

AHF's Global Public Health Institute & GISAID Genomic Sequencing Collaboration

The AHF Global Public Health Institute at the University of Miami and GISAID, the global data science initiative and primary data source of the coronavirus responsible for COVID-19, signed a Memorandum of Understanding April 11th, enabling increased collaboration on genomic sequencing (GS) efforts in lowand middle-Income countries.

In addition to expanding GS capacity, the agreement between AHF and GISAID will foster high-level advocacy on the importance of GS to end the COVID-19 pandemic and leverage established educational programs offered by GISAID in support of the GS projects AHF is currently funding. The MoU was the first official cooperative measure between the two organizations.

"The collaboration between AHF and GISAID will further advance the rapid sharing of genome data in places that need our support," says GISAID Vice President Ben Branda. "One critical element is that we continue to incentivize researchers and governments alike, by giving them meaningful equity in the data they generate. GISAID is grateful for AHF's vision and financial support toward those joint efforts."

Since the first whole-genome sequences were made available through GISAID in January 2020, data submitters from 210 countries and territories have collectively contributed over 10 million SARS-CoV-2 genomes to GISAID. This monumental global effort enabled the development of lifesaving countermeasures to COVID-19 at unprecedented speed, including the first vaccines and diagnostic tests to detect SARS-CoV-2.

"GISAID is a great representation of the type of cooperation and coordination that's been needed yet sorely lacking throughout much of the last two years. I'm very pleased to inaugurate this relationship on behalf of AHF," said AHF President Michael Weinstein.

"Genomic sequencing, in general, is the early warning system that we need if we have additional surges from COVID-19 and other diseases. It's been our privilege to fund 17 projects globally to help them scale up genomic sequencing in different places around the globe." To learn more about GISAID, visit www.gisaid.org.



Ben Branda and Michael Weinstein signing the GIDAID MOU at AHF's Sunset HQ

UNITE And AHF Join Forces

AHF joined forces with UNITE to sign a memorandum of understanding in Lisbon, Portugal on March 24th, 2022. The memorandum outlines their joint work to prevent and respond to future pandemics.

UNITE is a global network of parliamentarians committed to driving political change and impact to end infectious diseases as a global health threat until 2030. They have more than 200 members across 70 countries.

Considering the global devastation caused by COVID-19, it's important that advocacy organizations like AHF and government organizations like UNITE partner to prepare for pandemics. UNITE and AHF released statements to address the need for such collaborations and their missions to forge ahead. UNITE president Ricardo Baptiste Leite said, "UNITE has the right tools to achieve the required political impact, and the parliamentarians of the network are committed to doing so."

AHF President Michael Weinstein added, "To push for maximum political impact and change, we need parliamentarians on board, as they are the voice of the people."

Since UNITE's beginning in 2017, AHF has supported UNITE's work in its different areas of intervention. Learn more about UNITE at

www.unitenetwork.org.



Michael Weinstein and Ricardo Baptista Leite UNITE in Lisbon, Portugal

AHF Intranet: AHF at Your Fingertips

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CHECK OUT AHF'S INTERNATIONAL CONDOM Day parody

Inspired by West Side Story's classic song "I Feel Pretty", AHF is proud to bring you "I Feel Frisky" our 2022 International Condom Day anthem.

We hope to raise awareness and remind you to get tested, know your status, and always play safe. Don't



AHF Wellness: Hook Up with Wellness

Thirty-five AHF Wellness
Centers are currently open
across thirteen states (plus DC),
with twelve more operating
in five global countries. Our
Wellness Centers offer FREE
STI and HIV testing, STI and
HIV counseling, FREE condoms,
PEP and PrEP, and linkage
to treatment for any positive
results that may occur.

But did you know AHF Wellness Centers can also prescribe PEP and PrEP? And here's a fun fact, AHF is the largest provider of PrEP in the U.S.

