

AHF Raises Awareness to "End the Stigma!" on Menstrual Health Day!

Menstrual Health Day (MH Day), recognized on May 28, is a declaration that periods have always been normal, and the global awareness day invites us all to **#EndTheStigma!** That's why AHF launched a campaign to help menstruating people live happily and healthily while on their periods!

Period poverty is defined as lacking access to sanitary products, hygiene facilities, and community support. People who go through period poverty can also miss up to 20% of a school year and are more likely to suffer from depression, anxiety, and shame as they are often excluded from religious and social activities. In some

cases, people even turn to transactional sex to access the sanitary products they need.

To combat period poverty, AHF held events in 34 countries across five continents, where they provided educational materials, free sanitary pads, social networking, and interactive workshops.

There are 500 million girls, women, transgender men, and non-binary people globally that experience period poverty every year.

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More than 200 school girls attended educational workshops and received free sanitary pads during AHF Thailand's Menstrual Health Day events

"As long as we allow stigma and taboos to exist around periods, people who menstruate will be labeled as 'other' and held back from reaching their full potential," said **Guillermina Alaniz**, AHF Director of Global Advocacy and Policy.

"A substantial percentage of the global population menstruates – and we owe it to them to ensure governments guarantee access to free or affordable hygiene products and adequate facilities for menstrual health management. It's 2022, not 1922 – the time has come for the world to **#EndTheStigma** around menstruation!"

It's estimated that women will spend nearly \$5,000 on sanitary products in their lifetime.

The world has celebrated MH Day every year since 2014, when advocates first introduced the holiday.

Countries that have made menstrual products tax-free include Kenya, Australia, Canada, India, Jamaica, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Tanzania, Lebanon, Malaysia, Colombia, South Africa, Namibia, and Rwanda.

AHF Makes Fresh Produce and Hot Meals Accessible

In 2021, AHF launched the Food for Health program to complete their circle of services. Food for Health combines food pantry services, affordable hot meals, and food education to address the growing level of individuals and families experiencing food insecurity across the nation.

What is food insecurity?

Food insecurity is when an individual or family does not have enough money to buy the healthy foods they need, or when someone has to skip a meal because they don't have food to meet their needs.

4 million adults and over 570,000 children are food insecure in Los Angeles County.

Food for Health aims to prevent and alleviate this hunger through advocacy, radical cooperation, and innovative strategies.

GET TO KNOW THE FOOD FOR HEALTH SERVICES IN LA:

Marketplace

The Food for Health Marketplace offers fresh, highquality groceries and produce at affordable prices. Pick out exactly what you need, when you need it.

Food Pantry

The food pantry at Food for Health offers high-quality

groceries and produce from local farms. Stop by and say hello to our friendly staff and pick up everything you need.

123 Cafe

Coming soon, the 123 Cafe will be an innovative Food for Health program that offers high-quality hot meals at affordable prices. Stop by for a \$1.00 breakfast, a \$2.00 lunch, \$3.00 dinner, or maybe all of the above!

Food for Health is expanding!

Due to the amazing success of the Food for Health program and the need for food security advocacy throughout the U.S., Food for Health is headed to Florida. AHF will be opening doors to two new food pantries in Ft. Lauderdale. Way to go Food for Health team!

The Food for Health program expansion to Ft. Lauderdale helps provide free and low-cost meals to a community with recent spikes in the cost of living. This allows AHF to access a new demographic of clients by introducing Food for Health customers to our additional support services.

Help make a difference!

Volunteers help the Food for Health team manage the Food Pantry by distributing groceries and managing food giveaways. With just a few hours of their time, volunteers make a world of difference. To learn more, visit foodforhealthahf.org.



Food for Health staff & volunteers hand out food at our Trinity Park Pop-Up Pantry

Proud in a City Near You

AHF and the Events team celebrate diversity during Pride season 2022 sporting our #WeStandUnited campaign.
The campaign highlights the six pillars we fight for every day at our organization.

Human Rights. Equality. Affordable Housing. Global Public Health. Healthcare. Lower drug prices.

