By The Numbers
From the Executive Directors & Board President

Accountability, Transparency, Effectiveness, Efficiency, Impact. These are the words that AIDS Connecticut works under as we strive to achieve our mission.

For ACT, we work throughout the year to minimize the spread and impact of HIV/AIDS on our state and those who live with the virus. We want to, and believe that we do, make a difference – a quantifiable difference. That is why this 2013 Annual Report, the first one for the newly formed agency since the merger of AIDS Project Hartford with Connecticut AIDS Resource Coalition, focuses on numbers.

Each number in this report represents a person, an interaction, a relationship, or a dollar spent in the quest to make a difference.

Because this Annual Report is the first since the merger occurred on January 1, 2013, here are some numbers based on the merger: APH was founded in 1985 and CARC was founded in 1989. That’s 52 years of combined service to our constituencies. 33 staff members from APH and 7 staff members from CARC joined forces for a total of 40. The staff have served a combined total of 220 years, that’s a lot of commitment! The merger also combined two budgets: $1,918,716 + $2,225,709 = $4,144,425. Along with our 36 member organizations, we commit to continue to use these resources – both human and financial – to make the lives of persons living with and affected by AIDS more healthy and productive.

We hope that you enjoy this annual report and that you can count on us to continue to make a difference in Connecticut. We also hope that we can count on you figuratively as well as financially to continue to support us in our work throughout the year.

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Board President

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“Everything ACT staff have done for me has helped me to be in a better place in my life, I appreciate everything. Thank you.” -Derek, ACT Client

“I am pleased with ACT because the agency has helped me with a job opportunity and providing peep to peep counseling. They have also helped me with transportation services.” -Diamond, ACT Client

“I have been a supporter of ACT for the past 8 years. It has been my honor to sponsor many of their events and to serve as a volunteer. I am inspired by the important work they do and the services they provide.” -Michael Metayer, President, Metayer Bonding Associates

“So, who assists those who do not have the support group or resources… those who do not know how to help themselves? ACT does.” -Barry Walters, ACT Volunteer

“The chance to interact with other HIV service providers is much appreciated. There is a sense that we are part of a larger network of HIV services throughout the state.” -Cathy Shanley, MS, Housing Program Services Coordinator, Hands On Hartford

“As trainer I have enjoyed presenting to the participants that CMTI attracts. CMTI has a solid reputation of providing excellent trainings and it shows in the commitment and caliber of its attendees.” -Karina Danvers, BS, MA, Director, NEAETC

“CMTI has been vital in providing Case Workers with the education and tools needed to best serve clients living with HIV/AIDS. Our agency is happy to be a member of ACT and have access to these free trainings!” -Jocelyn Antunes, MS, Supportive Housing Program Manager, New Reach, Inc.
By The Numbers

ACT 1 - In our first year as AIDS Connecticut our programs and services achieved the following results...

Care Services

448 people received Medical Case Management; 116 people received non-medical case management; and 63 people received housing support. The Nutrition program served 64 people; Medication Adherence Program (MAP) served 33; and Project TLC served 325.

Connections Wellness Center

Individuals living with HIV received services at Connections that included medical case management, support groups, counseling and social activities. 176 people received meals.

Financial Assistance

A total of 423 people received $115,573 in financial assistance through the Client Assistance Fund. $40,350 was distributed to 84 clients through the Emergency Housing Fund. $637,525 was distributed through our homeless assistance programs.

ACT staff members filled 144 bags with Thanksgiving essentials and distributed them to people living with HIV/AIDS in Hartford. Special thanks to PriceRite for donating reusable shopping bags and helping with delivery!

ACT was pleased to be selected for The Navigator and Assister Outreach Program, which trains and certifies staff at participating agencies to help individuals and families make educated decisions about their healthcare coverage.
Focus on HIV & Aging

HIV & Aging became a topic of focus for ACT in 2013. In April, a conference was held to explore Aging in the LGBT Community and HIV/AIDS Awareness. In September, an HIV & Aging Summit for providers working with older adults and/or people living with HIV/AIDS was held.

HIV Prevention for Sexual Assault Survivors

In partnership with Walgreens’ 19 Centers of Excellence, ACT established a program funded by DPH that pays for Non-occupational Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (nPEP) for survivors of sexual assault who are uninsured or under-insured.

Prevention & Outreach

Outreach Testing/Linkages (OTL) staff tested 286 individuals and made 2,500+ contacts. HIV prevention counseling was provided to 88 people. 17 people completed 5 or more sessions of Comprehensive Risk Counseling Services (CRCS).

Advocacy

Events including AIDS Awareness Day, an HIV & Aging Summit, Hartford’s Legislative Breakfast, and AIDS LIFE Campaign monthly meetings gave over 500 people an opportunity to advocate for those living with and affected by HIV/AIDS.

