

# AIDS ACTION BALTIMORE, INC.

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## ANNUAL REPORT 2023

AIDS Action Baltimore, Inc (AAB) is a non-profit, tax-exempt corporation under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. AAB is governed by a seven member Board of Directors which is elected annually.

AIDS Action Baltimore, Inc. (AAB) is dedicated to providing patient services for all people in Baltimore City regardless of race, religion, age, disabilities, sexual orientation, gender or non-confirming gender, including emergency financial assistance, HIV education, HIV testing assistance, navigation support for healthcare linkage, retention in care, medication adherence and access support, HIV prevention services, including outreach efforts and pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) medication access.

AIDS Action Baltimore (AAB) has been providing essential services to people with HIV/AIDS since 1987. AAB provides all these services with four full-time employees, and our committed volunteers. AAB's administrative expenses for 2022 totaled only 3.9% of total revenues. ([www.aidsactionbaltimore.org](http://www.aidsactionbaltimore.org)) The amount of work we accomplish and the effect we have had on the war against HIV is truly amazing!

Although HIV disease is becoming a chronic manageable disease, AAB still provides financial assistance to many needy people with HIV (PWHIV). AAB has provided this support to over 8,940 people since 1987 and \$3,266,000 in assistance for items such as rent and utilities, and direct programs in our community to PWHIV and their families. We firmly believe we must continue our invaluable financial assistance program which provides a safety net to people with HIV/AIDS experiencing an emergency financial crisis.

In the latest Centers for Disease Control (CDC) data reported in 2022, Maryland was ranked 12th among U.S. states and territories in adult/adolescent HIV diagnosis rates (per 100,000) in 2021. At year end of 2022, there were 31,616 people aged 13 and older living with diagnosed HIV in Maryland. An estimated 3,200 PWHIV in Maryland in 2021 remain undiagnosed.

AAB has been instrumental again this year in reducing HIV transmission in Baltimore. According to the CDC, the lifetime risk of HIV is one in 22 for Black males, one in 51 for Latinx males, and one in 140 for White males. We are currently administering an HIV PrEP prevention program, known as New Horizons. PrEP is a one pill, once a day pill that has proven to be 99% effective in reducing HIV transmission risk. Our HIV prevention program provides outreach, education, testing assistance, healthcare linkages, navigation support and support groups that promote medication adherence for Black Transgender (Trans) people and Gay men at risk of HIV, and also for people who are HIV positive as well. We also provide our clients with the latest in HIV prevention and treatment research information.

New Horizons promotes a continuum of care, HIV prevention and/or HIV treatment including retention in care and adherence to life-saving medications in LGBTQIA+ people. Our prevention and treatment efforts have been extremely successful. We seek to educate Black Gay men and Trans people about their very high risk of HIV transmission, and help

them build networks of support to combat the many social obstacles they encounter daily which contribute to their risk of HIV, causing them to fall in and out of care and treatment. We have also been educating people about Treatment as Prevention (TASP), also known as U=U (Undetectable HIV = Untransmittable HIV). If a person's HIV viral load is undetectable, they cannot transmit HIV to another person! We are very proud of our very successful support and education programs which have helped to decrease HIV as well as the number of PWHIV we have helped to access and remain on life-saving HIV drugs. AAB can continue these life-saving programs with your help.

Our national work affects all who are touched by HIV. We are working with industry to continually change the standard of care by ensuring that their new drug pipelines remain robust, and by replacing older more toxic drugs with more effective, better tolerated drugs, as well as exciting new long-acting drugs for HIV prevention and treatment that may require only daily, weekly or monthly dosing. This is the wave of the future.

AAB has been instrumental in the formation of the AIDS Treatment Activists Coalition, a national organization that interacts with the pharmaceutical industry, pressuring companies to study drugs expeditiously and ethically and to include the HIV affected community in all aspects of research and development. AAB has also been a leading member of the national Fair Pricing Coalition (FPC), pressuring "big pharma" to price HIV drugs reasonably, limit price increases, cap ongoing drug prices for government programs like AIDS Drug Assistance Programs. We lead a coalition of local service providers to make sure the Maryland AIDS Drug Assistance Program (MADAP) functions properly after the hack of Maryland Department of Health's computers. **We are now leading the charge against 76% Ryan White CARE Act cuts in Baltimore City to medical care and various essential HIV support services by Maryland State. So much for Baltimore not being left behind. With your continued support, we will be able to continue to ensure that the people with HIV in Maryland continue to receive their HIV medical treatment and medications as well as life-saving support services without interruptions.**

We are very excited that scientists have begun to work on HIV "cure- related" research. AAB is working with government, industry and the national HIV community to make a "cure" for HIV or what we are now calling "durable HIV suppression" a reality. Even though this will take years to come to fruition, we have to start somewhere. AAB is a member of the DARE Martin Delaney Cure Research Collaboratories. AAB is also working with DARE researchers to bring additional resources to Baltimore for local cure research projects. We conducted four HIV Cure Forums from 2019 to 2024.

