

## HIV Testing Centers in Lower Fraser Valley

### Abbotsford - Health Unit

34194 Marshall Road Abbotsford, BC V2S 5E4

Phone: 604-864-3400

Hours: Tuesday 2:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Friday 2:30- 4:00 (for results only)

Services: STD Testing & Treatment, STD Counselling, HIV Pre & Post Test Counselling and Testing, Pap Smears

### Burnaby

#### Burnaby – Youth Clinic

15-250 Willingdon Avenue

Burnaby BC V5C 5E9

604-293-1764

Open Monday, Tuesday & Thursday from 2:00pm to 5:00pm.

#### Chilliwack Health Unit

45470 Menholm Road Chilliwack, BC V2P 1M2

Phone: 604-702-4900 Hours:

Monday and Thursday afternoons, by appointment only

Services: STD Testing and Treatment, HIV Pre & Post Test Counselling

and Testing

### Richmond

#### Gilwest Clinic /Richmond Hospital Site

7000 Westminster Highway

604-233-3135 or 604-233-3220

Call four hours

#### Richmond Youth Clinic

7000 Westminster Highway

604-233-3150

Hours Monday 3:00 – 5:00 Wednesdays 3:30 – 5:30 Drop-in basis

### Langley

#### Langley Health Unit

22035 Fraser Highway 604-532-2300 Call for hours

#### Mission - STD Clinic at the Mission Health Unit

32618 Logan Avenue

Mission, BC

V2V 6C7

Phone: 604-814-5500

Hours: Tuesday 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Services: STD Testing, STD Treatment

### New Westminster

#### New Westminster HIV and STI Clinic

537 Carnarvon Street (at 6th)

604-777-6784

Drop in only no appts.

Wednesdays 1:30 – 3:00 and Friday 1:30 – 3:00

Non nominal HIV and STI testing

Testing without coverage

Call for hours

#### Youth Clinic (for those under 25)

38 Begbie Street

Under 21

No care card necessary

604-329-1875

Tuesday Noon – 3:30, Thursday 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Appointments are strongly recommended

### Surrey

#### Boundary Health Unit

220 – 10362 King George Highway

604-586-2788

Call for hours

#### Surrey Memorial Hospital Youth clinic

13750 96th Avenue

604-585-5999

Monday 1 – 8:00 Tuesday 12:00 to 8:00 Friday 12:00 – 5:00

Appointments are strongly recommended

#### Surrey North Community Health Centre

10667 - 135A St

604-583-5666

E-mail: medicalclinic@surreyhealthbc.bc.ca

Testing and counselling for sexually transmitted diseases and HIV/AIDS provided by an on-site physician and nurse.

Doctor's Hours

1:00-5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday

Nurse's Hours

1:00-6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday

## Sponsors/Supporters



## Entertainment—FAIRFIRE



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## Day of Action End the US HIV Travel Ban

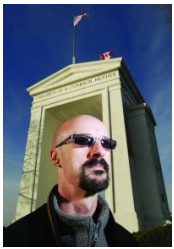
**AUGUST 16TH 2009**  
**PEACE ARCH PARK**  
**SURREY BC**  
**10.30am - 1.30pm**

**Entertainment**  
**FAIRFIRE**

**Guest Speakers**

**Barinder Rasode**  
Acting Mayor of Surrey  
**Dr. Hedy Fry**  
MP Vancouver Center  
**Helen Kennedy**  
Exec. Director Egale  
**Charles King**  
CEO Housing Works  
**Sue Hammell**  
MLA Surrey Green Timbers  
Exec Vice President  
Hospital Employees Union

HIV + Persons denied Entry to US



I have been HIV positive for 20 years. However living in Canada I got it pretty easy - the best doctors, disability and Social service benefits, fairly clean and large clinics with waiting rooms that are air conditioned, proper testing facilities, access to up to the minute information, and most of all universal health care. Yes There are times it is lonely to have a terminal disease, but with that sort of government and medical support I got it pretty good. 3 square meals a day - a doctor a phone call or short drive away, my meds delivered to a local pharmacy every 2 months. Even when I acquired Shingles in the early '90's to or almost succumbed to pneumonia in 2003, I had a hospital that cared, doctors that new my medical history and a healthcare system that covered all medical expenses. Yes I got it pretty good!

Friends that support me, a family that loves me, even though they live in Ireland, and my GLBTQ family that cares - Yes I got it pretty good. When I felt my civil rights were violated on November 11 2007 when I was refuse entry to the US due to my HIV status, even then I had support. My friends, the media, my community gave me the strength to stand up and say NO! THIS IS NOT RIGHT! Yes I got it pretty good. The support I received from the media, politicians, Egale, The International Court System and the rally we had in Vancouver changed the law. Now we await the regulations to change so ANYONE HIV + can once again cross the border legally and with dignity.