Pride is an opportunity to walk alongside the LGBTQ+ community, our friends, and allies. At Pride events, AHF participates in city activations, arts, culture, and community engagement. Mobile Testing Units are available to the community for HIV tests, and our team distributes shirts and swag while engaging with crowds on the #WeStandUnited float.



As a part of Pride, the AHF Events leaders call for volunteers to help out. Volunteering is an opportunity to join the fun at a Pride festival and/or parade in your city! It's because of AHF staff like you, that our Events staff is able to successfully operate our Pride floats and run our Pride booths.

Did you know? Each Pride volunteer gets 2,500 Above & Beyond points if they RSVP and work a shift.

Plus, for each department that gets at least 4 people to volunteer and work, the Above & Beyond points will double. That's right, there are 5,000 Above & Beyond points up for grabs if you stand united with

your coworkers and help AHF show its pride!

AHF Events thanks all staff who have volunteered for Pride so far and the ones to come!

With staff help at WEHO Pride, and with the help of PHD, AHF administered over 330 Rapid HIV tests! Just think of how much more we can accomplish with more hands on deck.

Scan below to download our Pride calendar and check when we're coming your way!





Laura Morales-Garcia & Marisol Rocha want you to play safe at West Hollywood pride!

Impulse New Delhi Werks the KASHISH MUMBAI Queer Film Festival

Impulse New Delhi recently officially launched two short films H.O.P.E. and ZAROORI HAI for awareness of HIV, stigma, ART treatment, condom use, and what U = U means.

Both short films are examples of innovative ways Impulse continues its advocacy work around HIV. While H.O.P.E. is about coping with HIV status, medication adherence, peer support and U = U, ZAROORI HAI delivers a message on safe sex practices and condom use. Both the movies were made with the support of AHF India and the Delhi State AIDS Control Society (DASCS) – Government of Delhi.

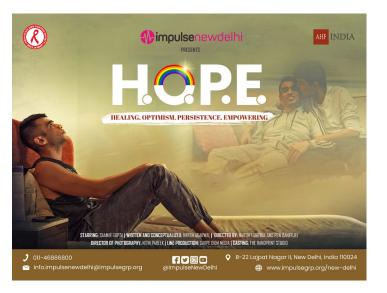
HOPE (Healing. Optimism. Persistence.

Empowering.) captures the musical journey of a young gay man, Jay, who resides in New Delhi, India. Jay is a joyous, sex-positive person who uses condoms during sex. However, he makes a mistake— engaging in sex without a condom. During a routine HIV test at AHF India clinic, he finds his test report is positive. Jay is devastated, heartbroken, and shattered.

Through a lot of peer support, and counseling services at AHF India, Jay begins healing from his trauma.

ZAROORI HAI (It's Needed) is a short movie about a young gay couple Kishor and Aman. Kishor is a young man in his early twenties and





he is in love with Aman. But Kishor knows that his future with Aman is uncertain because Aman is still in the closet. And even more frustrating for Kishor, Aman recently got engaged to a woman. Aman loves Kishor but cannot go against his family's will.

The film follows Kishor and Aman as they discuss their relationship, trust, and condom use—showcasing an example of self-care and care for your partner's health.

KASHISH Mumbai International Queer Film Festival is the biggest Queer Film Festival in South Asia. 2022 was the festival's 13th season. More than 184 queer movies from 54 countries were screened at the festival.

Zauri Hai and H.O.P.E. show the power of storytelling. The more creative outlets there are that share stories of love, support, and strength regarding MSM and HIV, the more we can end the stigma.

During the festival, Impulse Mumbai, with support from AHF India, provided free counseling and HIV/Syphilis screening at the venue. The response at the booth was overwhelming, and testing allowed Impulse to reach a new population of people who have never attended Impulse events or any kind of services from AHF India.