HIV policy gets more complicated every year. We are in danger of losing all our hard-won treatment and prevention gains because of radical Republicans who have created a health and safety emergency for many LGBTQIA+ people. Because anti-LGBTQIA+ fever is circling the country, we believe it will be much harder to obtain the money we need to fight HIV even though HIV service delivery gets more difficult every year!

Locally, we are working very closely with the Baltimore City Health Department (BCHD) in the CDC's End the HIV Epidemic Initiative. The BCHD has also provided funding for our prevention and treatment programs. We had eight Town Halls in conjunction with the BCHD from 2020 to 2024, discussing new HIV and COVID-19 news. Innovative events like this would not happen without AIDS Action Baltimore.

AAB successfully advocated for increased NIH HIV research funding, and will continue to advocate for other HHS budget increases, like continued funding for the Ryan White Care Act for the support of PWHIV no matter what obstacles we face in Washington, DC! We are using our many years of government research and policy expertise and connections in the fight against LGBTQIA+ hate and discrimination. AAB is working with national coalitions across the country to protect HIV services, including PrEP4All in the fight for the Affordable CARE Act to cover HIV prevention drug accessibility for people in our community at risk for HIV.

AAB was essential in ensuring that PWHIV were eligible for COVID research trials and vaccines. We have also been fierce advocates of expanded vaccines and treatment for mpox for our community at both the federal and state levels. AAB has also conducted two Town Halls in collaboration with the Maryland Department of Health, BCHD, Johns Hopkins and the Pride Center of Maryland in an effort to inform people of the risk of mpox as well as how and where to access vaccines and treatment. Advocating for life-saving vaccines and treatments has been our life's work. Our expertise and long-standing contacts in these arenas are invaluable. Our work is way ahead of the curve. The type of advocacy done by AAB does not happen in any other disease community.

Our city and country need the expertise of AIDS activists now more than ever. As always, we will continue to work locally and nationally for PWHIV as well as any other diseases or conditions that plague PWHIV.

**Contributing Organizations:** AIDS Healthcare Foundation, Baltimore City Health Department, Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS, Brother Help Thyself, CareFirst, Gilead, Johnson & Johnson Healthcare Systems, MD DHCD Non-Profit Recovery Initiative, MD Department of Health, Network for Good, Open Society, Sinai Hospital - LifeBridge Health, 12 Days of Christmas and ViiV Healthcare Positive Action.

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### **Non-Voting Members**

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3928 Cloverhill Road  
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## **2023 EVENTS**

### **January**

Nominations for Board of Directors  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Outreach  
T.E.A. Time and New Horizons Meetings

### **February**

Election of Board of Directors  
Combined Charity Campaigns Acceptance  
National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day  
30<sup>th</sup> Conference on Retroviruses & Opportunistic Infections (CROI)

### **March**

MD State Combined Charity Campaign Acceptance  
Baltimore Community Update Town Hall  
LGBTQ Health Awareness Week  
BCHD Community Input on BCHD MPOX Performance

### **April**

AIDS Quilt Display at First & Franklin Presbyterian Church  
National Transgender HIV Testing Day and Health Awareness Week  
T.E.A. Time, PrEP UP and New Horizons Meetings

### **May**

Direct Mail Drive  
Spring Fling Benefit  
Ride for Moveable Feast  
T.E.A. Time and New Horizons Meetings

### **June**

Baltimore Gay Pride Celebration  
Baltimore Trans Pride Celebration  
AAB Impact Hub Pride Party  
National HIV Testing Day

### **July**

IAS 12<sup>th</sup> Conference on HIV Science  
DARE HIV CURE Community Update on Research Education Town Hall  
T.E.A. Time and New Horizons Meetings

### **August**

MADAP Virtual Quality Management Committee Meeting  
BCHD EHE Grant Award  
T.E.A. Time, PrEP UP and New Horizons Meetings

### **September**

National Gay Men's HIV/AIDS Health Awareness Day  
Dining Out for Life  
The Results of the Anchor Study on Anal Cancer in PLWH Town Hall  
DARE SAB Meeting  
T.E.A. Time and New Horizons Meetings

### **October**

Baltimore Black Pride Celebration  
National Coming Out Day  
TAG Research in Action Awards  
T.E.A. Time and New Horizons Meetings

### **November**

Transgender Day of Remembrance  
ViiV Healthcare 245th Annual Community Summit  
Direct Mail Campaign  
Trans Health & Wellness Town Hall

### **December**

World AIDS Day Celebration of Life  
24<sup>th</sup> Annual 12 Days of Christmas Benefit  
Christmas Outreach  
T.E.A. Time and New Horizons Meetings

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To The Board of Directors, AIDS Action Baltimore, Inc.

