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**Save The Date
Iris House 30th Anniversary Celebration**



Thursday, October 19, 2023
6 – 9 pm
ILA Penthouse
253 West 28th Street
7th Floor and Rooftop
New York, NY 10001

Tickets or Sponsorship
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In this issue, I'm proud to highlight Iris House's 18th Annual Women as the Face of AIDS Summit held on May 8, 2023. This day was packed with esteemed plenary speakers, honorees, and presenters on the front lines of treatment, prevention, education, outreach, and support for women, families, and underserved populations infected with and affected by HIV/AIDS and other health disparities.

This year, Dr. Jasmine Ward and Ms. Deirdre Johnson delivered our plenary. Dr. Ward is a public health consultant, educator, and public health speaker devoted to achieving health equity for all. Deirdre has lived, learned, and experienced HIV since 2000. They focused on their work educating young women on how to be HIV ambassadors.

In addition to our plenary speakers, we held an inspiring panel discussion moderated by CiCi Covin of The Well Project featuring three young professionals speaking poignantly about reframing HIV from different perspectives. Further, we honored three HIV/AIDS leaders representing the AIDS Center of Queens County, The Well Project, and I Am U. Following lunch we held 12 breakout sessions featuring presentations on surviving and thriving with HIV/AIDS, social determinants of health, HIV equity, and the next generation of HIV/AIDS leaders.

This was only possible with the amazing Summit planning committee combined with the support of our generous sponsors. Thank you all so much for sharing your gifts to make this Summit one of the best in Iris House history, registering 318 participants (both in-person and online).

Finally, this year, Iris House is celebrating 30 years of serving women, men, and their families. With time, Iris House evolved into an organization serving a variety of people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS and other health challenges (obesity, diabetes, hepatitis, food insecurity, substance abuse, domestic abuse, etc.). We look forward to recognizing our 30th year with a Fall gala, Thursday, October 19, 2023 at 6pm in New York City.

Ingrid Floyd
Executive Director

Iris House receives support from the Federal Communications Commission to bring communication access to underserved populations!



Iris House recently secured support from the Federal Communications Commission to conduct outreach activities throughout its targeted geographic areas in New York City (Harlem and the South Bronx) and New Jersey (Essex and Union counties) to increase awareness of the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP). With this support, we will build on our 30 years of outreach experience. To achieve our goals, Iris House will conduct outreach including digital campaigns across various social media outlets popular with the target population. Iris House will also print, develop, and distribute materials, as well as seek partnerships to conduct greater outreach. If you or someone you know can benefit from affordable internet services, please contact Serge at (646) 548-0100.

Celebrating Juneteenth at Ponty's Bistro with the Greater Harlem Real Estate Board

On June 15, 2023, the Greater Harlem Real Estate Board hosted a fundraising event at Ponty's Bistro in Central Harlem. A festive crowd raised much-needed funds for Iris House's Food and Nutrition Services program.



Thank you to our Summit Sponsors!

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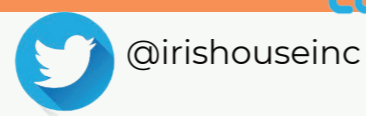
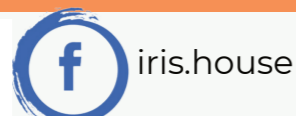
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Pride in June and Tacos in May



In June 2023 for Pride month, Iris House participated in the Bronx LGBT Expo, Bronx Pride, and Harlem Pride events, delivering HIV prevention education and outreach to hundreds of area residents. Further, in May we held 11 HIV testing events around New York City, Tacos and Testing, working with restaurants and food trucks that serve tacos to encourage and test customers for HIV, as well as conduct outreach and tabling. Of the 215 individuals who we tested for HIV, two tested positive and we delivered transitory counseling and immediate referrals into medical care.

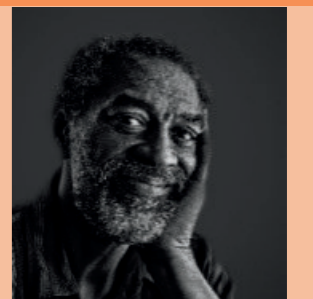
The Greater Harlem Real Estate Board and Sylvia's Restaurant Team Up to Help Iris House

In April 2023, the Greater Harlem Real Estate Board and Sylvia's Restaurant teamed up to serve 150 meals to the clients of Iris House and community residents. Volunteers from the Board and Sylvia's donated their time, food, and caring hearts. Thank you all for everything!



The National Council on Aging (NCOA) believes in Iris House!

With recently secured federal support from the National Council on Aging (NCOA), Iris House will focus its COVID-19 and influenza vaccine uptake efforts on seniors and People Living With Disabilities (PLWD) in Union County and Essex County, New Jersey (NJ), with a focus on minority populations. If you or someone you know can benefit from this program, please contact Crystal at (908) 561-5057.





18th Annual Woman as the Face of AIDS Summit

May 8, 2023





Thank you to all of our participants, sponsors, and staff!
 We need you more than ever before to support our vital programs.