2022 AHF PRIDES





MAY PENSACOLA PRIDE

JUNE DALLAS PRIDE **BALTIMORE PRIDE** WEHO PRIDE **CLEVELAND PRIDE** SAN JUAN PRIDE QUEENS PRIDE **BOOLIFRÓN PRIDE** NEW ORLEANS PRIDE CAPITAL PRIDE **BROOKLYN PRIDE** I A PRIDE ATL BLACK PRIDE **WILTON MANOR PRIDE BOYLE HEIGHTS PRIDE** COLOMBUS PRIDE CHICAGO PRIDE DALLAS BLACK PRIDE SAN FRANCISCO PRIDE SF PRIDE SFATTI F PRIDE **BATON ROUGE PRIDE** ST PETE PRIDE HOUSTON PRIDE PRIDE IN THE PARK

NYC PRIDE

Which Flag Color Are You?

It's no secret that colors have symbolism. On pride flags, colors symbolize a lot for the LGBTQ+ community- visibility, equality, freedom, joy, inclusivity and so much more!

So in honor of Pride Month, we've chosen popular pride flag colors and labeled them with what they symbolize.

Red: As seen on the traditional pride flag to symbolize life. Orange: Also on the traditional flag, orange is for healing. Yellow: Traditionally stands for rays of sunlight.

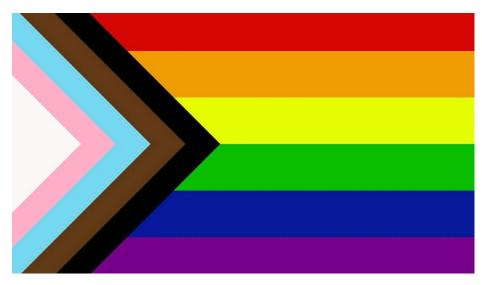
Blue: On the first flag for serenity.

Violet: Closes out the traditional flag representing spirit. Light Blue: Found on the trans pride flag for trans-masc inclusivity. with Black Lives Matter.

Brown: In many cases, brown celebrates queer people of color.

What color do you vibe with most? Scan the QR code to tell us which color most represents you and why for 1,000 Above and Beyond points and a chance to be featured in an employee spotlight issue of the Inside Scoop! ME





The Progress Pride Flag

Know Your History: The Origin and Evolution of the Pride Flag

Did you know that in 1977, gay politician Harvey Milk asked Gilbert Baker, artist and drag queen, to come up with a pride flag that celebrated queer people? The original flag included eight colors, each with symbolism: Hot pink for sex, red for life, orange for healing, yellow for sunlight, green for nature, turquoise for magic/art, indigo for serenity, and violet for spirit.

Due to production issues with pink fabric, in 1978 pride flags were produced with seven colors. Over time, someone decided six colors looked better than seven and made it easier to hang flags on poles. Thus, the traditional flag (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple) we're most familiar with emerged. The traditional flag reigned supreme for many years as a symbol for gay pride

but as more and more groups within the gueer community gained visibility, it was clear new pride flags had to be made for pride to truly be inclusive.

In 2017, Philadelphia added Black and Brown at the top of their flag for Pride Month to recognize non-white LGBTQ+ people. And in 2018, gueer writer and actor Lena Waithe wore Philly's new inclusive pride flag to the Met Gala making headlines.

Since then, pride flags have continued to evolve and become more inclusive. A few of these include: the QPOC flag, a representation of queer people of color which also shows solidarity with the BLM movement; the Progress Pride Flag, created by nonbinary artist Daniel Quasar (xe/thev) to put emphasis on people of color and people who have



died from AIDS, as well as. the transgender community; and even the pansexual flag, which represents pansexuality's interest in all genders: pink for women, blue for men, yellow for nonbinary and gendernonconforming people.

There are now 31 official pride flags with more to surely come as more genders and sexualities are recognized. Although the growing number of pride flags may be hard to keep up with, the goal is to celebrate diversity and inclusion to make sure everyone feels loved!

















JULY LONG BEACH PRIDE SAN DIEGO PRIDE

AUGUST

DTLA PRIDE
AUSTIN PRIDE
CHICAGO MARKET DAYS
HOUSE OF VEGAS PRIDE
SILICON VALLEY PRIDE

SEPTEMBER

ATLANTA BLACK PRIDE RIVERSIDE PRIDE OAKLAND PRIDE

OCTOBER

ATLANTA PRIDE
LAS VEGAS PRIDE
ORLANDO PRIDE
PHOENIX PRIDE
SOUTH CAROLINA PRIDE













AHF staff,
volunteers, affiliates,
friends, & families
stand united in
Dallas, TX,
Pensecola, FL,
West Hollywood, CA,
Tampa, FL,
Cleveland, OH,
San Juan, PR,
Miami, FL, &
Queens, NY.









