

# AIDS Committee of Toronto

ANNUAL REPORT 2006–07



# Reaching Out, Making a Difference



Over the past half-decade, the AIDS Committee of Toronto (ACT) has become more outward-looking in its approach to HIV prevention and support. Whether this means partnering with other local AIDS service organizations (ASOs), reaching out to emerging vulnerable communities, or twinning with international organizations, we recognize that as an agency serving a diverse city like Toronto, our clients benefit from an ongoing exchange of ideas and leading practices.

This past year offered a special opportunity for learning, sharing, and collaborating. In August 2006, twenty-thousand activists, service providers, policymakers, and people living with HIV/AIDS from around the world descended upon Toronto for the XVI International AIDS Conference. ACT was at the conference and we made our presence felt.

We presented posters and abstracts, ran workshops, and hosted visiting delegates. We teamed with organizations from around the world to organize *MSM & HIV: Advancing a Global Agenda for Gay Men and Other Men who have Sex with Men*, a two-day event that mobilized activists around the issue of sexual orientation, human rights, and HIV/AIDS.

Our staff networked with their counterparts from Asia, Europe, Latin America, and Africa. We had much to learn from and share with frontline workers in similarly diverse cities like London, New York, Sydney, and Cape Town. We invited a Zimbabwean activist to educate local service providers about holistic program planning. The relationships we developed continue to benefit our clients a year later in the form of wellness programming, community-based research, and HIV prevention.

2006-07 was also a time for introspection. As we exchanged ideas with the rest of the world, we gained an outsider's perspective on the work we do. The conference allowed us to step back, take a fresh look at what we're doing, and inject new ideas into our programs and services.

In the months following the conference, we continued to make strategic investments in programming and services, expanding our research to include the MaBwana African and Caribbean Men's Study, extending the reach of our Employment Action program, and continuing to run our In-Service Training Series for frontline staff and volunteers.

With the support of our donors and volunteers, we'll continue to make a difference here at home and we'll continue to lend our voice to the global fight against HIV/AIDS. On behalf of our staff and clients, thank you.

Lori Lucier, Executive Director

## Our Mission

The AIDS Committee of Toronto (ACT) delivers responsive, effective, and valued community-based HIV support services and education, prevention, outreach and fundraising programs that promote the health, well-being, worth and rights of individuals and communities living with, affected by and at risk for HIV/AIDS, and increase awareness of HIV/AIDS.

# A Word from the ACT Board of Directors



As Co-Chairs of the AIDS Committee of Toronto's Board of Directors, we're happy to report that 2006-07 was a successful year from both a strategic and an operational point of view.

The board oversaw the implementation of ACT's new three-year strategic plan, which outlines a vision for the agency's future. Key strategic directions include investing in leadership and collaboration; stepping up advocacy on behalf of people living with and at risk for HIV/AIDS; and strengthening and diversifying the agency's financial resources.

The timing of our work could not have been better: The XVI International AIDS Conference showcased the leaders we already have on staff and inspired new ways of thinking about inter-organizational collaboration. The board is very proud of all the ACT staff and volunteers who consistently exceed their own high expectations as leaders, service providers and advocates. The AIDS 2006 Conference provided a great opportunity to showcase the organization's achievements and its committed, professional and knowledgeable staff.

We're proud to say that ACT's fundraising events and direct mail campaigns raised \$1.5 million in 2006-07 — an increase of nearly \$200,000 from the previous year. Nevertheless, we recognize that the more diversified our financial resources, the better prepared we'll be to face the future. So, this year (and next) the board will explore ways to keep our fundraising activities fresh and effective.

On behalf of the ACT Board, we'd like to thank the agency's staff, volunteers, and donors for their hard work and tremendous support. Together, we can continue to make big things happen.

## Our Vision

The AIDS Committee of Toronto is a leader in developing and delivering programs and services that contribute to achieving a world without HIV/AIDS.

**Karim Karsan & Camille Orridge**  
Co-Chairs, ACT Board of Directors

# SUPPORT & EMPOWERMENT



There are over 14,000 people living with HIV/AIDS (PHAs) in Toronto. Last year, nearly two people were diagnosed with HIV every day. ACT's team of counsellors, case managers, health promotion and practical assistance coordinators, and job consultants work with our clients to develop a roster of services tailored to their needs.

For newly diagnosed clients, seeing a counsellor and establishing a network of supportive peers is often their first priority. For long-term survivors, learning to manage the side effects of antiretroviral medications and receiving back-to-work vocational training can make a big difference. We ensure a level of flexibility in our programs because every person's needs are different.

### **Counselling & Case Management**

Counselling and case management are two of the agency's core services for people living with HIV/AIDS. In 2006-07, our counsellors provided 1,629 counselling sessions to nearly 500 men, women, and young people of different cultural backgrounds and sexual orientations. Some of them were newly diagnosed with HIV, some were long-term survivors, and others were the friends, family members, and partners of PHAs. Counselling and case management are part of ACT's roster of holistic services for PHAs that includes social support, group therapy, and wellness programming.

### **Employment Action**

2006-07 was a strong year for ACT's Employment Action program. Thanks to changes in the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP), our clients now have greater flexibility to pursue work without jeopardizing their funding. This helped our job developers to place 45 clients into paid positions. The Employment Action team also collaborated with the Job Opportunity Information Network for Persons with Disabilities (JOIN) on a new employment advocacy campaign. Launched in the fall, the campaign educated employers about disabled people's value and potential as employees.

### **Women's Coffee Night**

Part of the agency's growing roster of programs for HIV-positive women, our monthly Women's Coffee Night continued to attract a vibrant mix of clients. Activities included free manicures, knitting lessons, an AIDS 2006 Conference de-brief, and movie nights. Attendance continued to grow, with about 20 women attending per evening. In March, we surveyed many of the regular attendees and discovered that almost all of them would recommend the program to other HIV-positive women, and that there was a strong word-of-mouth buzz about the program in the community.

### **Income Tax and Insurance Benefits Clinics**

In the spring, ACT offered confidential one-on-one income tax and insurance benefits clinics to nearly 200 clients. ACT's volunteer consultants supplied clients with advice about making short- and long-term disability claims, finding life insurance, and filing their taxes — which can be complicated by disability and estate claims.

### **Every Week Is AIDS Awareness Week Photo Exhibition**

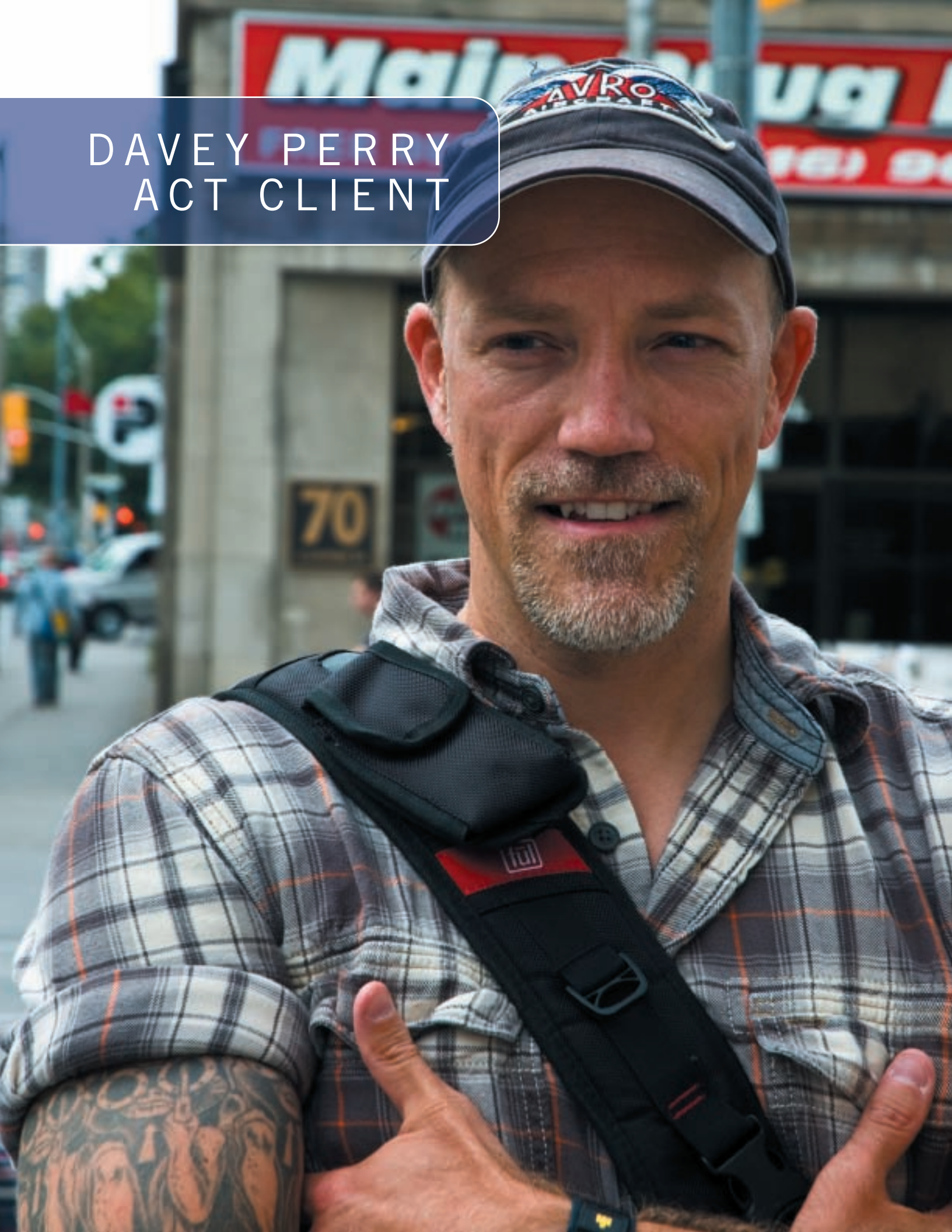
In the fall, ACT equipped a group of clients with cameras and asked them to spend one week documenting their lives. The result was Every Week Is AIDS Awareness Week, a series of photo essays that explored what it means to live with HIV/AIDS. The exhibition ran for two weeks in November and December, culminating with a reception on the eve of World AIDS Day (Dec. 1), and again in March at SNAP!, ACT's photographic fundraiser. The photo essays occasioned much debate and reflection among their creators and the public.

