

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 Westminister

New Westminister 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

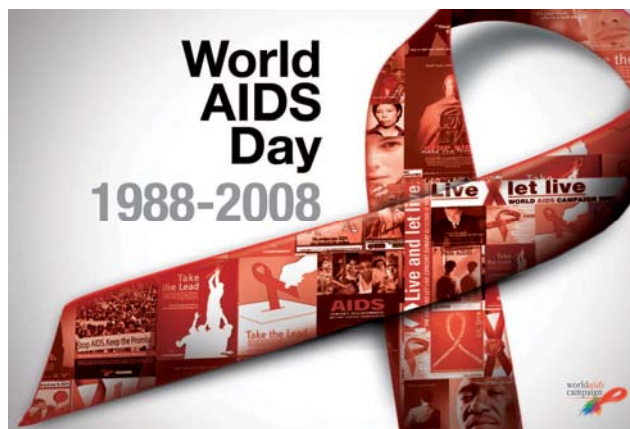
Testing and counseling for sexually transmitted diseases and HIV/AIDS provided by an on-site physician and nurse.

Doctor's Hours

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

Nurse's Hours

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



November 24th to
December 1st 2008

World AIDS Day
20 Years
1988—2008

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I have been HIV positive for almost 20 years now. However living in Canada I got it pretty easy - the best doctors, disability and social assistance benefits fairly clean and large clinics with waiting rooms that are air conditioned, proper testing facilities, information and most of all universal healthcare. 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 a short drive away, my meds shipped from Vancouver to a local pharmacy every 2 months. Even when I acquired shingles in the early 90's or almost succumbed to pneumonia twice in the early 2000's I had a hospital that cared, doctors that knew my medical history and a healthcare system that looked after my costs. 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 like my dignity and human rights we violated November 11 2007 when I was refused entry to the United States 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 local media, local politicians and the International Court System and Egale Canada helped in getting the US Law changed so one day soon I can.

Also I have now dedicated my time to HIV AIDS Awareness and fundraising for Positive Haven and the Djeaff Mahler HIV Foodbank with the primary goal of insuring that fresh produce remain on the shelves of the HIV Foodbank. Also to focus on Aids Tijuana in Mexico—I have been to Tijuana at least 3 times - visited the clinic at least once. I have led fundraising efforts over the last 10 years that have been responsible for over \$5000 being donated to Aids Tijuana - - - and I was always questioned as to why AIDS Tijuana

Let me tell you what I know - - - There appears to be NO support in any capacity from the governments within Mexico for HIV AIDS. It's just a problem that will solve itself! NOT! I have been to the clinic .Should you die from HIV AIDS in Tijuana, the coroner or morgue will not remove the body unless it is already in a body bag - - - guess what people yeh - the government will not supply the body bags and they cost approx . \$60 US a piece. How's that for a reality check! I do not understand how families can afford body bags when they have to pimp themselves out just to eat - - No they don't have it pretty good. I can go on and on and on but I think you get the point.

Martin Rooney
<http://www.martinstorm.com>

AIDS Tijuana

Annual grants are given out to HIV/AIDS agencies, organizations, and hospices in Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico. Since 1985, over \$90,000 has been distributed to assist people living with HIV/AIDS in Mexico, including the donation of body bags, medicine, and an annual "Tijuana Blanket Drive," as every year infants and elderly die from winter cold. This Project is administered through the Imperial Court de San Diego a 501 c3 non profit in the United States.

Djeaff Mahler Food Bank & Positive Haven

Djaef Mahler Grocery

For members who are HIV+, the Djaef Mahler Grocery, a high-protein food bank, is made available. Named after Djaef Mahler, a Delta artist who passed away in 1990, and initially made possible through the Djaef Mahler AIDS Benefit Society, the Djaef Mahler Grocery came to fruition in 2001. The Grocery aims to consistently offer high-protein food items for its HIV+ members.

The intent is to offer items that will complement and enhance a person's immune system as they battle the progression of HIV infection. Through the generous donations and food items purchased from our community's organizations, churches and individuals, we are able to supply groceries such as; tuna and salmon, beans, cheese, eggs, milk, fresh fruit and vegetables, hearty soups, bread and some sweets and cereals. Grocery service is offered every Wednesday (except during MHSD cheque-issue week) from 12:00 until 4:00 pm. We have seen a significant growth within the past two years of positive Members who are requesting services, the numbers have more than doubled!

Members can expect on grocery day to pick up 2-3 grocery bags full of food, (approx. equating to about \$30 worth, if purchased).

Positive Haven appreciates the generosity, time, commitment and support that every Volunteer provides to assist with the Djaef Mahler Grocery and operations of. Busier now than ever before, Positive Haven and the Djaef Mahler Grocery continue their commitment to supporting community members who are afflicted with HIV/AIDS.

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 who are afflicted with HIV and/or HCV. Renamed to the 'Positive Haven' in 2006, thus supporting individuals who are requiring services and referrals to assist in their overall health determinants relating with 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 Worker may provide Positive Haven Members with referrals to and/or assist with more complex issues such as disability, advocacy and education/peer treatment information and support. As the majority of the clients served are impoverished, periodically or chronically homeless, and often battling substance-abuse issues, much of the work done involves assisting individuals with housing needs, gaining access to shelters or drug treatment facilities, or discussing current health and nutrition.

Events

Weds November 24th

Djeaff Mahler Grocery
 Noon -4pm
 Positive Haven
 10697 135 A Street

Friday November 28th

Elders Brunch 11:30 am- 2pm
 Kla How Eva Aboriginal Center,
 13629 108th Ave Surrey, BC V3T 2K4

Red Ribbons for Life

Fireside Café The House of Cheesecake
 13593 King George Hwy Doors 5.30pm
 Burger BBQ—\$5 donation 6pm—7.30pm
 Prize Bingo by Donation 7.30pm—9pm
 Benefit Show 9.30pm—11pm
 Silent Auction during the evening.
 Partial Proceeds to
 Aids Tijuana, Positive Haven Fresh Produce Fund,
 Court of Surrey Reign 5 Charities.

Monday December 1 20th World AIDS Day

Open House 4pm—8pm
 Candle Light Vigil 7pm
 Positive Haven
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