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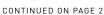
A WEEKEND OF PARADISE

In October, PRC commemorated its 20 years with a weekend celebration that kicked off with Club Paradise, a Hi-Def Dance-a-Thon, held at the Yerba Buena Center for the Arts on Saturday the 13th. The evening was emceed by Energy 92.7's Fernando and Greg and featured some of the nation's hottest DJ's including DJ M3, Ellen Ferrato, Robbie Martin, and Miss Honey Dijon. The night heated up even more when international recording artist CeCe Peniston took the stage and knocked everyone's socks off with renditions of her popular dance tunes, including "Finally" and "Love Thang." Then Sunday, the 14th, PRC kicked back at the Paradise Found Luxe Lounge, a reception of cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and a live auction. Later in the evening, during an awards presentation, Macy's West was presented with the Keystone Award and Mr. Hamilton Mixon with the Community Pillar Award.



s a sometimes sociology enthusiast, I conducted a bit of research on the socio-political relevance of the number twenty in our society's history. I learned that at twenty, the United States experienced the first contested American presidential election which resulted in a President and Vice-President from opposing tickets, exposing potential flaws in the original Electoral College system. I also learned that a generation is not only measured in twenty-year intervals but also commonly represents a cohort of individuals sharing a similiar life experience.

To Positive Resource Center, twenty has great meaning. It represents our years of responding to a growing generation of people living with HIV/AIDS who







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shared the challenging, if not sometimes fatal, experience of having limited or no access to disability income and health insurance. Over the past two decades, our Benefits Counseling and Employment Services Programs have developed into a comprehensive set of services that are widely respected and keenly adept at responding to the evolution of HIV/AIDS. Most recently, we expanded our benefits counseling services to individuals with mental health issues and focused our employment services on individuals with special needs, including women and older workers.

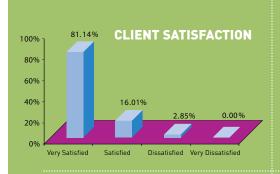
In this latest edition of the Frontline, you will read about ways in which PRC continues to remain in the forefront of social justice and ecomonic issues. Also included in this issue are highlights regarding our broad base of community support, for which we are extremely grateful. And of course, we could not turn twenty without a weekend celebration — Club Paradise Found.

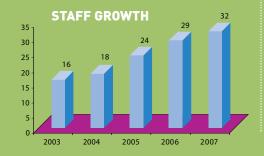
Although I'm not sure what the future holds for the next twenty years of the United States or PRC, I do know that if history is any

indicator, we will need to stay ever vigilant on the political and social issues important to all of us and that PRC will be well-positioned to respond to emerging community needs.

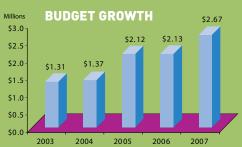
BRETT ANDREWS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR







PRC by the numbers



EMPLOYMENT SERVICES:

VOCATIONAL COUNSELING GOES FULLTIME

We are pleased to announce that on October 16, Julie Salzman was hired as PRC's fulltime Vocational Counselor. Julie holds a Masters Degree in Career Counseling and is a Nationally Certified Counselor.

The Employment Services Program has seen great client outcomes as a result of our group vocational counseling workshops. Due to the uniqueness of HIV/AIDS and the different effects the disease has on each individual, there has been increasing need for one-on-one vocational counseling sessions which provide a private space to conduct a comprehensive assessment of clients' vocational and educational needs.

Increased vocational counseling will go a long way towards helping us exceed our 2006 outcomes of serving more than 1,000 individuals and recording 384 job placements, including 171 long-term placements with average wage of \$16.81 per hour.

Over the last year our Development Department, in collaboration with the Employment Services Program, worked tirelessly to identify funding to support this fulltime position. PRC would like to thank the Academy of Friends, MAC AIDS Fund and Macy's West for their generous support for this significant program development.

PRC's staff attorneys are now representing disabled refugees and asylees who are timed out of SSI at CAPI (Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants) hearings in front of state Administrative Law Judges. PRC has learned that we are the first agency in California to fight on behalf of these individuals.

Disabled refugees and asylees — many of whom have fled violence, torture and persecution in their home countries due to political affiliation, HIV status, sexual orientation and/or gender identity — are only allowed to continue to access SSI and Medicaid for 7 years from the date of asylee status, unless they are able to become naturalized citizens. Immigration backlogs, unforeseen processing delays and other obstacles have made it impossible for most to become citizens within this 7-year period. When SSI and Medicaid are terminated, these disabled individuals are left with no income, health insurance, housing or health care. The stark and devastating outcome is clear.