1,629: Counselling sessions provided

2,132: Good Food Boxes provided

2,134: Hot lunches served

DAVEY PERRY  
ACT CLIENT



“I never would’ve imagined I’d be flexing my creative muscles in a job I enjoy. For the first time in a long time, I feel like a healthy person.”

**a** year-and-a-half ago, Davey Perry was thinking about going back to work. A long-term survivor, he’d been living on the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) since being diagnosed with HIV fifteen years ago. His health was up and down, and his self-esteem was taking a hit.

“I was bored,” Davey recalls. “I’d learned as much from books as I could. I needed a challenge, but I was scared. What if I got sick again? ODSP was paying for my meds and I couldn’t afford to lose that support.”

Davey’s story will be familiar to many people with HIV/AIDS. He wanted to work, but he worried that if his health didn’t hold up, he would lose his job and have nothing to fall back on. Curiosity got the better of him, though, and he decided to explore his options.

“After not working for so many years, I’d forgotten that I might have talent. I wanted to find out what I was capable of, so I talked to one of the job developers at Employment Action.”

In 2006, ODSP changed its rules, giving PHAs more flexibility to explore employment without risking the forfeiture of their benefits. ACT’s Employment Action team helped Davey update his skills and arranged a three-month placement as a website coordinator at the Harbourfront Centre. The job went well. He had to get used to working as part of a team in an office, but as he learned on the job, his confidence — in his abilities and his health — grew.

“I go to work and I don’t have time to dwell on my health and worry about things unnecessarily,” he says.

Looking back on the first website he built for the Harbourfront Centre, Davey feels a sense of pride. “I see it now and still think, ‘That’s a good job. It’s not too hard on the eyes and it navigates well.’ It hits me now how much I’d been missing that sense of accomplishment.”

After the placement was over, Davey was offered a full-time, contract position to replace the outgoing webmaster. Educating his employers about what it means to live with HIV/AIDS has been a challenge, but with Employment Action’s help, Davey is now a permanent member of the Harbourfront Centre staff.

“Working for a non-profit feels good — I’m giving back, I’m participating in something worthwhile and valuable,” Davey says. “The placement exceeded my expectations — Employment Action made sure it was tailored to my talents and interests. That’s why it stuck.”

135: Employment Action clients

45: Clients placed in jobs

# HIV PREVENTION & EDUCATION



Action-oriented research, community outreach, and tailored campaigns continued to be the focus of our HIV prevention and education work in 2006–07. This year we prioritized research into black men who have sex with men (MSM) in Ontario and rolled out HIV prevention campaigns targeting diverse gay men, African and Caribbean communities, and crystal meth users. Skills-building was a focus, too, with our In-Service Training Workshops for agency staff and volunteers and our workshops for delegates from around the world at the XVI International AIDS Conference.