As we grow as an organization it's important that we expand our Wellness services and hours of availability. That's why AHF just added a Wellness Center to our North Las Vegas Healthcare Center open on Tuesdays, as well as Wellness

hours opening at our Healthcare Center in Homestead, FL open on Wednesdays, with more to come.

It's important that our Healthcare Center staff hook up our clients with their Wellness locations and hours sending them to www.freestdcheck.org. That extra effort helps us maintain the friendly atmosphere that our Wellness Centers are known for.

Our goal is to make STI and HIV testing as accessible as possible. And unlike our Healthcare Centers, Wellness Centers welcome walk-ins. With no appointments necessary to be seen, clients can simply walk into Wellness, register with the Healthvana app, and wait briefly to be seen. Thanks to easy access, AHF Wellness Centers have helped our organization

administer 169,874 HIV tests in 2021 and have helped distribute more than 73 million condoms. Talk about making an impact.

An essential part of these accomplishments are the Wellness Center staff who offer a warm and welcoming experience to visitors.
Counselors go above and beyond by guiding people through each step of the testing process, which puts them at ease. The way we care for patients is what sets AHF apart.

What does Wellness mean to you? Answer this question and send your response to ahfmarketing@ahf.org with the subject line "Wellness means" to be featured in the AHF Wellness section of our monthly newsletter and score 500 Above & Beyond points!

People Before Profit

DID YOU KNOW?

PHD Fact 1: PHD provides rapid HIV testing at OTCs and Mobile Testing Units that travel to key areas.

PHD Fact 2: PHD Wellness Centers test and treat most STIs.

PHD Fact 3: PHD Wellness Centers prescribe PEP and PrEP.

PHD Fact 4: No appointments are needed. Walkins always welcome.



Spanish version of "Sexually Risky?"

AHF: Fit for Competition

Fitbit competitions have been in full swing and with AIDS Walk Atlanta and Pride events coming soon, there will be more chances to win big prizes.

How's your fitness level AHF? In January we teamed up with Fitbit and launched a series of AHF wellness challenges. The goal is to promote physical, mental, and emotional health among AHF staff, and to create fun, cooperative activities for everyone to enjoy.

We've walked for individual accolades, we've stepped up go walk department vs. department, and we've even trusted our leaders to come up with competitions for their own teams.

We're overjoyed by the enthusiasm for the challenges

and want to thank everyone who has participated using their FREE Fitbit!

We've rallied with our coworkers and the competitions are heating up! That means BIG rewards for BIG feats. Florida AIDS Walk and AIDS Walk Atlanta participants will have a chance to win Airpod Pros based on the most steps logged at each event. The staff member with the most individual steps from the two AIDS Walks will claim the grand prize!

The winning event and winning walker will be announced in the November newsletter

with rejoice-worthy Above & Beyond points dolled out to all participants. But don't worry about the wait. There will be more Fitbit challenges along the way meaning more chances to win–including May's raffle competition. Have you started yet?

If you haven't ordered your Fitbit yet, you still can by visiting www.ahf.org/fitbit. Order your Fitbit, register an AHF account, and join your department challenges. You could be the missing link your team needs to come out on top.

Email fitbit@ahf.org for info.

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Community Spotlight: AID Atlanta

AID Atlanta has been providing HIV/AIDS-related services. care, and education since 1982 in the face of fear and bigotry in the Atlanta community. The organization quickly expanded to engage Black and Latino populations and meet the evolving needs of their community in response to the epidemic. Today, AID Atlanta offers HIV and STI testing, primary care, medical case management, housing and utility assistance, behavioral health services, pharmacy services, PrEP, and patient forms.

AID Atlanta's mission is to reduce the number of people newly diagnosed with HIV and to improve the quality of life of their members. The organization has been serving those who need them for 40 years as a one-stop shop, where they've cultivated a safe, welcoming space that's family-oriented and non-judgmental.

The biggest impact AID Atlanta has made is in the metro area where many of their case managers operate in facilities that are nearly impossible to get the services they provide at. Their team works in jails, county health departments and housing facilities, and other governmentrun agencies.

