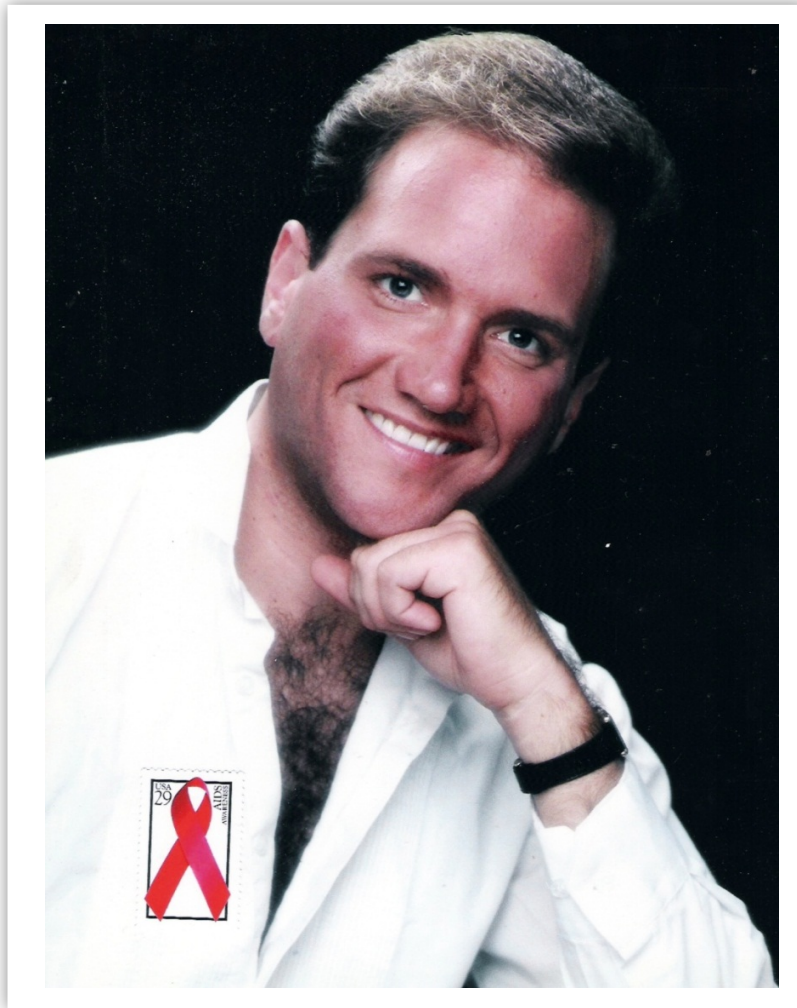


Chuck Hummer III



1962-1994

Charles “Chuck” W. Hummer, III was born and raised in the Republic of Panama. He was fluent in English and Spanish and conversant in French, Italian, and Portuguese. He attended Northern Virginia Community College and graduated from American University in Washington, DC with a BS in International Affairs. He moved to Orlando in 1987 where he filed one of the first successful equal opportunity lawsuits when he was fired after his employer learned that he was HIV positive.

In 1988 he migrated from client to the first Executive Director of the newly formed Hope and Help Center, an AIDS service organization in Orlando. He led the Center from its humble beginnings in the basement of a Winter Park Church to offices at the Unitarian Church on East Robinson Street, to the larger facilities on Orange Ave. in downtown Orlando, and finally to its own building in Winter Park where it is still headquartered.

Chuck saw the Center grow from a relatively simple volunteer manned organization to a full service organization with a large paid staff that provided a wide spectrum of services at its main office as well as a growing number of satellite offices in Osceola and Seminole counties. Premier AIDS related events such as the Strictly Positive Seminars, Headdress Ball, and youth educational summits marked some of the major accomplishments made under Chuck’s leadership. His philosophy was that he was living with HIV not dying from AIDS. The Hope and Help Center honors Chuck’s memory with its annual Chuck Hummer, III Visionary Award.