## Action Research MaBwana and M-Track

This year our research team conducted two studies on the social factors that put gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men (MSM) at risk for HIV infection. The first, the MaBwana Black Men's Study, focused specifically on men from Ontario's African, Caribbean and other black communities. Funded by the Canadian Institute of Health Research and launched in partnership with the African and Caribbean Council on HIV/AIDS in Ontario (ACCHO), the two-year MaBwana study will inform future HIV prevention efforts on the part of ACT and other provincial AIDS service organizations (ASOs).

Similarly program-oriented, the Lambda/M-Track Survey was the Ontario component of a national study of attitudes towards sex, substance use, and HIV/AIDS among gay, bisexual and other MSM of all different backgrounds. The results of the Lambda survey will be used by ASOs across Ontario to formulate new HIV prevention programming.

## In-Service Training Workshops

Providing effective programs and services to our clients means providing ongoing training to our staff and our volunteers. Every fall and spring, the agency runs the In-Service Training Program, a series of workshops for our frontline workers. Designed to complement the rigorous Core Skills Training which all staff and volunteers receive when they join ACT, the In-Service Training workshops cover a wide range of issues, from social justice to sexual difference to self-care. Highlights from 2006–07 include Harm Reduction; Crisis Intervention: Working with Anger, Hostility, and Resistance; Change, Loss, and Transition: An AIDS Bereavement Workshop for Volunteers; and Understanding Trans Experiences and Challenges.

## Hi! My Name Is Tina Campaign

In June 2006, ACT launched *Hi! My Name Is Tina*, a multimedia crystal meth and HIV awareness campaign for gay and bisexual men. Although the drug is not new to Toronto, there is evidence to suggest that crystal meth abuse continues to be an issue for some gay and bisexual men. Funded by Health Canada and developed in collaboration with the Toronto Gay/Bisexual Men's Crystal Meth Task Force, *Hi! My Name Is Tina* was based on harm reduction principles and designed to reach young and older men of all different backgrounds. An assessment to gauge the campaign's effect is now underway.

## Use Your Tool Safely Campaign for Portuguese-speaking Men

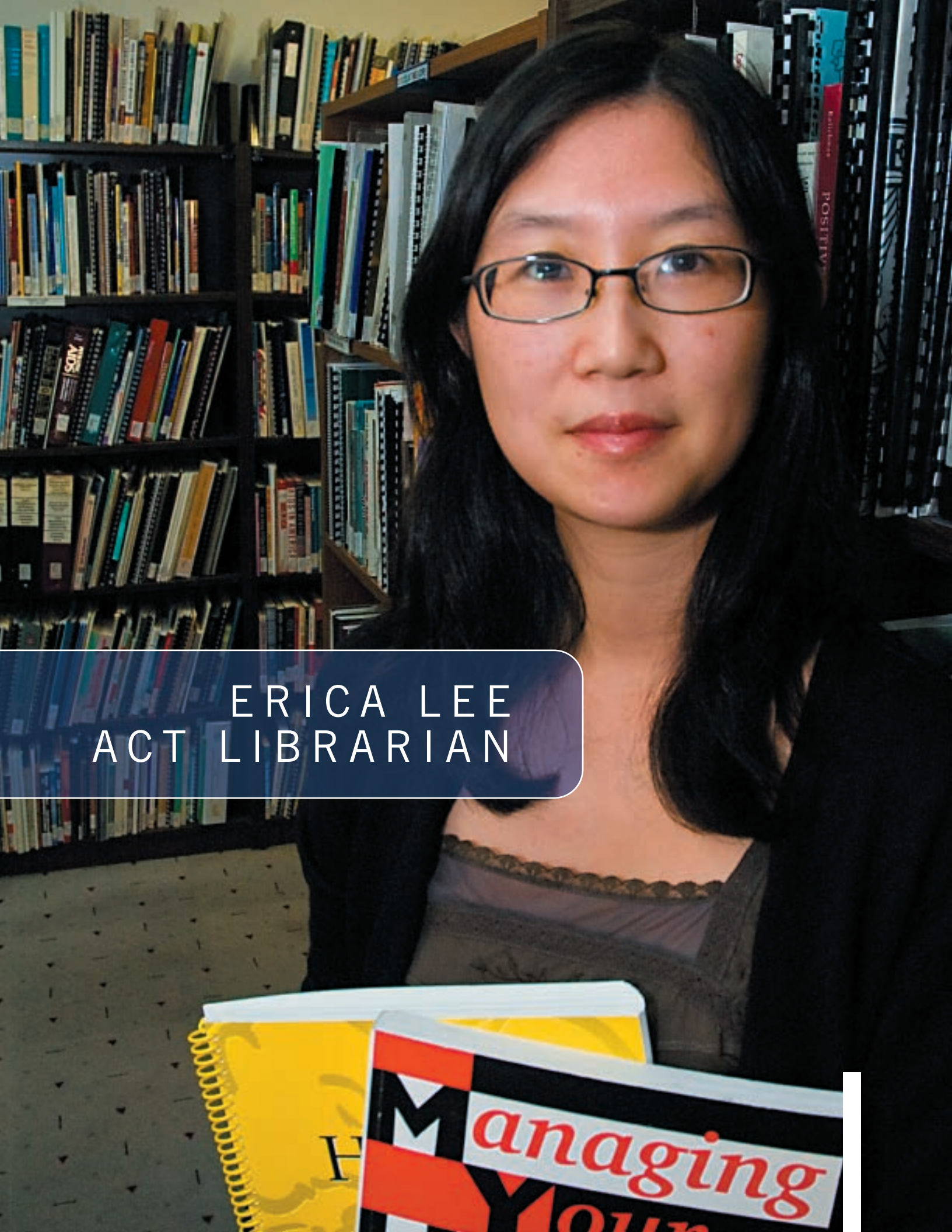
In 2001, ACT partnered with Associação Brasileira Interdisciplinar de AIDS (ABIA), a Brazilian AIDS service organization, to study attitudes towards safer sex among Portuguese-speaking MSM living in Toronto. Based on findings from the two-year study, ACT developed the *Use Your Tool Safely* prevention campaign. The campaign — which featured subtle messaging broad enough to appeal to MSM who do not identify as gay — appeared in Portuguese, Brazilian, and Cape Verdean businesses and community media in the form of ads, posters, and condom packs. An evaluation of the campaign's impact is now underway. Funding for *Use Your Tool Safely* was provided by the City of Toronto.

