

For those who've lived before us...

No one lives forever; therefore, death is not the issue. Life is. Death is not a failure. Not choosing to take on the challenge of life is.

I do not see death as a failure either. I see the fear of letting go of childhood pain and erroneous messages as a failure. The more we work with people the more we realize how much, both positive and negative, we owe to our upbringings. When we take on the challenge of disease and life we are a success.

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CALL OR WRITE

The Nova Scotia PWA Coalition is a non-profit and non-political organization. We are a member of the Canadian AIDS Society.

I would like to be on your mailing list.

I would like to apply for membership.

I would like to volunteer my time to help.

Please contact me.

I am sending the enclosed donation \$ _____ so that it can go to a friend who needs it.

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Who We Are:

In May of 1988 a small group of HIV+ individuals recognized the need for persons with AIDS to work together to overcome the tremendous obstacles they faced. Bad publicity, fear of exposure, discrimination, financial, employment and housing problems, and medical treatment difficulties are a few of the obstacles we faced.

We realized an organization devoted solely to the health, happiness and well being of persons testing HIV+ was needed. Such an organization would provide a broad range of support services, would advocate on behalf of PWA's, and would create a positive attitude and feelings of hope in PWA's.

With these objectives in mind, the group set out to lay the foundation for what has become an active, thriving and well respected PWA Coalition. An organization that understands our problems and fears, that can answer our questions, direct us to appropriate services, and offer a wide range of support to PWA's.

As members of this group we encourage your participation in the organization and look forward to being of assistance to you.

OUR SERVICES

Services to members are provided directly, or through referrals to carefully screened programs and/or professionals.

- **Legal Services**
Preparation of wills, power of attorney, debt problems, Landlord/tenant relations, and other general legal needs.
- **Pastoral Services**
Ongoing spiritual support, assistance in dealing with death and dying issues, grief counselling, and assistance with funeral arrangements.
- **Practical Needs** (activities of daily living)
Assistance with homemaking tasks, grocery shopping, banking, paying bills, transportation to appointments, etc.
- **Financial Planning**
Assistance with applying for disability pensions, social assistance, insurance claims, practical advice on how to manage on a significantly reduced income.
- **Community Resources Support**
Assistance accessing social assistance, homemaker services, meals on wheels, home nursing or other home care services, hospice care, substance abuse and other support agencies.
- **Correctional Services Canada**
Work directly with Correction Facility Management, to promote AIDS education and awareness for both staff and inmates.

• **Food/Clothing/Household Needs Bank**

Collection and distribution of food, clothing and household furnishings to needy PWA's.

• **Social Activities**

Provide an opportunity for PWA's to attend various concerts, plays, recitals, lectures, etc. through complimentary passes, free social memberships to local clubs, etc.

• **Education**

Provide PWA speakers for a wide range of requested engagements for schools, universities, community groups, professional associations, government agencies, etc.

• **Drug Therapies**

The Coalition strives to maintain current information concerning the use of experimental drugs, advises on the use of such drugs, and promotes research into the effects of using such drugs.

• **Drop-In Social Centre**

An open house lounge facility for PWA's and active volunteers. Regular social nights for PWA's to enjoy social activities together.

• **Meeting and Conference Rooms**

To promote community awareness of the Coalition and its goals, and to educate individuals by making them more aware of PWA issues through contact with the organization, meeting rooms are provided free of charge to community groups.

RESIDENTIAL HOUSING PROGRAM

• **Housing**

Assistance accessing reasonable and affordable housing, help with landlord/tenant relations.

• **Hostel Residence**

Operation/management of residence/hostel for PWA's, affordable accommodation for out of town PWA's, their families, and friends.

• **Morton House**

A residence for persons with AIDS, operated by CARAS. The PWA Coalition helps support the residence with financial assistance, gifts of furniture and appliances, and volunteer labour.

COUNSELLING SERVICES

• **Individual Counselling**

One-on-one counselling with HIV+ persons, persons with AIDS, their families, or significant others.

• **Couple Counselling**

Help for couples in coping with the added stress of HIV+ diagnosis upon their relationship.

• **Facilitated Group Counselling**

Group counselling for PWA's, facilitated by two trained counsellors.