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Prevention & Care

## Rain's 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Salute to Life Walk Raising Awareness and Celebrating Life in Mid-Missouri

Rain of Central Missouri is hosting its 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Salute To Life Walk in Columbia's Stephens Lake Park on Sunday, April 13, 2008 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The walk's purpose is three-fold:

- It is a public health service that raises local community awareness of HIV, HCV, STDs and Rain's services.
- The event serves as a celebration of life for those who are living with HIV/AIDS.
- It provides an opportunity for Rain to attract and recognize donors, volunteers and supporters.

Games and activities precede the walking parade. Here is a list of just some of the activities Rain has planned.

### **Giant tricycle races**

### **Giant tricycle obstacle course**

### **Temporary tattoos**

### **Prize give-a-ways**

### **Rain's "Deal or No Deal"**

### **Nerf target shooting**

### **Duck pond**

### **Egg/spoon relay**

### **Bean bag toss**

### **And more.....**

Informational booths will be set up by our sponsors and other community-based non-profit organizations. Contact Rain if your organization is interested in sponsoring the walk or having an information booth at the event, (573) 875-8687.



**Bring the Whole Family &  
Celebrate Life with Rain!**

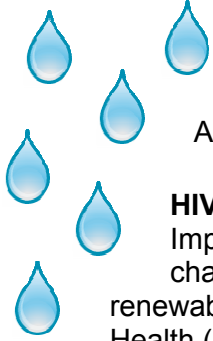
Rain has been providing direct support to individuals living with HIV and conducting HIV prevention education for over 15 years. We also address the needs of individuals at risk for, or diagnosed with, Hepatitis C (HCV) and Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs). Our programs and services are designed to assist these individuals in order to improve their health and overall quality of life.

Join Rain by attending the Salute to Life Walk and show your support to those affected by HIV and help prevent the spread of this disease. Rain is partnering with local businesses, corporate sponsors and other nonprofits to provide clients with help for medical services, medications, housing and utility assistance, vision care, emergency food, and on-going support.

March 2008

**Rain Update**

# Rain Staff News



## Case Management :

Rain is thrilled to have Kilgore's Medical Pharmacy back on the AIDS Drug Assistance Program's (ADAP) provider list.

**HIV Medical Services:** Rain's Primary Care Improvement Project (PCIP) underwent changes, effective January 1, 2008. Our non-renewable grant from the Missouri Foundation for Health (MFH) expired in July 2007, and we have

been unable to secure the \$150,000 per year necessary to fund the program in its entirety. Rain still covers vision care for clients who are uninsured or under-insured.

Medical services are now being provided by Healthcare Strategic Initiatives (HSI), made possible with Ryan White Care Act funds. Rain is actively searching for replacement funds from a variety of other sources.

**HCV Medical Services:** Currently, Rain has 73 clients who are actively enrolled and receiving treatment for their HCV. Since the program's inception three years ago, 23 individuals have cleared the HCV virus, and 10 more are awaiting a six-month follow-up test for results. As of January 1, 2008, the agency stopped taking new applications for HCV clients with the knowledge that this grant, also non-renewable from MFH, would expire soon. Again, the search for replacement funds is ongoing.

YTD ser- vices	YTD cli- ents	Rain Programs
n/a	143	HIV Regular Case Management Program
n/a	45	HIV Transitional Case Management
n/a	22	HIV Mental Health Case Management
n/a	4	HIV Waiver Case Management
n/a	<b>188</b>	<b>Total HIV Case Management Program</b>
n/a	<b>73</b>	<b>Total HCV Case Management Program</b>
42	27	Emergency Food Program
12	1	Rental Assistance Program
23	11	Utility Assistance Program
38	24	Bus Transportation Assistance
5	n/a	HCV Tests
27	n/a	HIV Tests
39	23	HCV Physician Visits
17	17	HCV Laboratory Visits
15	7	HCV Prescription Services
4	1	HCV Mental Health Services
4	4	HIV Vision Program
<b>194</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>Grand Totals</b>

**Housing:** The utility assistance maximum for the Outstate Next Step Permanent Supportive Housing Program (OMO) increased in February 2008.

The Waterbrook Place is slightly ahead of schedule and nearly complete. Waterbrook Place will begin taking rental applications on May 1, 2008. For more information about Waterbrook Place or general questions about housing, please contact Ken Cissna at (573) 875-8687.

## Rain Staff Directory

Cale Mitchell Interim Executive Assistant	x 261
Ken Cissna Housing Coordinator	x 228
Dustin Hampton Education & Testing Coordinator	x 258
Kimberly Wright Medical Services Coordinator	x 224
Christine Varner HIV Case Manager	x 237
Ken Munyeria HIV Case Manager	x 222
Bryan Chatfield Positive Start HIV Case Manager	x 233
Jaya Williams HIV Waiver Case Manager	x 262
Steve Santoyo HCV Case Manager	x 230
Misti Pennington Mental Health HIV Case Manager	x 257
Melissa Pollard Program Assistant	x 236
Ann Nichols Administrative Assistant	x 221

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## Rain Begins New Year with New Medical Director



William L. Salzer, M.D. graciously agreed to serve as Rain's new Medical Director starting January 1, 2008. Rain is delighted with Dr. Salzer's acceptance and is looking forward to working closer with him to better serve our clients.