## Keep It Alive Campaign

With support from ACT, ACCHO launched *Keep It Alive*, a summer AIDS awareness campaign for the province's African and Caribbean communities. The campaign situated HIV/AIDS within the context of relationships, family, and community. It encouraged people to fight HIV/AIDS stigma, know their HIV status by getting tested, and to practice safer sex. The campaign appeared on billboards, in public transit, and on television. Messages included "Keep Love Alive," "Keep Family Alive," "Keep Self-Respect Alive," and "Keep Community Alive."

24,430: HIV prevention and health promotion brochures distributed

102,380: Condom/lubricant packages distributed during outreach



ERICA LEE  
ACT LIBRARIAN



# “I like that I get to connect people to new ideas, new perspectives, and new ways of living better with HIV/AIDS.”

“The most important thing I can do,” says Erica Lee, “is encourage people to become information seekers. Once they have the tools to find the resources they need, they can manage their health in a proactive way, instead of scrambling to learn when they face particular health problems.”

This self-help ethos informs the work Erica does every day. As the agency librarian, she understands that the value of a community library — especially one as large as ACT’s — depends on how well it engages the people who use it.

“Part of my job is to make sure the books, posters, videos — everything in our collection — is relevant to our clients and to HIV/AIDS researchers. So we’re constantly weeding out material and adding new things. But it goes beyond that. We’re also always looking for ways to make finding information fast, easy, and *habit-forming*.”

Erica graduated from the University of Toronto in 2003 with a Master’s degree in Information Studies. After taking a summer job at the library of the Canadian AIDS Treatment Information Exchange (CATIE), she grew interested in HIV/AIDS issues.

“As a librarian you’re a sort of gatekeeper of information. You feel a sense of responsibility to the community you serve, but it’s kind of abstract. What I liked about volunteering at the CATIE library was how immediate the connection was.”

She continued to volunteer with the organization until the end of 2003, when she took charge of the ACT library — one of the largest publicly accessible AIDS libraries in North America.

“It was daunting but exciting,” Erica says. “Running any library is a big responsibility. But an HIV/AIDS-focused library like ACT’s — I felt a special sense of purpose.”

Over the past four years, Erica has helped launch CONNECT ([www.hivinfovih.ca](http://www.hivinfovih.ca)), a joint online catalogue of four Canadian HIV/AIDS libraries, developed an HIV/AIDS thesaurus, and presented abstracts about her work at conferences. She and her library volunteers have also spent countless hours working with clients and researchers to make sure they find the information they need.