The Stand Against Hate Campaign Tours Pride

The fundamental rights of children are under attack. "Don't Say Gay" and anti-trans bills have been introduced in 42 states. They harm LGBTQ+ students by censoring curriculum in classrooms, forcing teachers to out students to their parents, denying LGBTQ+ students access to appropriate healthcare, and denying them participation in school activities.

From the onset of "Don't Say Gay" legislation that started in Florida, AHF has been a fierce and vocal leader of opposition. The #StandAgainstHate campaign, spearheaded by AHF Advocacy, is the evolution of that opposition.

The goal of this campaign is to stand together to denounce hateful U.S. legislation like "Don't Say Gay," anti-trans bills, and other censorship bills. Because most of these bills target LGBTQ+ youth, their families, and allies, Pride is the perfect place to promote the #StandAgainstHate campaign.

AHF staff and volunteers will work booths at Pride in select cities to spread our #StandAgainstHate message. We want people to share the campaign on social media and message their House representatives imploring them not to sign harmful bills into law.

To do this our staff will interact with crowds, get booth visitors to record Tik Tok videos, and pass out #StandAgainstHate swag.

The fundamental rights of children are under attack. We must fight censorship of educators and students.

You can also help make schools safe for LGBTQ+ students by visiting our take action page and messaging your house speaker! Visit ahfspeakout.org and take action within your state.

If you have any questions about volunteering for the #StandAgainstHate campaign, contact Rebecca Strong at rebecca.strong@ahf.org.

AHF staff can get involved by scanning this QR code to tweet about it.





AHF staff & volunteers educating Cleveland Pride guests on how to #StandAgainstHate

AIDS Taskforce of Greater Cleveland - 35 Years And Counting

The AIDS Taskforce of Greater Cleveland (ATGC) is the oldest and largest AIDS Service Organization (ASO) in Ohio. The organization was founded in 1983, and currently provides social and medical services to nearly 1,000 clients living with HIV. Additionally, ATGC provides prevention services to over 25,000 at greatest risk for acquiring the virus that causes AIDS. Now that's making an impact in your community!

Did you know? The AIDS Taskforce of Greater Cleveland was AHF's first Affiliate organization.

When AHF was seeking to expand healthcare and pharmacy services, we embarked on a search for a partner organization that had demonstrated a commitment and success in working with those living with HIV, or those who are at the highest risk for becoming HIV positive. AHF heard of an organization in Northeast Ohio that had been fighting the HIV/AIDS epidemic since the very beginning, and the rest is history.

The AIDS Taskforce of Greater Cleveland has been a compassionate, collaborative, and comprehensive resource for those living with HIV since the start of the epidemic.

At the end of the day, HIV and AIDS are highly preventable. And now, they're effectively treatable! By putting their efforts into HIV prevention services and outreach, as well as getting HIV treatment to those who need it, ATGC answered the call to fight back against one of the greatest public health issues in the world!

The new and improved AIDS

Taskforce of Greater Cleveland website will make it easier for the organization to connect, inform, and engage people from all walks of life. This especially includes those who are most impacted by this HIV/ AIDS epidemic and those most passionate about ushering in a new era- free from stigma and free of disparities in healthcare and treatment. This will lead to a future full of options and possibilities for Greater Clevelanders to live the healthiest lives possible.

With goals as great as these, and community outreach as uplifting, ATGC will no doubt usher in this new era

~ AIDStaskforce AHE

successfully. AHF commends the AIDS Taskforce of Greater Cleveland for their hard work and commitment to battling HIV/AIDS and wishes them continued success!

Yet as much as they've accomplished, there is still much more to do. Supporters of the AIDS Taskforce of Greater Cleveland help provide HIV/ AIDS prevention services, social services, and medical services to at-risk communities.

To learn more about this lifechanging organization, and how you can get involved, visit clevelandtaskforce.org.

