

A  
SPECIAL  
INVITATION TO

**100** *Women*

**PARTNER**



WITH  
**DESERT AIDS PROJECT**

# DESERT AIDS PROJECT

After the first diagnoses of AIDS in 1981, volunteer social workers, nurses, and others sprang into action, helping HIV-infected people in our community access the care and services they desperately needed. In 1984, this organization that had become Desert AIDS Project (D.A.P.) was incorporated as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, heralding their intention to continue as long as necessary. Our logo tells our story:

**CARE** We provide a “medical home” for our clients with myriad health and support services available under one roof.

**PREVENTION** We’re leading the charge, region-wide, with *Get Tested Coachella Valley* to end the spread of HIV.

**ADVOCACY** Until there is a vaccine against HIV or a cure for AIDS, we believe that knowing your status is a life-and-death decision.

Until there’s a cure...support of caring individuals like you is essential to continuing our work. Thank you for considering membership in **Partners for Life** or **100 Women!**



# PARTNERS FOR LIFE

The **Partners for Life (PFL)** annual giving program was founded by early volunteers and board members of Desert AIDS Project (D.A.P.) who knew that a steady revenue stream would be necessary as long as the AIDS epidemic affected people right here in our community.

New PFL members continue to join long-time supporters because they are committed to D.A.P.'s vision of healthy individuals, families, and communities, despite the existence of HIV. Each and every one of our PFL members helps through their contributions:

\$1,500 provides 500 safer sex kits.

\$3,000 buys 200 HIV tests.

\$6,000 fills our food depot for two months.

\$12,000 houses three clients for a year.

\$25,000 provides one year of lifesaving medications.

While we believe the battle against HIV/AIDS will be won someday soon, continued care, outreach, and education are necessary TODAY. Please consider this invitation to join the PFL ranks, as they share the mission of helping to enhance the health and well-being of the 20 new patients each month who join the more than 2,200 other clients served each day by D.A.P.

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# 100 WOMEN

Members of **100 Women** contribute annually to meet the needs of women and children whose lives are affected by HIV or AIDS. They provide essential gynecological services for women, including pap smears and mammograms, ensure accessible healthcare for them and their children, and much more...

Purchasing school supplies and uniforms.

Providing gift cards for holiday meals and children's presents.

Offering health and hygiene kits to female migrant farmworkers.

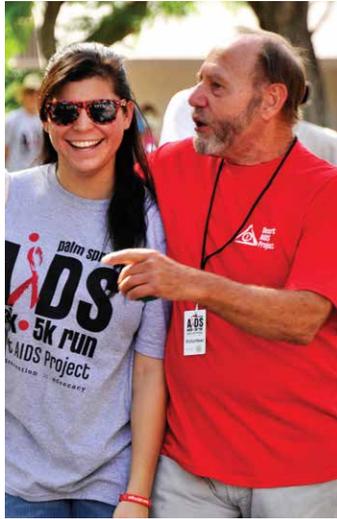
This “program with heart” also works with D.A.P.’s quilting and sewing groups – comprised of clients and volunteers alike – distributing the hundreds of handmade baby blankets and teddy bears they provide to children in need.

Another part of the 100 Women mission is to spread the word among women that HIV infection is not – and never has been – a concern just for gay men. Women of all ages continue to be at-risk and need to be educated about how to negotiate safer sex.

Every day, in a variety of ways, 100 Women is making a difference in the lives of women and children affected by HIV/AIDS...and the entire community!

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**MEN** advocacy CARE **STRAIG**  
COMMUNITY **well-being** child  
**education** PREVENTION wome



# UNTIL THERE'S A CURE...AND BEYOND!

Medications have made it possible for many people to deal with HIV as a chronic illness. And it's now been proven that people on effective HIV treatment are 96% less infectious – scientific evidence that testing, plus treatment, results in HIV prevention. But the problem isn't solved just yet...

That's why Desert AIDS Project is committed to leading the first-ever, region-wide HIV prevention program, called *Get Tested Coachella Valley*, with the help of more than 50 community partners. Along the way, D.A.P. has been selected as a "Top 20 HIV/AIDS Charity" in both 2013 and 2014 for:

**Spending at least 75% of our budget on programs – we've been at 82% for both years.**

**Raising \$100 for every \$15 spent on fundraising.**

**Operating with complete financial transparency.**

Until the work of D.A.P. is no longer necessary, our Partners for Life and 100 Women donors are standing with us to help meet the challenge...until we can finally say "AIDS is over!" Every day, in so many ways, Partners for Life and 100 Women are making a difference in the lives of people affected by HIV/AIDS... and the entire community!

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT