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3,291: "Info-to-Go" packages (on a range of HIV/AIDS-related topics) distributed from our offices



ACT AT  
AIDS 2006

As one of the largest ASOs in Canada, ACT was a major presence at the XVI International AIDS Conference in August 2006. Our staff presented abstracts and posters on community-based research, media training for PHAs, case management, racism and HIV/AIDS, programming for HIV-positive youth, and more.

We hosted a community booth in the Global Village area of the conference, where staff answered questions about how ACT provides services to a broad client base, about our fundraising events, and so on. Our staff and volunteers also sought out new ideas for their work, incorporating best practices from other ASOs and activists around the world into their programs for newcomers, women, youth, and gay men.

Importantly, ACT hosted *MSM & HIV: Advancing a Global Agenda for Gay Men and Other Men who have Sex with Men (MSM)*, a two-day event held just prior to the AIDS Conference itself. The event brought together human rights activists, policymakers, and frontline workers to talk about HIV/AIDS and human rights as they affect MSM around the world. Featured speakers included Peter Piot, Executive Director of UNAIDS, renowned LGBT and human rights activist Peter Tatchell, Keith Goddard of Gays and Lesbians of Zimbabwe, and many others.

## The Global Forum on MSM & HIV

Building on the success of the MSM & HIV event, ACT helped launch the Global Forum on MSM & HIV ([www.msmandhiv.org](http://www.msmandhiv.org)), a mechanism to coordinate a global response to the HIV epidemic as it affects MSM.

Developed with the input of activists from Australia to Zimbabwe, the Global Forum will marshal the efforts of individuals and organizations around the world to scale up HIV/AIDS funding and human rights protections for MSM, particularly in developing countries.

ACT was able to secure funds from UNAIDS for a face-to-face meeting of the Forum's Steering Committee in February 2007, where an operational plan was developed. ACT continues its involvement in the Global Forum and plans are underway to build on the work that began at the AIDS 2006 Conference.

2,183: People who attended workshops and presentations

815: People who attended Community Health Forums

STEVE HARRINGTON  
ACT VOLUNTEER



“I started volunteering at ACT seven years ago and I loved it. Now it’s a family affair — my partner and my daughter are volunteers, too.”

“I didn’t know a soul when I moved to Toronto,” says ACT volunteer Steve Harrington, “so ACT was a social outlet and a way to give back to the community. From the very beginning I’ve felt like I’m part of something special here.”

Originally from Guelph, Steve moved to the city in 2000. He’d volunteered for the AIDS Committee of Guelph and Wellington County and wanted to continue to help out. Starting out in the fundraising department, Steve volunteered at Fashion Cares and AIDS Walk for Life. In 2001-02, he sat on the AIDS Walk for Life Steering Committee.

Eventually, he decided he wanted to work directly with ACT clients. “I’d been working on all these fundraising events, and I enjoyed the challenge, but I was looking for context. . . I think I needed to see for myself what our clients face, living with HIV,” he explains.

Steve signed up for the agency’s Buddy Program. The Buddy Program pairs volunteers with clients to ease the social isolation many of them face with friendship and emotional support. Steve was assigned to a client, and for a year-and-a-half they met every week.

“My buddy was going through a rough spell,” he remembers. “Sometimes I despaired there was nothing I could do to help — what did I have to offer? I’m not a counsellor.

“Other times, though, I saw the positive effect that just sitting and talking had. In the end, what I realized was, you can’t measure any one thing you do, as an ACT volunteer, in isolation. It made me appreciate the need for so many different programs and services.”

Steve now works with the ACT volunteer resources program as a jack-of-all-trades. He helps with the agency’s twice-yearly In Service Training workshop and various other activities.

“Looking back on my years as a volunteer, I feel like everything I’ve done has made a difference in some small way.”

Volunteering at ACT is now a family affair for Steve — his partner and his daughter are volunteers, too.

45,023: Volunteer hours contributed  
23: Equivalent in full-time staff positions

# Remembering Bob Tower (1950-2006)

In December 2006, ACT lost one of its own. Bob Tower, ACT's Director of Finance and Administration, passed away suddenly while on vacation.

An unassuming man with a quiet charm and a great sense of humour, Bob poured his heart and soul into his work. He dedicated the last decade of his life to the fight against HIV/AIDS.

Prior to joining ACT in 2000, Bob was a vice-president at Tilden Car Rental. Thinking a change of pace would do him good, he switched to the non-profit sector, where his hard work and dedication impacted the lives of many people — ACT staff and clients alike.

He is missed by his friends and colleagues, and his memory lives on with all of us.

