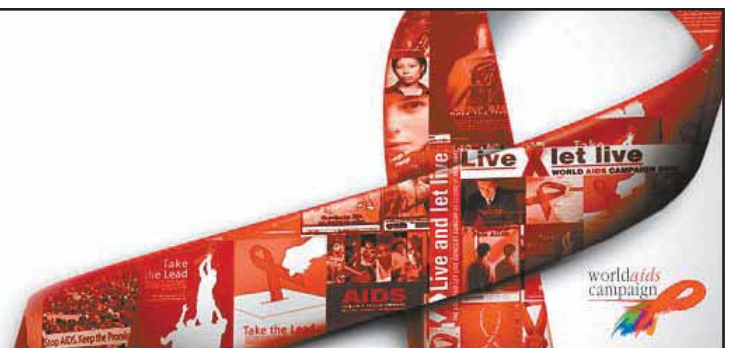




## — A Global Look at HIV/AIDS —

- The number of people living with HIV/AIDS globally rose from 29.5 million in 2001 to 33 million in 2007 due to continuing new infections, people living longer with HIV, and general population growth
- In sub-Saharan Africa, the HIV/AIDS prevalence rate among young women aged 15–24 is nearly three times higher than the rate among young men in the same age group
- There were more than 7,000 new HIV infections each day in 2007
- Globally, there were 2.0 million children living with HIV/AIDS, 370,000 new infections, and 270,000 deaths due to AIDS among children in 2007
- Women represent half of all people living with HIV/AIDS, as they have in recent years
- There were an estimated 15.0 million AIDS orphans (children who had lost one or both parents to the epidemic) in 2007, the majority of which live in sub-Saharan Africa (77%)
- HIV is among the leading causes of death worldwide and the number one cause of death in sub-Saharan Africa
- Approximately 7 out of 10 people with HIV in need of antiretroviral therapy (HIV medications) in low- and middle-income countries do not have access
- Most people with HIV are unaware that they are infected.
- UNAIDS estimated that spending on HIV/AIDS rose from about US \$300 million in 1996 to \$10 billion in 2007, but need is estimated to be much higher (at \$18.1 billion needed in 2007)
- Teens and young adults, particularly girls and young women, continue to be at the center of the epidemic.
- Young people aged 15–24 account for about 45% of new HIV infections (among those 15 and over)

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# OBAMA ON OUR ISSUES

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Regardless of where you stand on sex education, abortion and gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and questioning (GLBTQ) issues, you should know where President-elect Barack Obama stands. Check out what he has to say about these important issues:

## OBAMA ON AIDS PREVENTION

"I also believe that we cannot ignore that abstinence and fidelity may too often be the ideal and not the reality—that we are dealing with flesh and blood men and women and not abstractions. And that if condoms and potentially microbicides can prevent millions of deaths, they [condoms] should be made more widely available."

"Another area where we can make significant progress in prevention is by removing the stigma that goes along with getting tested for HIV/AIDS. The idea that in some places, nine in ten people with HIV have no idea they're infected is more than frightening. It's a ticking time bomb waiting to go off."

*From the 2006 Global Summit on AIDS and the Church, December 1, 2006*

## OBAMA ON ABORTION

"This is a difficult moral issue. And one of the things that I believe is that to pretend that it's not a moral issue is a mistake. I think that people wrestle with this issue deeply. My belief is simply that women are in the best position to make that very difficult moral decision."

*From a speech in Algona, IA, December 16, 2007*



## OBAMA ON SEX EDUCATION

"I'm all for education for our young people, encouraging abstinence until marriage, but I also believe that young people do things regardless of what their parents tell them to do. And I don't want my daughters ending up in really difficult situations because I didn't communicate to them how to protect themselves if they make a mistake."

"I think we've got to have that kind of comprehensive view that says family planning and education for our young people and so forth—to prevent teen pregnancies, to prevent the kinds of situations that lead to women having to struggle with these difficult decisions. And we should be supportive of those efforts."

*From "Obama Explores Abortion Issue," The Caucus, The New York Times Politics Blog, October 6, 2007*

## OBAMA ON GAY MARRIAGE

"I will never compromise on my commitment to equal rights for all LGBT Americans. But neither will I close my ears to the voices of those who still need to be convinced. That is the work we must do to move forward together. It is difficult. It is challenging. And it is necessary."

*From "Obama Statement on Vote against Constitutional Amendment to Ban Gay Marriage," June 7, 2006*

# TATF AND MEDIA UNIT TV QUIZ SHOW

On November 18, 2008, TATF Chapters, with the support and help of the Media Unit, competed against each other in a live TV quiz show. I was very proud of each group that had the courage to show up in front of cameras and I thank the TATF advisors who fully supported their groups for the entire time. Four TATF Chapters participated in the TV quiz show: Henninger High School with advisor Mrs. Sue Herwitz, Nottingham High School with Mrs. Janice Hammerlee, EL School with Mrs. Shelagh McIntyre and Catholic Charities with Maureen Bradley.

The atmosphere outside of the studio was absolutely fantastic from the beginning. First, Walt Sheppard, the director of Media Unit, gave teams instructions: each group had a chance to gain one point, three points or five points with each question, depending on the difficulty. Each team had three members. Henninger and EL School TATF Chapter members competed first, followed by Nottingham TATF against Catholic Charities TATF. Teams that won the first round, Henninger and Catholic Charities, had the final battle for the first place. Like I indicated before, there was a "waiting room" outside of the studio where everybody hung out while others were competing. Because of the fact that the quiz show was live on channel 98, all people in this room could watch



Time Warner Studio

what was happening next door, on a small TV. During the competition this room became very loud and emotional! As the competing groups exited the studio, the crowd ran towards them with congratulations, hugs or words of comfort. Catholic Charities was the group who won the entire show and I can tell – they were so proud!!!

There was something special about the whole night. It was not just about winning and losing but it was about having fun, meeting new people, supporting each other and working as a team.

I would like to give credit and thanks to the advisors for taking their time to bring the teens to the Time Warner Studio in Syracuse and helping their teams in all possible ways both mentally and physically. I would also like to thank Walt Sheppard and the teens at The Media Unit for all their hard work in putting this Quiz Show together for us all. This has been a great partnership, and I look forward to working more with you in the future!

EL School TATF



Nottingham TATF



Shelagh McIntyre



Janice Hammerlee



Catholic Charities

Advisor Group



Sue Herwitz



Henniger TATF



# FFAW aka: First Frost AIDS Walk at the Thompson Park Zoo in Watertown

TATF members were out in full force and dressed to impress at this year's First Frost AIDS Walk. The annual event took place at the Thompson Park Zoo in Watertown and many local vendors including Starbucks, Panera Breads, and Z93FM were in on the action helping to keep walkers fed, warm, and entertained. In addition to Watertown High School TATF, Watertown Area Gay Youth TATF, Indian River High School TATF, and Clifton Fine High School TATF, Lyme Central youth also came out to remind the community that HIV/AIDS effects all ages and walks of life. Indian River TATF took home the perpetual Top TATF Fundraising Team trophy for the next year and earned bragging rights by raising an unmatched \$4,000+ for those both infected and affected by HIV and AIDS. Watertown High School TATF took home the trophy for Most Creative Team with their "Walking with Carmen" theme and Tropicana turbans. TATF would like to thank all the ACR volunteers and staff, community members, and vendors who came out to show their support to our youth programming and agency clients. A special thanks to the TATF advisors: Laurie LaFrance (CF), Bill Landers (WAGY), Kristy Fuller (IR), Lenny Planes and Patricia Ryan (WHS) – without your tireless dedication and efforts we wouldn't exist!



Laurie & Mr. Hamm



Shanara - Watertown



Mandy & Steph



Alex - Watertown TATF



Marissa - Watertown



Indian River



Below – Clifton Fine High School TATF



Mandy's Pirate Costume



All Hail Prince Eric!



Getting Ready



# Thank you to the Media Unit

On behalf of myself and the rest of the TATF staff at AIDS Community Resources, I would like to say "Thank you" to The Media Unit for helping us with promoting our program. HIV and AIDS is a big issue and The Media Unit has been very interested in raising awareness about the HIV epidemic through the years. The idea of a thirty-second public service announcement (PSA) was the first idea members of The Media Unit came up with. After that it was just about organization. AIDS Community Resources would like to give a special "thank you" to Evan and Kristina, the two main characters who did an excellent job playing the couple in the cafeteria talking about the TATF program. We would also like to say thank you to the members of The Media Unit team who worked more "behind the scenes". Without them this PAS would not have been possible.

The Media Unit is currently recruiting for "Larry and Linda: A Story of Love, Basketball and Sexual Orientation." If you are interested, or you know about somebody who might be interested, in working with this great group and maybe becoming a future celebrity, you can contact Media Unit directly:

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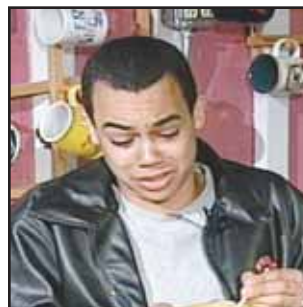
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Miranovic



Evan Rohadfox



Zashalise  
Moore

## Donovan Middle School in Utica, NY (Oneida County)



It began with a very large, very animated bunch of 7th and 8th grade girls. It ended with a very special, very involved and much smaller group of 8th grade girls. They couldn't always come, with sports and family and everything else their afterschool program had to offer. But, they did make an effort to attend

my group, and often. They were taking personal responsibility and initiative to stay involved in the training and thinking of ways to educate their peers. They taught me how to teach them, and that was priceless. I can only hope the next group will bring as much to the table as these girls always did.

# And the question is:

**“A recent study linked sexual content on TV with an increase in teen pregnancy. Researchers found that adolescents with a high level of exposure to television shows with sexual content are twice as likely to get pregnant or impregnate someone as those who saw fewer programs of this kind over a period of three years. Do you agree with these findings? Why or why not?”**



David Olney

## **Whitesboro HS TATF (Oneida County)**

**David:**

I strongly agree with the findings of this research. I believe that teens are highly impressionable by their surroundings. Peer pressure is just one example of how impressionable teens truly are. When teens are exposed to an excess of this sexual content, they begin to desire sex, more so than those not exposed. I believe the amount of sexual content shown on public television should be more strictly screened.



Amanda Curriere

**Amanda:**

Actually, I believe it's up to the person themselves, not the T.V. show. I believe this because, well, no two people think the same. So, just because a show airs sexual content, does not necessarily mean they will do the same.



Melissa Chance



Alyza Supriana



Gabrielle Ervin



**Niquan (left):** I don't think that movies are why teens are having more sex. I think that the wide spread phenomenon of teens having sex is caused by the change of hormones in a teenager's body.

**Debra (right):** I kind of think that it does influence the teens because they want to try something new. They want to see what it would be like if they were in the movie.

**Melissa:**

I think that T.V. shows, or any form of media, have a huge influence on what teens think is the cool thing to do. Because the teens are more exposed to sexual content, they think its okay to “hook up” with someone and not use protection, therefore resulting in pregnancy.

## **Girls Inc., Utica (Oneida County)**

**Alyza Supriana:**

“No, I do not agree because I think it is their choice to do that. Many teens might see that and think that it's nasty or uncomfortable.”

**Gabrielle Ervin:**

“I agree that sexual content on TV increases the teen pregnancy and sexuality of teens. I agree because the shows make sexual activity look like its okay and you won't get into any trouble. It also influences younger girls also because they see it on TV and get peer pressure in school also.”

**Alexis Butler:**

“No I disagree because they're getting influenced and pressured to do it because they want to be down with their friends. So they think they have to do it.”

**Tabitha:**

“I don't agree with that statement because it is a choice of a person to have unprotected sex or not. I think they might be influenced to have sex, but not unprotected. That's like saying everyone who sees someone drinking Coke; they are going to drink Coke.”

## **Hamilton HS TATF (Madison County)**

**Cheyenne:**

“I think that it's a TV. show and that kids have a little more common sense than to use shows as examples. Most of the shows on TV are fake anyway, so teens know not to actually follow what they do. So hopefully the teen will be mature enough to use a condom, go on birth control, or not do it at all.”

(CNN) -- Sexual content on television is strongly associated with teen pregnancy, a new study from the RAND Corporation shows.



**Alexis Butler**



**Tabitha Johnson**



**Cheyenne Smyrski**



**Devin Askew**



**Kaylin Broadwell**

**Devin:**

"I agree with the findings shown because people who watch television with sexual content in it see more sexual activity and they might want to try what they see. What they may be seeing is too may be unprotected sex, which they may try also."

**Kaylin:**

"I think that yes, some teens do get influenced by television shows, but I also think that not all teens are affected by the things they see on TV. Some teens are smarter than others and actually use some common sense when it comes to TV and sex. Just because they show it on TV doesn't mean you have to do it."

**Boys & Girls Club, Utica (Oneida County)**

**Shakeema Patterson:**

"Well for my response to this, I am a teen that is pregnant, and the situation I am in had nothing to do with watching T.V. It happened, and it shouldn't have, but it just happened. I learned from my mistake and I want others to know that it is not easy being young and pregnant."

**Enoshja Ruffin:**

"Yes, I kind of think that because if a teenager sees something that they think is cool, they might want to try it. But I also think no, because sometimes they are more into following their friends. If their friends are all doing it (having sex) then they want to be cool and try it."

**Mahogany White:**

"I do agree and do not. Some people who are peer pressured into doing those kinds of things and do not see any way out of it. On the other hand, some people are smarter than to do what they see on television"

**Nadya Crutchfield:**

"No. Not all teens go by what's on T.V. If they have common sense and self-respect, they have nothing to worry about. There are girls in Africa and India who



**Catholic Charities TATF:**

**Charles (Charlie)**

Answer: (upper left) I think yes. People are influenced by negative stuff sometimes. After watching TV they get excited about it and they go and have sex without protection.

**Domitrian**

Answer: (kneeling down) Yes because it influences me to make sexy time.

**Michael**

Answer: (upper right) No. I think that you cannot get someone pregnant by watching R-rated movies or porn. Doing that is your decision.

don't watch T.V., and they have a high rate of teen pregnancy and AIDS."

**Alexandra Capecelatro:**

"I do not agree with this statement because people's (teens) decisions cannot always be based on television. It may show that there are others doing the same things, but it cannot make people do things."



**Shakeema Patterson**



**Enoshja Ruffin**



**Mahogany White**



**Nadya Crutchfield**



**Alexandra Capecelatro**



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## Upcoming Events

### **NOVEMBER 28-30, 2008**

Indian River: AIDS Quilt and  
Student Directed HIV Play  
Where: Indian River HS

### **DECEMBER 1, 2008**

World AIDS Day

### **DECEMBER 1-3, 2008**

Syracuse NAMES Project  
AIDS Memorial Quilts Display  
Where: OnCenter in Syracuse

### **DECEMBER 10 & 11, 2008**

Holiday Angel Drop-off



## Support Groups

### **SYRACUSE YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS:**

LGBTQ (ages 13-18): Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Transgender (ages 14-24): Wednesdays, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Steppin' Out (ages 19-22): Thursdays, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

For location and further information:

[qcenter@aidscommunityresources.com](mailto:qcenter@aidscommunityresources.com)

### **UTICA YOUTH GROUP:**

Sundays, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

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