Now AID Atlanta offers healthcare in rural areas like Newnan, GA. They started operations in Newnan in 2015 with less than 300 clients, and today, their Newnan location provides services to over 700 people. The need for AID Atlanta is greater in these rural areas because transportation issues are a common roadblock for their clients.

AID Atlanta will work to stretch their reach by continuing to provide as many services as people need and by advocating for the housing, medical care, and social needs of their clients. They'll accomplish this by building a community around client involvement and continuing to build nontraditional HIV partnerships so that their message spreads beyond their network of HIV/AIDS organizations. "If we branch out to non-HIV communities, we can engage with new demographics and more people who need our services, to attract more champions of HIV and AIDS." To support AID Atlanta, please visit www.aidatlanta.org.

Interview with: Nicole Roebuck, Executive Director, AID Atlanta

1605 Peachtree Street NE Atlanta, GA 30309

Hours & Number: Monday — Friday 9:00 AM — 6:00 PM

Clinic Phone: (470) 283-7349



AID Atlanta Executive Director Nicole Roebuck, "We're still in this fight."

AID Atlanta's
Healthcare
Center provides
comprehensive
primary medical care
services specifically
for patients with HIV.

- Services:
- Pharmacy
- HIV/STI Testing
- Medical Case
 Management
- Clinical Care





Global: India "India Health Minister Tours AHF Healthcare Centers"

Health Minister of Mizoram
State, India – Dr. R Lalthangliana
– and his family recently toured
AHF and affiliate facilities in
Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW), Texas.
The visits introduced the
Minister to U.S. clinic operations
and opened the door for future
collaborative opportunities
in the fight against HIV/AIDS
between his office, AHF and its
affiliates, and DFW's political
and administrative leaders.

Dr. Lalthangliana began his visit at the co-located AIDS Outreach Center (AOC)-AHF Ft. Worth Healthcare Center (HCC), then toured AHF HCC Dallas. His next stops included the colocated Access & Information Network (AIN)-AHF Dallas Market Center HCC and Dallas Out of the Closet (OTC) "miniclinic" – an all-encompassing facility that offers a thrift store, wellness center, and pharmacy.

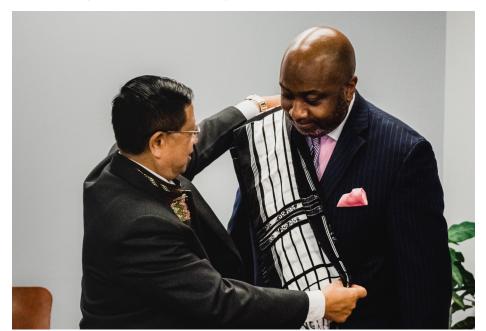
Dr. R Lalthangliana also toured the food pantry at Access & Information Network with AIDS Outreach Center Director of Community Health Ruben Ramirez. The Health Minister was impressed with the operations at all facilities and remarked that combining HIV clinics with hospitals would help combat stigma and discrimination, a significant challenge people living with HIV face in India.

Mizoram State is located in northeast India on the border with neighboring Myanmar. It has the highest HIV prevalence in the country at 2.3% of the state's population of 1.1 million people (per 2011 census) — which is ten times the national average. To learn more about AHF Global Operations visit www.aidshealth.org/global.



Health Minister Dr. R Lalthangliana shakes hands with Tarrant County Commissioner, Roy C. Brooks.

Health Minister Dr. R Lalthangliana has a gift for Texas Regional Director, Anthony Jerome Snipes.



Chief of Global Advocacy & Policy, Terri Ford, makes her point.





Health Minister Dr. Lalthangliana stands with representatives from AIN, AHF, and elected and administrative officials from Dallas, Texas, at the end of the tour at Access & Information Network.

