

THE FRONTLINE

POSITIVE RESOURCE CENTER

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Dear Friend,

Happy New Year! Thank you for all of the love and warm wishes you bestowed on PRC over the holiday season. As you know, 2016 was, well, let's say...less than stellar for many individuals. Especially those facing challenges from everyday issues that many of us may take for granted, such as access to basic healthcare, financial stability or simply having a roof over your head. At Positive Resource Center we believe everyone deserves an opportunity and an advocate. We are here for our clients because you are here for us.

On a lighter note, we are kicking off 2017 with our annual recruitment for the much adored Bare Chest Calendar. If you or someone you know is interested in joining Team 2018, [please see the exciting news below](#), and we will see you at the first semi-final contest on February 9th!

On behalf of all of us at Positive Resource Center, thank you for your continued support!



Brett Andrews
Chief Executive Officer

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AEF Christmas Eve Dinner

The Christmas Eve Dinner means so much to so many people - not just to the clients but to all the volunteers who come back year after year and make the Dinner possible. We would like to share a little story with you from this year's Dinner from longtime volunteer and Christmas Eve Dinner Committee Member, Joanie Juster.

"At the AIDS Emergency Fund Christmas Eve Dinner, I met a young woman who was attending for the first time. She was awestruck by the beauty and elegance of the room, the abundance of excellent food, and the warmth and community she found among the guests and volunteers. She had come



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expecting nothing but a free hot meal. What she found was a celebration of love and community.

Since being forced to leave home at 15, she had been living by her wits and low-paying jobs. She had no family to share the holidays with. Life was a hard and scary place. But for one afternoon, on Christmas Eve, she found people who cared. She was welcomed with open arms and given wonderful food, a joyful party, and the companionship of people who understood and did not judge.

She was given hope because she found that she didn't have to struggle all alone. She was given a break from her worries. Her face reflected joy, relief, gratitude, and cautious optimism that there might be better days ahead. We hugged, then hugged again, each of us trying to hold back tears.

Despite our worries, we have much to be grateful for. The holiday season is a time not just for celebration, but for reflecting on the joys and sorrows, the struggles and victories, the challenges and achievements of the past year. May your heart be open to the blessings all around you and within yourself. And may we as a community, and as a country, find peace with each other, and go forward into the new year with renewed purpose to make life better for all. Let us all be kind to one another."

We would like to thank Joanie for letting us share her heartfelt story.

Bare Chest Calendar Now Recruiting for 2018

Looking for a fun, sexy way to engage the community and give back? For many living with HIV/AIDS, the struggle is very real, and you can make a difference. To date, 387 men have appeared on the pages of the Bare Chest Calendar. For over three decades, Bare Chest Calendar Men have been a huge part of the San Francisco community.



As a cool and dynamic fundraising project, the calendar has raised over \$2 million for AIDS Emergency Fund (AEF) and Positive Resource Center (PRC). Through a series of contests, Bay Area men compete for the chance to appear on the calendar and be part of the Bare Chest Calendar Team. Once selected, Calendar Men appear at events between June and December with the primary goal of raising needed funds for AEF and PRC. Team BCC is excited to have [inkedKenny](#) as the photographer for the 2018 Calendar!

Semi-final contests will be held at 8:00pm on Thursdays, starting February 9th and running through April 13th at The Powerhouse, 1347 Folsom Steet.

If you or someone you know would like to be a part of this once in a lifetime fundraising experience, [click here to find out more about the recruitment process.](#)

[2017 Bare Chest Calendars are 50% off, get yours today!](#)

The Imperial Crown Princess' Ball

Elements - Imperial Crown Princess' Ball 2017

Sunday, January 29

5:00pm - 9:00pm

DNA Lounge

375 11th Street

San Francisco

[Get your tickets here!](#)

Their Most Imperial Majesties, **Emperor Salvador Tovar** and **Empress Emma Peel**, in conjunction with the Imperial Court of San Francisco INC and her Highness, **Imperial Crown Princess EHRA AMAYA**, invite you to celebrate UNITY, DIVERSITY, and LOVE through entertainment and a night of fun!



We are facing great trials and tribulations in the LGBTQ community, and this is the perfect time to show that we are united and we refuse to sink. Through the toughest times, we choose to rise above. Our voices will be heard and our faith will never falter.

"United we Stand, Divided they get us one by one."

-- Jose Julio Sarria, Absolute Empress I, The Widow Norton

Proceeds from this evening benefit AIDS Emergency Fund (AEF)

Benefits Counseling Program Workshops

Working While on SSI/SSDI

Friday, January 27, 2017

10:00am - 12:00pm

Positive Resource Center

785 Market Street, 10th Floor

San Francisco

This workshop is for people who receive SSI or SSDI and have or expect 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 end up with an overpayment. If applicable,




Working While Receiving Disability Benefits Workshop

SCHEDULE

- 10:00-10:30 am - 90 Rules
- 10:30am-11:30am - 90 Rules

Reminder:
The Changeover Workshop is Subsidized!
The Fee Free From: **1:00pm-1:45pm**

Presented by
Positive Resource Center &
AIDS Legal Resource Panel

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This workshop is for people receiving SSI and/or SSDI and working or planning to return to work.

Learn about how working affects eligibility to receive disability income, how to avoid costly pitfalls, and what to do if you receive an overpayment.

- Learn the implications of returning to work when receiving SSI and/or SSDI.
- Learn how to appropriately report earnings when returning to work.
- Get questions answered by an attorney.

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Breakfast Served

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the presentation will also cover work rules for people who receive private long-term disability insurance.

This is a free workshop open to the public, but space is limited. A reservation is required. Please RSVP to **Tuquan Harrison** at tuquanh@positiveresource.org or (415) 972-0835.

SSDI & SSI Overpayment Workshop

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PRC and AIDS Legal Referral Panel invite you to our SSDI & SSI Overpayment Workshop, presented by ALRP's

Dustin Helmer, Esq. You will learn about how overpayment issues occur for SSDI and SSI claimants.

Find out how to request a waiver and file an overpayment appeal, identify key strategies to help prevent SSA overpayments, and get your questions answered by an attorney.



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Presenter:

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Dustin Helmer, Esq.



AIDS Legal Referral Panel



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To register, please contact Tuquan Harrison at tuquanh@positiveresource.org or at (415) 972-0835 brought to you by Positive Resource Center in partnership with the AIDS Legal Referral Panel

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