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THIS SEASON THE PAST AND THE PRESENT MEET A BRIGHT NEW FUTURE



- · New Facilities and Services
- · More Clients Served Than Ever Before
- · Fast and Free HIV Prevention Tools PrEP and PEP



THE POWER TO END THE HIV EPIDEMIC IN THE MID-SOUTH

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YOUR GIFT SUPPORTS HIV PREVENTION THROUGH **Prep and Pep - Fast and Free**

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\$25 covers client counseling

\$100 covers all lab costs

\$50 covers an HIV test

\$500 covers FIVE clients!

OUR IMPACT



Services for **3,000** neighbors



Care for **1,800** people living with HIV



Housing and food for **950** families



HIV testing for **700** young people



PrEP and PEP prescriptions for **500** new clients

YOUR GIFT MAKES ALL THIS POSSIBLE!



SO MUCH HAS HAPPENED IN THE PAST FOUR YEARS.

It's hard to believe, but as 2019 comes to a close, I realize I have spent nearly four years at the helm of Friends For Life. So much has happened in that time. I couldn't be more excited about the progress our agency has made toward easing or eliminating the barriers to care facing those living with HIV and those at risk of contracting it. New facilities. New services. More client care than ever before. And a brand new community center to prevent HIV through powerful new tools, PrEP and PEP, provided fast and free for the clients who need them most. So much growth—and so much still to do.

To help us get the next steps in place, we have added someone very special to our team: a friend and inspiration to many people in the Mid-South, Kim Moss. Kim is much more than our new grant writer. As a past executive director, he is also a unique storyteller who knows many chapters at Friends For Life. His reflections from nearly 20 years ago remind me of just how far our community has come.

In that spirit, I have asked Kim to join me in this call for continued support—and to share his unique perspective on our journey through the generations. I hope you'll share in my reflection and my hope as you read his words.

WITH VERY BEST WISHES FOR A WONDERFUL NEW YEAR,



Diane Duke
Executive Director



IN 1985, A PILL TO PREVENT HIV WAS AN IMPOSSIBLE DREAM.

It was the year Friends For Life began, and a dark time in history. Ask anyone who experienced the early years of the AIDS crisis, and you'll hear words like Fear, Suffering, Despair, Pain, and Loss. And yet, through it all, our agency was a lifeline for thousands of people who turned to us for help and hope. We provided services when no one else would, and held on to the hope that one day medicine would outwit the deadly virus that took, too early, the lives of so many we loved.

It was the great need for that lifeline that inspired me to become Executive Director 20 years ago. As someone living with HIV for many decades, this need inspires me still. I am proud to be back "home," writing grants that help us spread a NEW message for the agency today: Hope, Health, Life, Love, and Well-Being!

Our clients are achieving new levels of success in the effort to suppress the HIV virus through health, nutrition, security and healing—and with this, significantly decreasing the risk the virus poses to others. Importantly, there are now "one pill, once a day" prevention tools like PrEP and PEP that can change the game in the battle to beat HIV before it even appears. But to really beat HIV here in the Mid-South, these tools must be openly discussed and available quickly, at no cost—overcoming the barriers of expensive co-pays, long wait periods, drab clinics and judgmental staff.

With the opening of our new community center, The Corner, the agency has stepped into a new era—and expanded HIV prevention at a new level. Not only is it the first facility in the Mid-South dedicated to providing PrEP and PEP without shame or judgment, it's also an innovative and welcoming space that offers PrEP and PEP at no charge to clients, regardless of their insurance status. No money is exchanged. The entire visit is fast and free. No co-pays, no lab costs, no service fees—just friendly service and these powerful prevention tools, delivered directly to our clients in under an hour.

THIS IS WHY FRIENDS
FOR LIFE IS MORE
RELEVANT THAN EVER.



TODAY, THE DREAM OF A PILL TO PREVENT HIV IS A REALITY. IT HAS BEEN ON THE MARKET SINCE 2012, AND YET, IN SOME PARTS OF THE MID-SOUTH, IT IS VIRTUALLY UNKNOWN EVEN TODAY.

That's why we do what we do. Friends For Life built The Corner to make it known, make it fast, and make it free. Against many odds, we are delivering on this need—with nearly 100 prescriptions since our doors opened just weeks ago. And so, with 20 years of agency perspective and 32 years of my own HIV journey behind me, I want to thank our many friends for their generosity and support. Your support of Friends For Life through the years has made these dreams come true—and many more to come. Please consider a donation this holiday season as we look to expanding our efforts to even greater heights.

WITH YOUR DONATION, OUR MOMENTUM TODAY IS THE BEGINNING OF AN HIV-FREE TOMORROW.

With sincere thanks and much hope for generations to come,

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