Miami Pride in Photos

AHF celebrated diversity in the beautiful city of Miami Beach for Miami Pride. April 9th-10th we participated in Pride festivals at Lummus Park and Sunday's Pride parade, walking alongside Miami's LGBTQ+ community, their friends, allies, and supporters. As a part of Miami Pride, AHF participated in the city's activations, arts, culture, and community engagement. Mobile Testing Units were made available to the community for rapid HIV tests, and our volunteers passed out

#WeStandUnited shirts and swag, and engaged with crowds on the #WeStandUnited float.

Miami Pride is just one of many that AHF attends each year. Stay tuned for your opportunity to join the fun and volunteer for a Pride parade in your city!











Thrifting is Righteous

AHF just launched Out of the Closet's "Thrifting is Righteous" campaign across the country. The goal of "Thrifting is Righteous" is to show people that thrifting is both good for the planet and good for the communities that AHF serves.

All OTC staff have recieved shirts, stickers, and other items to promote the campaign

When people donate or shop at Out of the Closet they're making a sustainable choice to reuse clothing instead of contributing to harmful and destructive fast fashion trends.

Thrifting has become increasingly popular over the years. It's trendy, accessible, and sustainable. With the rise of independent resellers and

online stores like Etsy and Depop, thrifting is in style.

It's a way buyers and sellers show off their individuality, and it's an avenue for people to have far more creative control over their look.

Thrifting allows you to mix and match and style and profile in ways that make a statement. Looking like a million bucks is usually reserved for people who can afford to fill their closets with designer threads or hire a professional stylist. By thrifting, you can be your own high-fashion stylist.

This eco-friendly alternative to buying new also has eyeopening data behind it that'll make you want to try it on for yourself. Because thrifting keeps clothes in circulation longer, it reduces the need to manufacture more, and reduces waste in landfills. It also prevents pollution and saves energy as well as other finite resources.

While this is true of thrifting in general, because 96 cents of every dollar collected at an Out of the Closet goes back into HIV care, when you thrift at Out of the Closet you save the planet and people.

So yes, Thrifting is Righteous, and Out of the Closet stores improve the lives of the most vulnerable members of our collective communities.

Visit www.outofthecloset.org to find an Out of the Closet thrift store nearest you!



Key Facts About Thrifting:

Reduces Waste - Fewer clothes need to be produced so less fabrics is wasted in production.

Saves Water - It can take multiple gallons of water to produce just one t-shirt. By producing less, we conserve water and protect the quality of our oceans.

Decreases Air pollution - Large factories around the world mass produce clothing, and it's estimated that the fashion industry accounts for 10% of the world's carbon emissions.

Protects sealife - Polyester doesn't decompose in water. These wasted materials find their way to our oceans and harm the ecosystem.

April 2022 AHF Facts at a Glance – Key Highlights:

Month-over-month changes—AHF clients & staff February - April 2022

AHF Clients:

With the April 29, 2022 Global Patient Report, AHF now has 1,581,702 clients in care.

This figure represents a census DECREASE (down 91,656 AHF clients or patients worldwide), month-to-month since the March 1, 2022 Global Patient Report.

AHF Staff:

A net decrease of 390 AHF employees overall worldwide to 6,825 total AHF employees worldwide, including:

- An INCREASE of 8 U.S. staff
- An INCREASE of 10 in global staff numbers, and
- 1,862 other AHF-supported staff in global programs (bucket staff, casuals, etc.)

This report also includes a breakout of the 2,857 clients now enrolled in our various Positive Healthcare (PHC & PHP) Medicare and Medicaid managed care programs in California and Florida.

US & GLOBAL & PROGRAMS & COUNTRIES:

US: Seven (7) new AHF Wellness Centers were ADDED in April: Five (5) in Florida, one (1) in Mississippi and one (1) in South Carolina.

GLOBAL: AHF's Global program now operates 777 global AHF clinics, ADDING thirteen (13) new global treatment sites in April 2022, but also CLOSING two (2) treatment sites.