### **Opinion**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of AIDS Action Baltimore, Inc. (a nonprofit organization) which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of AIDS Action Baltimore, Inc. as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of AIDS Action Baltimore, Inc. and to meet of other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### **Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair representation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about AIDS Action Baltimore, Inc.'s ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

### **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that included our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, that would influence the judgement made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements,

whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures including examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of AIDS Action Baltimore, Inc.'s internal control.

Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.

- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about AIDS Action Baltimore, Inc.'s ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

Friedman and Associates, P.A.,  
 Certified Public Accountants and Business Advisors  
 Baltimore, Maryland July 12, 2024

The following financial information is excerpted from the Auditor's Report. A complete copy of the Auditor's Report and Accompanying Notes, and/or current financial statement is available upon request by contacting AIDS Action Baltimore, Inc. at 18 East Eager Street, Baltimore, MD 21202 or 410-837-2437. Documents and information submitted to the State of Maryland under the Maryland Charitable Solicitations Act are available from the Office of the Secretary of State, State House, Annapolis, MD 21401 for the cost of copying and postage.

**AIDS ACTION BALTIMORE, INC.**  
**Statement of Financial Position**  
**as at December 31, 2023 and 2022**

<u>ASSETS</u>		
<u>Current Assets</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 316,659	\$ 204,977
Contributions Receivable	21,322	31,574
Prepaid Expenses	769	769
<u>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</u>	<u>\$ 338,750</u>	<u>\$ 237,320</u>
<u>Furniture &amp; Equipment</u>		
Furniture and Equipment	\$ 64,124	\$ 64,124
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	62,997	62,244
<u>TOTAL FURNITURE &amp; EQUIPMENT</u>	<u>1,127</u>	<u>1,880</u>
<u>OTHER ASSETS</u>		
Security Deposit	\$ 1,000	1,000
<u>TOTAL OTHER ASSETS</u>	<u>\$ 1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>	<u>\$ 340,877</u>	<u>\$ 240,200</u>
<u>LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</u>		
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>		
Credit Cards Payable	\$ 1,102	-0-
Accrued Expense Payable	\$ 3,903	\$ 3,782
<u>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>	<u>\$5,005</u>	<u>\$ 3,782</u>
<u>NET ASSETS</u>		
Unrestricted	\$ 288,009	\$ 168,084
Temporarily Restricted	47,863	68,334
<u>TOTAL NET ASSETS</u>	<u>\$ 335,872</u>	<u>\$ 236,418</u>
<u>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</u>	<u>\$ 340,877</u>	<u>\$ 240,200</u>

**AIDS ACTION BALTIMORE, INC.**  
**Statement of Activities**  
**For The Years Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022**

	Temporarily Restricted	Un- Restricted	2023 Total	2022 Total
<u>PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUE</u>				
<u>PUBLIC SUPPORT:</u>				
Contributions	\$ 8,605	\$ 30,043	\$ 38,648	\$ 200,368
Special Events	-0-	13,514	13,514	44,786
Grants-Education	-0-	405,999	405,999	171,662
Total Public Support	\$ 8,605	\$ 449,556	\$ 458,161	\$ 416,816
Net Assets Released from Restriction	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
<u>REVENUE:</u>				
Other Income	-0-	500	500	-0-
Investment Income	-0-	29	29	16
<u>TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE</u>	<u>\$ 8,605</u>	<u>\$ 450,085</u>	<u>\$ 458,690</u>	<u>\$ 416,832</u>
<u>EXPENSES</u>				
<u>Program Services:</u>				
Public Services	84,846	339,383	424,229	445,585
<u>SUPPORTING SERVICES</u>				
Management and General	-0-	19,852	19,852	37,849
<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>	<u>\$ 84,846</u>	<u>\$ 359,235</u>	<u>\$ 444,081</u>	<u>\$ 483,434</u>
Change in Net Assets	(20,471)	119,926	99,455	(66,602)
<u>NET ASSETS -</u>				
<u>BEGINNING OF THE YEAR</u>	<u>68,334</u>	<u>168,084</u>	<u>236,418</u>	<u>303,020</u>
<u>NET ASSETS -</u>				
<u>END OF THE YEAR</u>	<u>\$ 47,863</u>	<u>\$ 288,010</u>	<u>\$ 335,873</u>	<u>\$ 236,418</u>