Syringe Exchange Program

154,284 clean needles were distributed; 155,245 were collected. An average of 850 clients were served each quarter. In addition, the SEP also provided 158 referrals to drug treatment, healthcare and social services.
Asking the Hard Questions

In February 2013, ACT published *Asking the Hard Questions: An Assessment of AIDS Housing in Connecticut*, by Ann Levie Associates. The report demonstrated the need for increased services and identified methods by which services could be improved.

Membership Services

ACT’s membership grew to 36 agencies with the addition of 3 new members. Site visits were conducted at 34 member agencies. 4 well-attended Executive Director roundtables were held. Over 50 people came to a fun summer gathering for clients and providers. 18 member agencies were represented at the Annual Meeting in October.

Technical Assistance & Quality Assurance

24 AIDS housing programs participated in ACT’s Standards of Care quality assurance review process. 75% passed with a score of 100% and there were no failing scores. Agencies that requested it received technical assistance in preparation for their annual review.

Case Management Training Institute

175 people benefitted from 24 HIV trainings on topics such as Mental Health, Working with Ex-Offenders, Substance Use, Housing, Difficult Conversations, Budgeting, HOPWA, Stigma & Disclosure, Staying on Treatment, and the Evolving Epidemic.

Throughout 2013, ACT’s Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) committee worked on a significant overhaul to the Standards of Care, a tool used in the annual audit process for AIDS housing programs in Connecticut. Pending final approval the new Standards of Care will be put into place for the 2015 audits.

A total of $143,129 was raised through our events, appeals and general contributions. Nearly 400 guests joined us for Oscar Experience Hartford at The Mark Twain House. 102 local artists participated in Art 4 AIDS which attracted over 200 guests. The AIDS Walk/Run received 173 donations solicited by 129 registered walkers and 54 runners. Our first WE CAN fashion show with Mondo Guerra featured 22 local designers and entertained over 300 attendees.

Coming in 2014...

Community Distribution Center
Funded by the Department of Public Health, the distribution center is responsible for disseminating health education materials, male and female condoms, dental dams and lubricant to organizations throughout the state.

Early Intervention Services (EIS)
EIS targets people at high risk for HIV and those who know that they are HIV positive but are not in care. Services include HIV counseling, education, risk reduction, testing, and referrals.

Online Employment Resource Guide Introduced
In June 2013, ACT announced the release of The Connecticut HIV/AIDS Employment Resource Guide, developed by Mark Misrok, President of the National Working Positive Coalition. Available at www.aids-ct.org, this valuable resource guide includes a wealth of information and links to websites for a state-wide range of programs, initiatives and supports for those seeking to obtain or maintain employment in Connecticut.
For all your hard work and dedication...

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“No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another.”

-Charles Dickens
We extend heartfelt thanks to all those who have made it possible for us to continue to improve the lives of people living with HIV/AIDS in Connecticut: individual donors, corporate sponsors, in-kind donors, community agencies, state and federal government, volunteers, our dedicated board members, and all those who support our many fundraising events throughout the year.

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Statement of Activities

Support and Revenue

Grants........................................................................................................... $4,031,999
Contributions ................................................................................................. 143,129
Miscellaneous income ...................................................................................... 11,681
Interest ........................................................................................................... 14,711
**Total Support and Revenue** ........................................................................ 4,201,520

Expenses

Prevention .......................................................................................................... 232,229
Syringe Exchange .......................................................................................... 157,144
Ryan White Part A ......................................................................................... 1,003,859
Project TLC .................................................................................................. 329,639
Tolland County ............................................................................................... 77,630
Housing ........................................................................................................... 1,533,270
Other ............................................................................................................ 382,265
Management and general .............................................................................. 516,748
**Total Expenses** ......................................................................................... 4,232,784

Change in net assets, operations ................................................................. (31,264)
Net unrealized and realized gains ................................................................. 51,054
Change in net assets ..................................................................................... 19,790
Net assets, beginning of year ....................................................................... 576,134
Transfer of net assets from AIDS Project Hartford, Inc ......................... 470,586
**Net assets, end of year** ............................................................................... $1,066,510

- Prevention .................................................................................. 5%
- Syringe Exchange ........................................................................... 4%
- Ryan White Part A ................................................................. 24%
- Project TLC .............................................................................. 8%
- Tolland County ......................................................................... 2%
- Housing ................................................................................. 36%
- Other ..................................................................................... 9%
- Management & General .... 12%
About AIDS Connecticut

ACT is a statewide coalition of organizations that provide services to people living with HIV/AIDS in Connecticut.

Our Vision

Advocating on behalf of all people living with HIV/AIDS in Connecticut to ensure a full range of quality housing and services necessary to maximize their potential and live their lives in dignity.

Our Mission

AIDS Connecticut (ACT), in partnership with its member agencies, improves the lives of people impacted by HIV through care and supportive services, housing, advocacy and prevention.

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