AHF GLOBAL SITES ADDED or CLOSED IN APRIL 2022:

Week of April 29, 2022 (report dated April 26, 2022)

Eight (8) new global treatment sites were ADDED this week:

- KENYA Homa Bay Ndhiwa Sub County Hospital
- VIETNAM Vinh Phuc VP Song Lo
- VIETNAM Vinh Phuc VP Vinh Quang Prison
- VIETNAM Vinh Phuc VP Vinh Yen
- LAOS Luang Prabang Luang Prabang Provincial
- LAOS Vientiane Mahosot Hospital
- BRAZIL Pernambuco SLA SAE Lessa de
- BRAZIL Pernambuco SPA SAE Paulista

Two (2) global treatment sites were CLOSED this week:

- THAILAND Bangkok Poz-Bangna General Hospital¹
- UKRAINE Mariupol City AIDS Centre

Week of April 22, 2022 (report dated April 19, 2022)

One (1) new global treatment site was ADDED this week:

• HAITI — Port-au-Prince – HTU HTW Mobile Unit

Week of April 15, 2022 (report dated April 14, 2022) Four (4) global treatment sites were ADDED this week:

- UKRAINE Chernivtsi RC
- UKRAINE Ivano-Frankivsk
- UKRAINE Khmelnitskiy

And one (1) global treatment was reopened:

• THAILAND — Meuang – Rayong Hospital

Week of April 8, 2022 (report dated April 5, 2022)

No (0) new global treatment sites were ADDED or CLOSED this week.

'AHF Global Quality, in consultation with the Latin America and Caribbean Bureau, initiated the process to clean up the cumulative census in the global wellness clinics, which resulted in dropping 88,421 clients from 8 AHF Wellness clinics who are no longer active or receiving services in those facilities. Countries are also submitting the quarterly reports, which normally results in slight drop of census because of clients who became No Longer In care (NLIC) in Quarter One of 2022.

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Under its **Positive Healthcare** brand, AHF operates managed care programs for people living with HIV and/or AIDS in California and Florida, http://positivehealthcare.net Total Current Positive Healthcare Client Enrollment is 2.857 clients, with Roster Numbers broken down as follows:

- 775 enrollees in PHC California, a Medi-Cal (Medicaid) managed care plan for people living with AIDS in Los Angeles County.
- 658 enrollees in PHP (HMO SNP) Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug health plan specifically for Medicare beneficiaries who are living with AIDS in reside in Los Angeles County.

In Florida:

• 1,424 enrollees PHP (HMO SNP), a Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug health plan specifically for Medicare beneficiaries who are living with HIV and reside in Broward and Miami-Dade Counties.

AHF Research has over 10 years of experience with anti-retroviral (ARV) studies and is dedicated to discovering better treatments and improving quality of life for people living with HIV. aidshealth.org/research

AHF Dental currently operated two full service dental clinics for people living with HIV/AIDS in the US. In Los Angeles, the Downtown AHF Dental Clinic serves a census of 1,348* patients (*as of 4/30/22). In South Florida, the AHF Dental Clinic in Ft. Lauderdale currently serves a census of 342 patients. (*as of 4/30/22).

AHF Affiliates

AID Atlanta was first established in 1982 and affiliated with AHF in June 2015. aidatlanta.org

AIDS Center of Queens County (ACQC) - The AIDS Center of Queens (NY) County was first established in 1986 and affiliated with AHF in February 2015. acqc.org

AIDS Outreach Center (North Texas) – AOC began as a grassroots organization responding to the devastation of the HIV/ AIDS epidemic in 1986 and affiliated with AHF in Oct. 2017. aoc.org

AIDS Taskforce of Greater Cleveland (ATGC) - The AIDS Taskforce of Greater Cleveland was first established in 1983 and affiliated with AHF in June 2013. aidstaskforce.org

AIN (AIDS Interfaith Network d.b.a. as Access and Information Network), AIDS service organization serving vulnerable, lowincome individuals in high levels of need in Dallas and North Texas for more than 30 years. Affiliated with AHF in September 2019. aindallas.org