BENEFITS COUNSELING:

First to Fight for CAPI

California's CAPI, an SSI replacement program for disabled and senior California immigrants, mirrors SSI and Medicaid in every way, guaranteeing life-sustaining income and health insurance to disabled immigrants who are not eligible for SSI. But few SSI beneficiaries are aware of this option, and are not informed of their ability to access seamless benefits.

Due to PRC's direct, in-house legal representation, people disabled by HIV/AIDS or mental health issues who are timed out of SSI will be able to receive CAPI and Medicaid. Further, we are beginning to create precedent in the administration of CAPI so that California can ensure that all eligible immigrants be properly transitioned to CAPI and Medicaid.

PRC guests treated themselves to an array of fun activities throughout the weekend in honor of our 20 years of service.

CLUB-







Photos this page, top left to right: It's a slippery slide for Joel Stevens. Evening Co-hosts, 92.7's Fernando & Greg. DJ M3 and friends.

Middle, left to right: Development Director, John Cunningham presents to Community Pillar honoree, Hamilton Mixon. Guests kick'n back at Club Paradise.

Bottom, left to right: City Treasurer, Jose Cisneros, ED, Brett Andrews, and at&t Assistant Vice President, Troup Coronado. CeCe Peniston lets loose on stage.









PARADISE-FOUND





Photos this page, top to bottom:

DJ Robbie Martin keeps them moving.

Larry Hashbarger, Director of Special

Events, accepts Keystone Award on

behalf of Macy's West. Michael Bell

and Julius Turman, Esq. enjoy the

Paradise Luxe Lounge at Slide.





THE FRONT

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



November 23, 2007 Under One Roof Holiday Store Opening 2278 Market Street (Tower Records)



Saturday, December 1, 2007

Best in Show Holiday Photo Shoot 545 Castro Street To schedule, call: 415.864.7387



Over the past year, three businessmen combined their passion for pets with their shared commitment to making a difference. George Freeman and Richard Shiu of Best in Show, and Michael Tedesco of Michael Tedesco Photography hosted three themed photo opportunities to have a picture of you and your pet taken with Ms. Claus, The Hunky Easter Bunny, and SF Pride go-go boys,



raising over \$1,000 for Positive Resource Center. PRC would like to recognize these gentlemen for their philanthropic leadership and for their presence in the community.



Sunday,
December 2, 2007
Richmond /Ermet
AIDS Foundation
Help is on the Way
for the Holidays IX

The Herbst Theatre

Tickets available at: www.helpisontheway.org



Sunday,
December 9, 2007

11th Annual Holiday
Leather Brunch
Octavia Lounge
11:00am – 2:00 pm
Tickets: \$25
For more information:
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Paul Kretz



Donna Sachet & Assemblyman Mark Leno

9TH ANNUAL PRIDE BRUNCH ECHOES "PRIDE NOT PREJUDICE"

The 2007 Pride Brunch was an unqualified success on many levels, attracting over 300 guests and netting a record \$13,000 for PRC! Pride Brunch is an official Pride event that celebrates LGBT heritage and each year honors the Pride Grand Marshals for their extraordinary life achievements. Donna Sachet said, "At the Pride Brunch, each Grand Marshal addresses the audience for a few

minutes, sharing valuable insight into the meaning of Pride Week to them. We've heard from Sir Ian McKellen, Sharon Gless, Armistead Maupin, Bruce Vilanch, Reverend Troy Perry, and many local favorites." This year's major sponsors included: Sterling Bank & Trust, Seligman Family Foundation, 440 Castro, The Edge, Joe Granese, EMD Serono and Lu Conrad. Many thanks to the co-producers and long-time PRC supporters, Donna Sachet and Gary Virginia for their unwavering commitment.



STAFF SHOWCASE





PRC welcomes these new members to our growing staff.

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ALICE B. TOKLAS RECOGNIZES PRC

PRC was honored to be presented with the 2007 Unsung Hero Award from the Alice B. Toklas LGBT Democratic Club, in recognition of our commitment and tireless advocacy on behalf of



BOARD

On March 28, 2007, the PRC Board of Directors elected Jen Olson as President. Jen brings significant financial and operations experience as a Senior Financial Analyst for Monster Worldwide and has a total of seven years of Board experience, including a two-year term on the San Francisco State University Foundation Board. Jen states, "I am honored to step into this key role and look forward to building on the accomplished leadership of our previous president, Bill Matheson."

PRC is also very pleased to welcome Daryl Walker to the Board of Directors. Daryl is currently the Corporate Sales Effectiveness Manager for at&t and a Personal and Professional Coach.