## Lives Lost

With the advent of antiretroviral drugs and holistic approaches to health care, people are living longer with HIV/AIDS than ever before. We forget, sometimes, that AIDS still takes lives. Every year we lose friends, lovers, family members, colleagues, community leaders — good people who have left us before their time. They are gone, but they will never be forgotten.



DR. DALE MCCARTHY (1931–2007) This year, we lost an elder. For many years, **Dale McCarthy's** broad smile could be seen on Church Street as he volunteered at Pride. He demonstrated courage by taking a leading role in the early fight against HIV/AIDS as one of the founding members of ACT.

Dale was one of the two original writers of ACT's Safer SM pamphlet, which has been used by sex educators around the world as a model for sexual health education. In 1991, Dale was one of the original four volunteer presenters who put together Toronto's multi-year series of Safer SM Education seminars, part of ACT's "Talking Sex" project.

Known by many names to many different communities — Dale, Papa Pedro, Dr. Dale, Sir, Dr. D, and Dad, he will be dearly missed and forever loved. Dale remains an inspiration to many with his grace, intelligence, courage, enthusiastic sparkle, sense of humour, and commitment to sexual health education.

# OUR SUPPORTERS

ACT is unable to provide compassionate proactive services to people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS without the generosity and patronage of thousands of supporters in the community. We gratefully acknowledge our government funders, regional and international partners, and the many individuals, corporations, foundations, and groups that have supported ACT — with philanthropic commitments, grants, or sponsorships — during our 2006–07 fiscal year.

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International AIDS Conference,  
Local Host

\$50,000 TO \$99,999  
Mid-Toronto Community Services  
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Renwood Winery Inc.  
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Sentinel Maintenance Inc.  
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\$50,000 AND ABOVE  
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\$10,000 TO \$49,999  
Levi Strauss Foundation

UP TO \$10,000  
Dominion Group Foundation  
GlaxoSmithKline Foundation  
Mackenzie Financial Charitable  
Foundation  
Les and Kae Martin Charitable  
Foundation  
Philip Smith Foundation  
Sax Family Foundation

## Employee and community groups

\$5,000 AND ABOVE  
Bell Canada Employee Giving Program  
BMO Fountain of Hope Employees'  
Foundation  
IBM Employees' Charitable Fund

\$1,000 TO \$4,999  
BMO Nesbitt Burns Employees  
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\$500 TO \$999  
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UP TO \$500  
American Express of Canada  
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Home Trust Company,  
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176: People who attended  
ACT's Income Tax Clinics

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A planned gift, such as a bequest in a will or gift of life insurance, is the ultimate expression of support in our fight against HIV/AIDS. The Legacy of Hope Fund, housed with the Toronto Community Foundation, has grown to more than \$947,000 since its inception in 1999.

We thank the many individuals who have made a planned commitment to ACT, and gratefully acknowledge the legacies left by the following individuals in the last fiscal year:

