

## We encourage you to join us.

With no paid staff, our achievements are the product of the volunteer work of our members—people like you.

Your involvement can suit your interests, your ability or desire to be public and your schedule. Take a moment to fill in the membership form below or to give us a call. We have orientation sessions for new members to help you decide how you might like to be involved. If you aren't able to commit your time right now, we'll put you on our mailing list. It is your energy and ideas that keep us alive—that keep us all alive.

Mail this form to:

AIDS ACTION NOW!  
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Toronto, Ontario  
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Or call us at : 416/944-1916.

### Yes! I do want to support AIDS ACTION NOW!

- I would like to be on your mailing list
- I would like to become a member of AAN!
- I would like to contribute some time to AAN!  
Please contact me.
- I would like to support the work of AAN!  
with a donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_.  
(Make cheques payable to AIDS ACTION NOW!)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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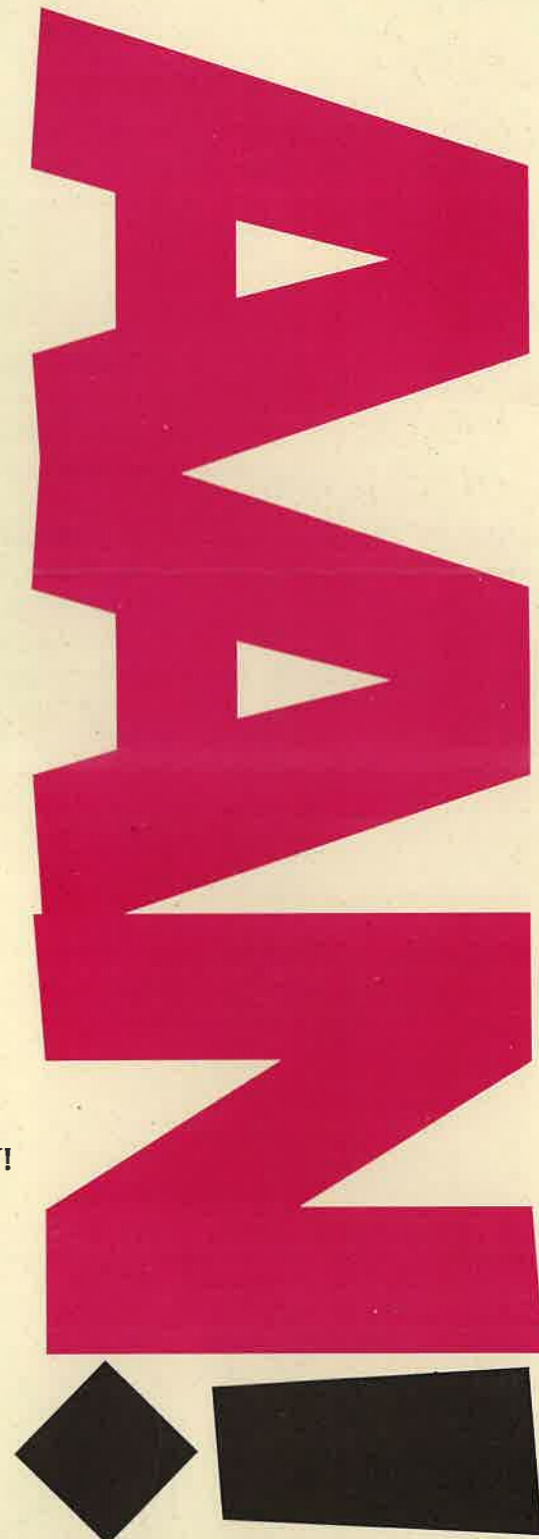
## AIDS Actions

- Spring 1988** Federal officials denied people with AIDS access to aerosolized pentamidine. AIDS ACTION NOW! organized a car lift to Buffalo to purchase the drug for people in Ontario.
- May 1988** AIDS ACTION NOW! put AIDS on the national agenda by staging a large demonstration at Toronto's City Hall where we burned an effigy of Jake Epp, who was then the federal Minister of Health.
- January 1989** We fought for and won access to a range of experimental AIDS treatments through the Emergency Drug Release Program.
- June 1989** Members of AAN! and other activist groups stormed the stage at the International Conference on AIDS in Montreal.
- July 1989** AAN! members were arrested after a sit-in at the offices of Bristol Myers Canada. The company had refused to release DDI to PLWAs in desperate need of the treatment.
- January 1990** We established the Treatment Information Exchange (TIE) in Toronto to gather and distribute information on treatment to people living with AIDS and HIV and to doctors and other health-care workers.
- April 1990** We won a victory when provincial Minister of Health Elinor Caplan announced the establishment of anonymous testing sites across Ontario.
- April 1990** After intensive lobbying by AAN! and other AIDS organizations, the federal Minister of Health, Perrin Beatty, announced that he would release a National AIDS Strategy that would detail the establishment of a national treatment registry.



**AIDS.  
It  
Need  
Not  
Be  
Fatal.**

**Join AIDS  
ACTION NOW!  
In The Fight  
For Life.**



**AIDS ACTION NOW! is an organization of people living with AIDS or HIV infection, our friends and our supporters.**

Together we are **fighting to** ensure the best **possible care** and treatment for **everyone** with an HIV-related **illness.**

At AAN! we **believe that** people who have **life-threatening** illnesses, like AIDS, **have the** right and the responsibility to

make important decisions about our treatment. We have the right to access experimental drugs and therapies which may prolong our lives and improve our health.

With the development of new treatments, AIDS and HIV infection are becoming chronic manageable illnesses. We do not believe that AIDS is an inevitable death sentence.

March 1990:  
Calculating the cost of  
federal inaction



**AIDS ACTION NOW! is an activist organization.**

AAN! was founded at a public meeting in Toronto in February 1988. As we listened to the stories of people living with AIDS and HIV at that meeting, it became very clear that many of the barriers to proper care are not scientific but political. At AAN! we use whatever means are necessary to put pressure on the government, the medical profession and the pharmaceutical industry. We organize demonstrations, civil disobedience, lobbying efforts, negotiations and interventions in the media.

We are also committed to producing and distributing information for people concerned about treatment issues. We believe that knowledge is a critical aspect of all health care. Ten times a year our Treatment Information Exchange (TIE Project) publishes *TreatmentUpdate* and *TraitementSida* to keep doctors and our members abreast of new therapies. Our newsletter, *AIDS Action News!*, keeps our communities informed about political developments.

**AIDS ACTION NOW! is a democratic organization.**

Our elected steering committee coordinates the work of standing committees such as Fundraising, Media, Women's Issues, Lobbying and the Treatment Information Exchange. Committees which focus on specific issues, like anonymous testing or federal policy, are formed as needed.

Members of AAN! hold meetings with government officials, formulate policies, give press interviews, prepare briefs, raise money, write articles, produce radio shows, plays, videos and cable TV programs. We speak to local groups, organize information sessions, participate in national and provincial AIDS coalitions. We also type minutes, write letters, stick on labels and make phone calls—all the day-to-day activities that keep an organization like ours vibrant and effective.



Spring 1988:  
AAN! staged a die-in  
to protest the lack of  
federal policies on  
AIDS