Broward House Founded in 1988 in Ft Lauderdale to provide housing to those living with HIV or AIDS, housing remains a core component of Broward House's services. The agency expanded its services to include prevention, education, and related services in order to reduce the number of people becoming infected with HIV, increase the number of individuals living with HIV receiving care, and reduce stigma. It affiliated with AHF in February 2022. browardhouse.org

CALOR (Comprensión y Apoyo a Latinos en Oposición al Retrovirus) – For over 30 years, a leading provider of HIV/AIDS services to Chicago's Latino community, affiliated with AHF in February 2017. facebook.com/CALORChicago

Iris House Established in 1993, Iris House focuses on the needs of women living with HIV or AIDS in New York City and the greater NY/NJ area. It affiliated with AHF in July 2019. irishouse.org

South Side Help Center (SSHC) – Chicago's South Side Help Center was founded in 1987 and affiliated with AHF in February 2015. southsidehelp.org

Thursday's Child. Established in 1989 and affiliated with AHF in November 2021, Thursday's Child's mission is to develop, to coordinate, and to provide services for People Living with and affected by HIV/AIDS on Long Island. thursdayschildofli.org

WORLD (Women Organized to Respond to Life-threatening Diseases) The Oakland/East Bay-based WORLD was established in 1991 and affiliated with AHF in September 2014. womenhiv.org

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AHF Facts at a Glance April 2022

AHF Patients/Clients Worldwide 1,581,702* *As of April 29, 2022 (down 91,656 since 4/1//22) US clients: 107,952	·
AHF Employees, Worldwide Total: 6,825 • AHF Employees, US 2,413	Olobal Alli Cililes III
• AHF Employees, GLOBAL 2,550	AHF Pharmacy Outlets, US 62
• AHF-supported staff, OTHER Europe: 206; Africa: 848; Asia: 718;	www.ahfpharmacy.org 14 states & DC & PR
Latin America/Caribbean: 90	Out of the Closet Stores, US 22
Number of AHF States 17	www.outofthecloset.org 7 states
AL, CA, FL, GA, IL, IN, LA, MD, MS, NV, NJ, NY, + DC & PR	
OH, PA, PR, SC, TX, WA & District of Columbia	AHF Wellness Centers, US 35
	www.freestdcheck.org 13 states & DC
Number of AHF Countries: 45	
Africa 43	Wellness Centers, Global 12
Africa 13 Ethiopia, Kenya, Lesotho, Mozambique, Malawi, Nigeria,	5 countries
Rwanda, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Eswatini, Uganda,	E 110/T 1 110004 460 074
Zambia, Zimbabwe	Free HIV Tests provided, 2021 169,874
	US & affiliates 2020: 126,442
Americas 13	2,113 HIV+s identified in 2021 (1.2%+rate) 2019: 221,277
Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Dominican Republic,	Free LID/ Toote Clobal 2024 2 640 404
El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama,	Free HIV Tests, Global, 2021 3,619,181
Peru, USA	www.freehivtest.net 2020: 3,260,486
Asia 10	119,258 HIV+s identified in 2021 (3.3% + rate) 2019: 4,463,357
Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Laos, Myanmar,	
Nepal, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam	Mobile Testing Units, US 15
	9 states
Europe 9	Mobile Testing Units, Global 6
Estonia, Georgia, Greece, Lithuania, Netherlands,	
Portugal, Russia, Ukraine, U.K.	5 countries
Annual Budget, FY 2022: (proj) \$2.6 billion	Free condoms distributed 2021 73,870,087
Annual Budget, FY 2021: \$2.1 billion	
	2019: 91,021,890

FFH Facts at a Glance April 2022

Food for Health locations, US

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Average guests served per day:

200





HHF Facts at a Glance April 2022

Los Angeles
13 Buildings
1,415 Units

AHF Affiliates*
834 Units

*AHF Affiliates: AID Atlanta, ACQC, AOC, ATGC, Broward House, Iris House

Planned/New Construction

Los Angeles Renaissance Center 15-story, 216 units Miami **Biscayne House** 12-story, 75 units