Dr. Salzer is a medical specialist in infectious diseases and internal medicine. He is also a Professor of Clinical Medicine with the University of Missouri – Columbia (UMC). For several years now, Rain has maintained a presence at the Medicine Specialty Clinic, where Dr. Salzer sees many of our clients. This ongoing relationship has provided Rain clients the advantage of receiving excellent medical care in combination with Rain's network of resources. Rain is truly honored to be working with an infectious diseases specialist as accomplished as Dr. Salzer.

Dr. Salzer has served as the Interim Director of the Division of Infectious Diseases with the Department of Internal Medicine at UMHC since the fall of 2004. He first came to Columbia in July of 1992 as an Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine and was soon promoted to full Professor.

Born in New Jersey, Dr. Salzer obtained his undergraduate degree with honors in engineering at Boston University and earned his medical degree from the New Jersey Medical School in Newark. He went from there to North Carolina Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem and completed specialty training in internal medicine. He also completed a fellowship in infectious diseases at Bowman Gray School of Medicine in Winston-Salem. Following his fellowship, Dr. Salzer completed a Post Doctoral Fellowship as a Research Associate with Bowman-Gray and stayed on as an Instructor and Assistant Professor of Medicine until he joined UMC.

Rain would like to express its appreciation to Carin Reust, M.D., who resigned as Rain's HIV Medical Director in December of 2007. Dr. Reust served as Rain's dedicated Medical Director for five years and was instrumental in providing guidance and advice for PCIP. She is currently an active member of our provider network and a valued friend of Rain.

## Dates to Remember

**March 18, 2008**  
**CPG Meeting**

**April 13, 2008**  
**Salute to Life Walk**

**April 15, 2008**  
**CPG Meeting**

**April 19, 2008**  
**Columbia Earth Day Celebration**

**May 4, 2008**  
**"Trail to a Cure" Ride/Walk/Run**

**May 10, 2008**  
**Missouri Hepatitis C Awareness Day**

**May 11, 2008**  
**Mother's Day**

**May 20, 2008**  
**CPG Meeting**

**May 26, 2008**  
**Memorial Day**

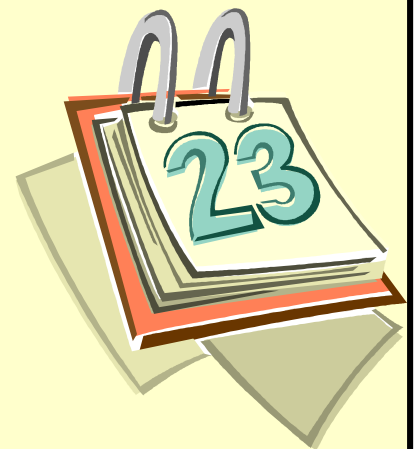
**June 2008 (Thursday Evenings)**  
**Columbia June Twilight Festival**

**June 14, 2008**  
**Mid-Missouri PrideFest**

**June 15, 2008**  
**Fathers Day**

**June 17, 2008**  
**CPG Meeting**

**June 27, 2008**  
**National HIV Testing Day**



## Join "Trail to a Cure" along with Rain in the fight against HIV/AIDS



"Trail to a Cure" is hosting its first Ride/Walk/Run Event at the Katy Trail in Rocheport, Missouri on Sunday, May 4, 2008. There are many opportunities

to participate and support the efforts of this new grassroots, nonprofit organization based in Columbia, MO.

An all-volunteer organization, "Trail to a Cure" is determined to raise awareness and funding for HIV/AIDS research and direct services for those living with HIV/AIDS in Central Missouri.



All of the participant-raised funds from this event will be donated to help support Rain's HIV/AIDS services and amfAR's work to find a cure, (amfAR is short for the Foundation for AIDS Research).

Following the Ride/Walk/Run, everyone is invited to a celebration at the A-Frame location of Les Bourgeois Winery. For more

information and complete event details, check out the "Trail to a Cure's" Website at [www.AIDStrailtoacure.org](http://www.AIDStrailtoacure.org).



## What We've Been Doing...

Golden Lotus Wine, Art and Antiquities Auction  
November 16, 2007

World AIDS Day  
December 1, 2007

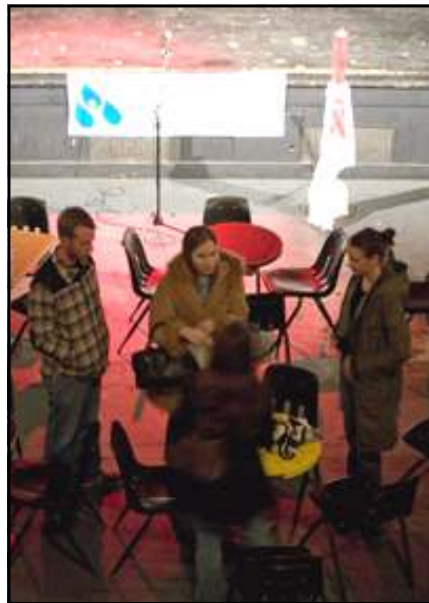
Holiday Open House  
December 13, 2007

AIDS Quilt  
January 26, 2008

National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day  
February 7, 2008

Valentines Day  
February 14, 2008

National Women & Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day  
March 10, 2008



(Photo by Luke Freeman, courtesy of The Maneater.)

Audience and participants gather to talk after attending Rain's World AIDS Day Observance at The Blue Note on December 1, 2007.



(Photo by Misti Pennington) Christine Varner, Rain Case Manager, prepares bid sheets at the 2007 Wine, Art and Antiquities Auction.

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Case Manager Jaya Williams helps set up art work during the day for the Wine, Art and Antiquities Auction.

