a drag review as well as a showcase from the Kiki Queens, a Chicago live-singing collective. To honor Juneteenth, Illinois State Senator Mike Simmons will deliver a brief keynote address followed by performances from FUTUREHOOD, a Chicago art, music and fashion collective featuring Chicago-born rapper Mister Wallace and Friends. Throughout the day, Organized Grime will provide music for dancing on the lakefront with DJ's Blu 9, Brady Prince and Ryan Willing.

This event is free and open to the public. To learn more about the Ride For Life Chicago and TPAN, including how to donate and volunteer, go to rideforlifechicago.org.

TPAN was founded in June 1987 in Chicago as the Test Positive Aware Network, when 17 individuals living with HIV gathered in a living room to share information and support in response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic. It has since grown to provide an array of programs and support services for people living with or affected by HIV, and publishes a nationally distributed HIV treatment and health magazine, Positively Aware.

CHICAGO NEWS

Chicago clinics running out of monkeypox vaccines as cases rise

In Edgewater – people waited four hours before Test Positive Aware Network's monkeypox vaccine clinic Monday. TPAN, a nonprofit organization that serves people living with or vulnerable to HIV, had just 100 doses to distribute.

| [Kane County receives first doses of monkeypox vaccine](#) ➔

"I had never seen so many people lined up," CEO Kara Eastman said. "I had somebody drive 50 miles who we had to turn away because we simply didn't have enough, which was heartbreaking."

CDPH is prioritizing the vaccine for those at highest risk of being exposed. So far, the department has received and distributed about 5,000 doses and it expects 1,500 more to arrive this week. Doctors said that's still not enough to meet the need.

"We're limited in who we can reach and so we need more people to helping to spread the word," Kara Eastman said.

Limited funding hampers charities' early monkeypox response

By KAY DERVISHI of The Chronicle of Philanthropy September 1, 2022



Experts call for more action amid monkeypox outbreak

July 26, 2022

For the non-profit group Test Positive Aware Network, or TPAN, the stepped-up response couldn't come sooner.

On Monday, it hosted a monkeypox vaccination drive in Chicago, Illinois.

But dozens were turned away, according to CEO Kara Eastman, because the group didn't have enough resources.

"Last Monday, we had over 200 people lined up around the building and we only had 100 doses of vaccine. That's the same today, we had a lot of people come, a lot of people line up early. Unfortunately, had to turn some people away because we only have 100 to give out."

So far this year, there have been more than 16,000 cases of monkeypox in more than 75 countries.

CHICAGO'S AFTERNOON NEWS

Chicago monkeypox cases on the rise with limited vaccines

by [Brian Alheimer](#)
Posted: Jul 21, 2022 / 86:33 PM CDT
Updated: Jul 21, 2022 / 07:22 PM CDT



Vaccination for booster shot for Smallpox Monkeypox MPXV. Doctor with vial of roses vaccine for Monkeypox disease

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Kara Eastman, CEO of Test Positive Aware Network (TPAN), joins Lisa Dent on *Chicago's Afternoon News* to discuss efforts being made acquire more supply of the monkeypox vaccine in order to treat Chicagoans as cases continue to rise in the city.

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Charles Sanchez
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Reflecting on the gains, gaps in HIV treatment on World AIDS Day

The day commemorates the global fight against HIV, to honor those who have died of AIDS and to support those living with the virus.

By [Stephanie Kim](#)

Dec. 1, 2021, 5 p.m. CT

TPAN in Chicago held an online appeal to raise funds that attracted \$3,000 in donations to deal with monkeypox.

"This is a time for philanthropy to step up and identify groups that they are already supporting and offer up resources to help us," Eastman of TPAN said. "Because while this is being inaccurately categorized as something that's impacting only one group in the country right now, it's a public-health issue."

TPAN NAMED BENEFICIARY OF PRIDE NIGHT AT BLACKHAWKS GAME APRIL 12

CHICAGO, IL - April 12th, 2022 — Chicago, IL - TPAN, Chicago's own nonprofit that is in its 35th year of serving people living with HIV has been selected as the beneficiary of Pride Night at the April 12 Blackhawks game against the LA Kings.



Pride Candle, BMO Harris Bank, and the Blackhawks have teamed up to create a signature candle for the event. One hundred percent of the proceeds from the candle sales will be donated to TPAN to help support their essential work. According to Kara Eastman, TPAN's CEO, "This event and exposure will help us serve even more people in our city. Since the pandemic, we have seen an even greater need for services, especially within Black and Brown communities in Chicago. We are proud to be a part of this community showing their outward support for LGBTQIA pride and racial justice."

For more information about TPAN's services, please visit tpan.com.

See related article at www.windcitytimes.com/lgbt/Chicago-Blackhawks-hosting-Pride-Night-on-April-12/72795.html.

Financials

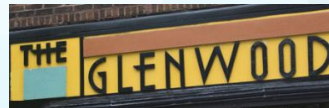
Source of Funds		
Federal, Corporate, and Foundation Grants	\$2,606,580.31	73%
Donations & Contributions	\$449,575.70	13%
Earned Revenue	\$68,215.95	2%
Advertising Revenue (Positively Aware Magazine)	\$431,932.73	12%
Total Revenue	\$3,556,304.69	
Donors		
Unique Donors	2,109	
New Donors since August 1, 2021	1,411	
Individuals who have given annually for the past 3 years	194	

New Sources Of Funding

Foundations:



Corporations/Businesses:



Digital:

Email

Text

Text to Give

Events:

House Parties

Campaigns

TPAN Legacy Circle

Your ongoing monthly support will:

- Provide outreach to Black and Brown communities with higher rates of HIV
- Ensure more people have access to PrEP to prevent HIV
- Match rescue dogs with individuals living with HIV

TPAN is here for the long haul, and monthly donations help ensure we have a sustainable source of funding to continue our work.

HOW ONE PERSON CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE



Chris Clason Emergency Fund

Chris created TPAN at a time when there was no support for people living with HIV. But he knew that just one person, one idea, or one small act of compassion can change someone's life.

Now through the Chris Clayson Emergency Fund, we honor his legacy by ensuring that the people we care for have the support they need in emergency situations that require immediate help.

Your donation will go directly towards providing direct aid, including:

- One-time assistance with rent, food, and utilities for eligible clients
- Covering medical co-pays for people in urgent need
- Transportation costs to TPAN's programs and services and/or to medical providers

Wish List

- Backpacks
- Men's Shoes
- Storage Space Rental (gift cards)
- Winter Coats
- A Microwave
- Sleeping Bags
- Tents
- Non-Perishable Snacks