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Long Term Sustainability for HIV Services in Central Ohio

These difficult economic times have made all of us, individuals and businesses alike; rethink our long term financial plans. CATF is doing the same by proactively planning for long term sustainability of necessary HIV services for the community.

CATF has reinforced the integrity of its core programs by choosing to focus on the strengths and unique attributes of the organization like medical case management and testing while letting other services go like the food pantry and smaller ancillary programs.

We would be remiss in our duties if we did not ensure the viability of crucial services for years to come. Clients and community members deserve to have access to medical care, medications, housing, mental health treatment, education, and HIV testing.

While CATF has been fortunate to receive many grants for programmatic services, the agency is always in need of operational funds for non-grant funded expenses. We have focused our efforts to make realistic and practical goals for the organization like searching for a smaller and more economic office space, replacing printed communications with electronic alternatives, and decreasing non-funded support staff.

CATF has also focused on reducing duplication and increasing partnerships in the community. The agency has many partners in central Ohio and across the state that provide similar or complementary services. To further our goal of sustaining most essential HIV services in central Ohio, CATF received a grant from Mr. and Mrs. Derrol R. Johnson and Karl B. and Hellen E. Webster funds of The Columbus Foundation to look at stronger collaborations with AIDS Resources Center Ohio located in Dayton. We will conduct a feasibility study in regards to increased collaboration and possibly merger.

Armed with the information from that study, CATF leadership will be able to make informed and financially sound decisions concerning the long term viability of the organization. CATF board and staff remain committed to lead the fight against HIV/AIDS every day—today and into the future.

Until there is a cure...

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