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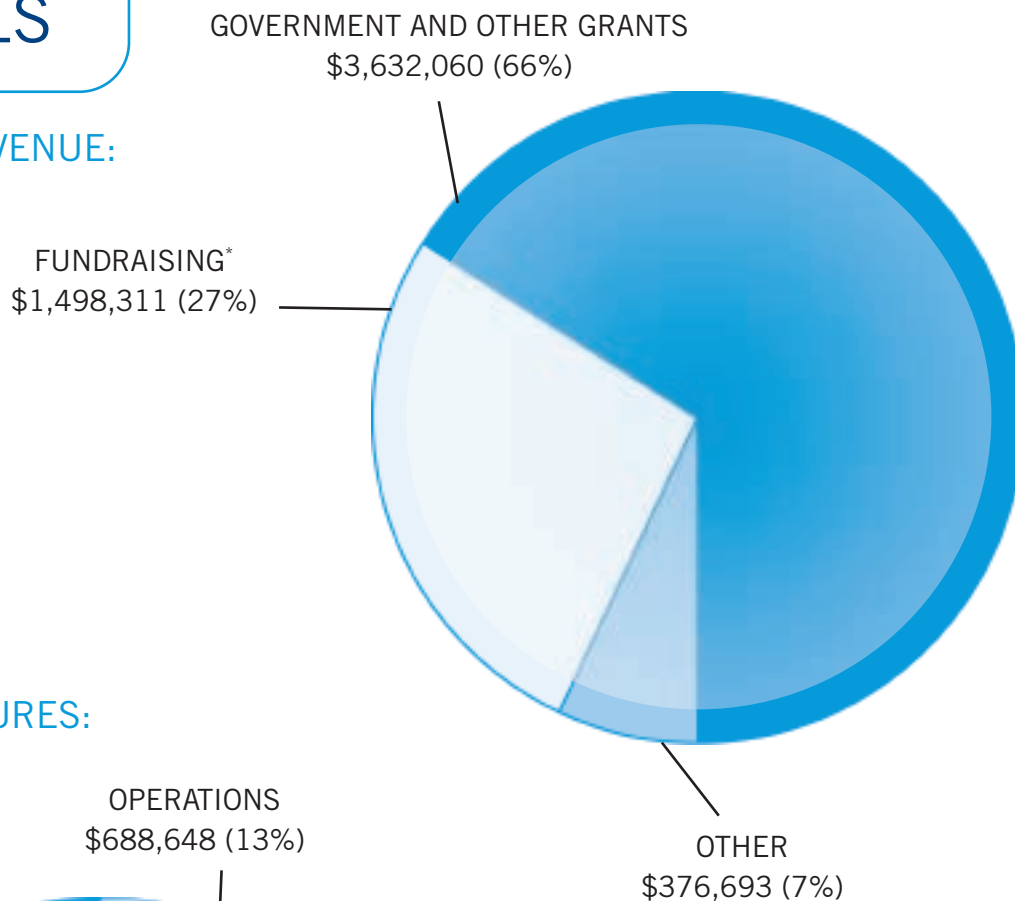
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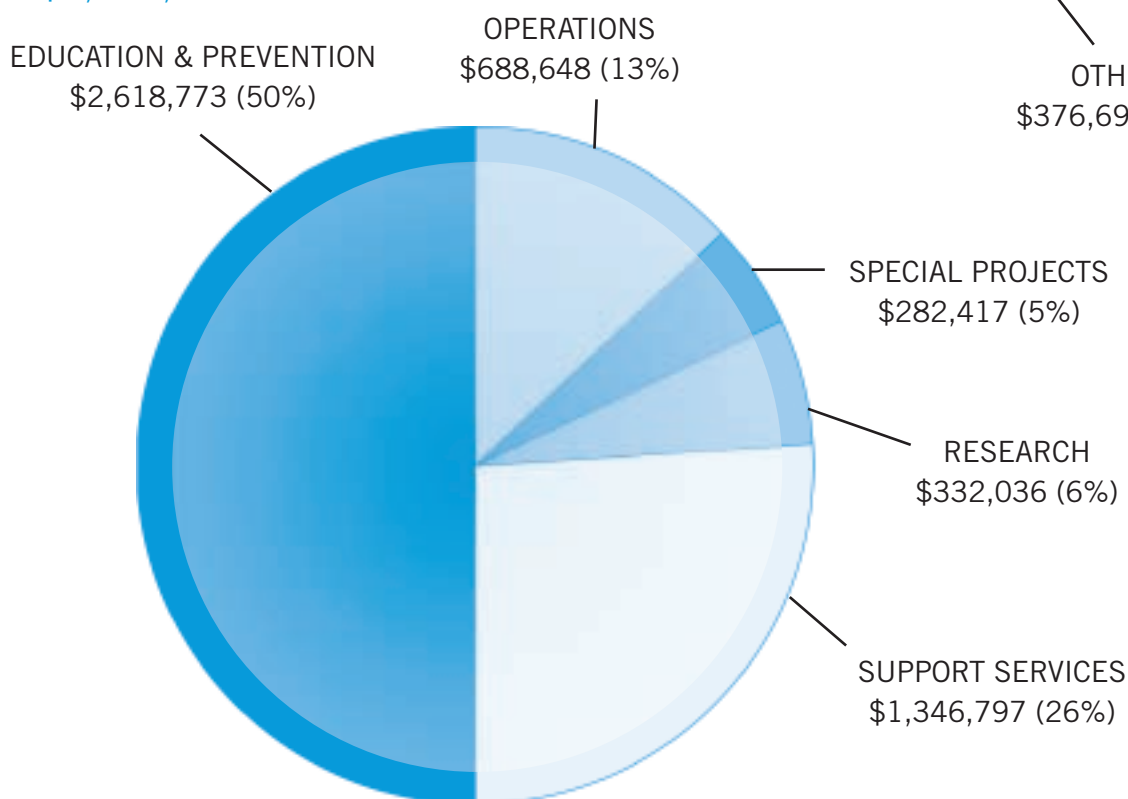
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