This made me seriously reflect on how others have not got it so good. I redirected my energies to AIDS Tijuana and the Djeaf Mahler HIV Foodbank here in Surrey. I achieved my primary goal of fresh produce on the shelves of the food bank through 2009. I also focus on our friends to the south—Tijuana Mexico. I have been there at least 3 times and as soon as I can once again enter the US will be back in Tijuana to re visit the clinic and hospice that I have raised well over \$6000 for in the past 10 years - I have always been questioned about my concern for Aids Tijuana - here's the deal down there....No Government assistance for medical anything. When you croak from Aids in Mexico, the coroner will not remove the body unless it is in a body bag - and guess what - right the authorities do not provide body bags and they cost \$60 US a piece - How's that for a reality check.

How can you have the \$\$\$ to buy a body bag when you have no access to the HIV meds on a regular basis and families have to pimp themselves out just to eat ! They don't have it pretty good - I can go on and on, but I think you get he point. Let those of us that do good work back into the US to do our good deeds - we can look after ourselves and NOT be a burden on the US Healthcare System

Thank You  
Martin Rooney

### AIDS TIJUANA

Annual grants are given out each year to assist the clinic in Tijuana. With the help of US and Canadian doctors and Doctors without Borders/ In 2007 Tijuana got its first AIDS Hospice, Casa Nicole. This was all done with the support of the International Court System. Since 1986 over \$90,000 has been distributed to people living with HIV AIDS, including the donation of body bags and an annual "Tijuana Blanket Drive", as every year infants and elderly die from the winter cold. This Project is administered by the Imperial Court de San Diego a 501 C# non profit in the United States. [www.martinstorm.com/aidstj.html](http://www.martinstorm.com/aidstj.html)

### Djeaf Mahler Food Bank & Positive Haven

#### Djeaf Mahler Foodbank

For member who are HIV + the Djeaf Mahler Grocery, a high protein food bank is made available weekly in Whalley, Surrey BC. Named after Djeaf Mahler, a Delta Artist who passed away in 1990 of AIDS related issues, and initially made possible y the Djeaf Mahler AIDS Benefit Society, the food bank as we know it came into fruition in 2001through South Fraser Community Services Society. This grocery aims to consistently offer high protein food items for HIV+ members.

The intent is to offer food items that compliment and enhance a person's immune system as they battle the potential progression of HIV infection. Through the generous donations and food items purchased from our community's organizations, churches and individuals they are able to supply such groceries as tuna and salmon, beans, cheese, eggs, milk, fresh fruit and vegetables, hearty soups, breads and some sweets and cereals.

Grocery service is offered every Wednesday (except MHSD cheque issue week) from noon until 4pm. They have seen a significant growth within the past 2 years of members who are positive putting a phenomenal strain on resources—membership has doubled and is still growing due to the downturn to the economy.

Members can expect on grocery day to pick up 2-3 grocery bags full of food (approx.) equal to about \$30 pp if purchased)/ Positive Haven appreciates the generosity time, commitment and support that every volunteer provides to assist with the Djeaf Mahler Grocery and operations that are busier than ever before. Positive Haven and Djeaf Mahler Grocery continue their commitment in supporting community members who are afflicted with HIV Aids.

To Sponsor or call 604 584-6475

### POSITIVE HAVEN

Originating as the Surrey HIV Aids Support Network in 1998, the program evolved into a drop in resource centre, available for members in the South Fraser Region, spanning from New Westminster in the west to Chilliwack in the east who are infect with HIV and HVC. Renamed to the "Positive Haven in 2006,thud supporting individuals requiring services and referrals to assist in the overall health determinants relating to their HIV positive status/ Positive Haven is currently open 5 days each week with a support worker, valuable volunteers and peer support persons. They provide the back bone of support by listening, offering friendship and sharing their personal experiences. Advocate support workers may provide members with referrals and to/ or assist with complex issues such as disability, advocacy and education/peer treatment information and support. As the majority of the clients served and impoverished and periodically ill or chronically homeless, and often battling substance abuse related issues, much of the work done involves assisting individuals with housing needs, gaining access to shelters or drug treatment facilities, and or discussing current health a nutrition

### US HIV Travel Ban Links

#### New Regulation Open for Public Comment

Email to register your support of the new regulations

Deadline is August 17th

<https://secure3.convio.net/hrc/site/Advocacy?cmd=display&page=UserAction&id=299>

S-2486 (July 2008) here is a link to the Bill as passed last year <http://www.martinstorm.com/Kerry%20Smith%20Bill.pdf>

June 4th 2009 - Housing Works Article on the Ban <http://www.housingworks.org/news-press/detail/banthyneighbor/>

June 17th HIV-positive speaker denied entry to Seattle health conference

<http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/Thebusinessofgivin>