2829 Euclid Avenue Cleveland, OH 44115 (216) 621-0766 info@clevelandtaskforce.org Mon-Fri 8am - 5pm



AIDS Taskforce of Greater Cleveland
Executive Director Tracy Jones

May 2022 AHF Facts at a Glance – Key Highlights:

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

AHF Clients:

With the June 3, 2022 Global Patient Report, AHF now has 1,612,866 clients in care.

This figure represents a census INCREASE (up 31,164 AHF clients or patients worldwide), month-to-month since the April 29, 2022 Global Patient Report.

AHF Staff:

A net increase of 51 AHF employees overall worldwide to 6,876 total AHF employees worldwide, including:

- An INCREASE of 50 U.S. staff
- An INCREASE of 1 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 2,849 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: NO new AHF Healthcare Centers, Wellness Centers, Pharmacies or Out of the Closet stores were added or opened in May.

GLOBAL: • AHF's Global program now operates 778 global AHF clinics, ADDING three (3) new treatment sites globally in May 2022, but also CLOSING two (2) treatment

AHF GLOBAL SITES ADDED or CLOSED IN MAY 2022:

Week ending June 3, 2022 (report dated May 31, 2022) Week of May 20, 2022 (report dated May 17, 2022)

this week.

Week of May 27, 2022 (report dated May 24, 2022)

Two (2) new global treatment sites were ADDED this

- ZAMBIA —Ndola Luboto Clinic
- ZAMBIA —Ndola Mapalo Clinic

NO new global treatment sites were ADDED or CLOSED Two (2) new global treatment sites were CLOSED this

- ZAMBIA Mansa region Mabumba Rural Health
- ZAMBIA Mansa region Mansa Central Clinic

Week ending May 13, 2022 (report dated May 10, 2022)

NO new global treatment sites were ADDED or CLOSED this week.

Week of May 6, 2022 (report dated May 3, 2022)

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

• LESOTHO —Maseru – Khubetsoana Health Centre

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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 2.849 clients, with Roster Numbers broken down as follows:

- 776 enrollees in PHC California, a Medi-Cal (Medicaid) managed care plan for people living with AIDS in Los Angeles County.
- 654 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:

• 1,419 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 1,343* patients (*as of 6/3/22). In South Florida, the AHF Dental Clinic in Ft. Lauderdale currently serves a census of 340 patients. (*as of 6/3/22).

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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Healthcare Info

AHF Patients/Clients Worldwide 1,612,866*	AHF Healthcare Centers, US	69
*As of June 3, 2022 up 31,164 since 3/1//22) US clients: 109,542	www.hivcare.org	15 states & DC & PR
AHF Employees, Worldwide Total: 6,876		770
• AHF Employees, US 2,463	Global AHF Clinics	778
• AHF Employees, GLOBAL 2,551	ALIE DISCOURCE OF THE LIC	60
• AHF-supported staff, OTHER 1,862	AHF Pharmacy Outlets, US	62
(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		
	Wellness Centers, Global	12
Africa 13		5 countries
Ethiopia, Kenya, Lesotho, Mozambique, Malawi, Nigeria,		
Rwanda, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Eswatini, Uganda,	Free HIV Tests provided, 2021	169,874
Zambia, Zimbabwe	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,		
El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama,	Free HIV Tests, Global, 2021	3,619,181
Peru, USA	www.freehivtest.net	2020: 3,260,486
	119,258 HIV+s identified in 2021 (3.3% + rate)	2019: 4,463,357
Asia 10		
Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Laos, Myanmar,	Mobile Testing Units, US	15
Nepal, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam	•	9 states
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Europe 9	Mobile Testing Units, Global	6
Estonia, Georgia, Greece, Lithuania, Netherlands,	3	5 countries
Portugal, Russia, Ukraine, U.K.		
Annual Budget, FY 2022: (proj) \$2.6 billion	Free condoms distributed 2021	73,870,087
Annual Budget, FY 2021: \$2.1 billion	(GLOBAL & US combined)	2020: 68,873,376
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Food Pantry Info

Food for Health locations, US

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Average guests served per day:

200





Housing Info

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



