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POSITIVE RESOURCE CENTER

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Happy New Year!

I am pleased to announce that Positive Resource Center is already starting 2015 on a great note because of the launch of two new programs in 2014, Equal Access to Healthcare Program and the Adult Basic Education. These new programs complement our work in Benefits Counseling and Employment Services programs, expanding our suite of services to some of the neediest in our community.

From all of us at Positive Resource Center, thank you for caring so deeply about our work serving those who are disabled by HIV or mental illness and for your continued support!



Brett Andrews
Executive Director

Equal Access To Healthcare Program

Covered California open enrollment closes on Sunday, February 15.

Positive Resource Center's Equal Access to Healthcare Program (EAHP) aims to identify and overcome barriers to healthcare access for San Francisco's HIV-positive community. As part of the program, PRC provides three primary client services:

Open Enrollment Lab

PRC's computer lab is open Monday through Friday from 9 to 12 p.m. for eligible individuals to enroll in health insurance online through Covered California. A lab technician is available to help clients navigate the Covered California website and health access counselors are also available to provide consultations on health access issues.

Consultation

Health access counselors are available to provide brief consultation and advice to eligible individuals and service providers on health access issues such as problems with Medi-Cal, Medicare, private insurance policies purchased through Covered California, and other health access support programs.

Intake Services

Advocacy and legal representation is available for eligible individuals facing more complicated health access issues that cannot be addressed through brief consultation. In addition, EAHP provides healthcare access outreach and educational trainings to community service providers. Through these services, EAHP works to identify information and systemic barriers to healthcare access and find ways to overcome those barriers.



35th Anniversary Academy of Friends Gala

PRC is pleased to be a beneficiary of this years Academy of Friends (AOF) Gala. AOF provides grants to support organizations delivering a broad range of community services like direct care grants, such as food, housing, counseling, financial assistance, or legal services.

AOF was founded in 1980 as a small, private Academy Awards® night party shared by 25 friends over a little food, champagne and Hollywood glamour. This annual gathering soon formalized itself into a gala party with the expressed mission of raising revenue and awareness of the scourge of HIV and AIDS affecting the greater San Francisco community. During the ensuing 35 years, Academy of Friends has become acclaimed nationwide for producing one of the biggest and best formal attire Academy Awards® parties outside of Los Angeles, all done with the express purpose of Celebrating Life and Empowering Hope.

You can help support PRC in a number of ways. You can purchase tickets to the gala and select PRC as your beneficiary of choice.

Event Tickets: \$250/\$300 at door (if available)
In the "**Referral Code**" section, please enter:
"Positive Resource Center"

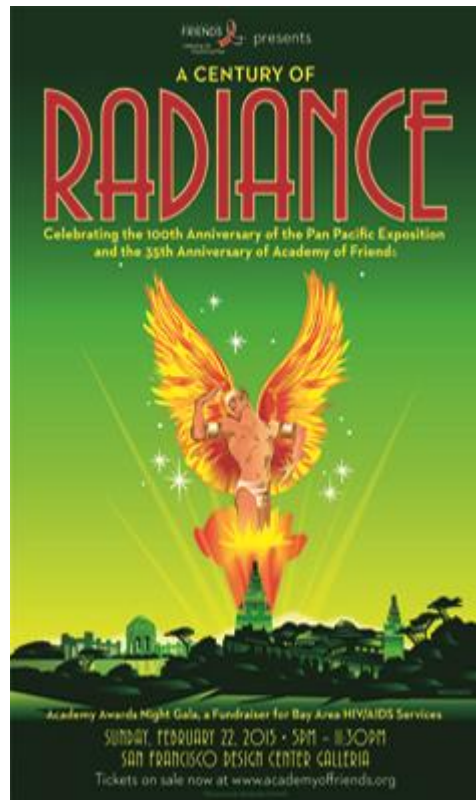
[Get your tickets here](#)

You can also help by purchasing AOF raffle tickets for your chance to win these fabulous prizes:

1. Win a 2-Year Lease on a 2015 Mercedes GLA250 from Mercedes-Benz San Francisco.
1 ticket for \$40 or 3 tickets for \$100
2. Win an 11 Day Golden Gate Alaska Cruise on Celebrity Cruises for 2 adults departing from San Francisco on May 15, 2015.
1 ticket for \$10; 3 tickets for \$25 or 5 tickets for \$100

Please contact **Joe Tuohy** at JoeT@positiveresource.org or at (415) 972-0878 to purchase your raffle tickets today.

Academy of Friends Gala
A Century of Radiance: Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Pan Pacific Exposition and the 35th Anniversary of the Academy of Friends Gala
Sunday, February 22
5:00pm - 11:30pm
San Francisco Design Center Galleria
101 Henry Adams Street
San Francisco



PRC's Free Monthly Workshops

Positive Resource Center is offering a free monthly workshop for people who receive SSI and/or SSDI and have returned or are expecting to return to work. It is important to know the work rules and how to consistently report all your work activity while on SSI/SSDI.

In this workshop, you will learn how and when to notify the Social Security Administration about your earnings and what to do if you receive an over-payment. We will also go over important information regarding Healthcare Reform.

Presentation starts at 10am, followed by discussions, Q&A and individual consultations. Food and drinks will be provided.

Working While Receiving Disability Benefits Workshop

Friday, January 30th
10:00am - 12:00pm
Positive Resource Center
785 Market Street, 10th Floor
San Francisco

RSVP to Vaughn Villaverde at
vaughnv@positiveresource.org
or at (415) 972-0874

SF Youth Commission Holiday Party

Positive Resource Center Advisory Board Member, **Michael Bernick**, graciously hosted a holiday party at his home for the SF Youth Commission on Saturday, December 20. In attendance were PRC's Executive Director **Brett Andrews** and SF Board of Supervisor member **Scott Wiener** who both gave motivational talks to the Youth Commission members.



The Youth Commission is a body of 17 San Franciscans between the ages of 12 and 23. Created by the voters under a 1995 amendment to the City Charter, the commission is responsible for advising the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor on policies and laws related to young people. The Youth Commission is also charged with providing comment and recommendation on all proposed laws that would primarily affect youth before the Board takes final action.

For more information about the Youth Commission, [click here](#).

Positive Resource Center (PRC) is a community-based 501(c)(3) non-profit whose mission is to assist people affected by or at risk of HIV/AIDS through culturally appropriate counseling, education, training and advocacy. As a result, our clients can make more informed choices that maximize available benefits and employment opportunities.

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