

Positive Resource Center Honors Baker Places, Inc. and AIDS Emergency Fund at Annual “Windows of Opportunity” Gala Oct. 12 at San Francisco’s City Club

*Event Raises Crucial Funds for People Dealing With Mental Health / Substance Use Issues
and Low-Income Residents Disabled By HIV/AIDS*

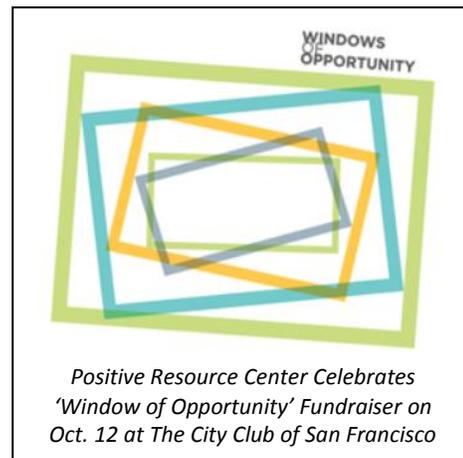
SAN FRANCISCO (Aug. 18, 2016) – [Positive Resource Center](#) (PRC), a San Francisco-based nonprofit whose mission is to assist people living with HIV/AIDS or mental health disabilities, celebrates its signature annual fundraiser ‘Windows of Opportunity’ on Wednesday, Oct. 12 at The City Club of San Francisco. This year, PRC will honor [Baker Places, Inc.](#) (BP) and [AIDS Emergency Fund](#) (AEF) with the Community Legacy Award for their many years of outstanding contributions to the community. The event includes cocktails, appetizers, dessert, music and a silent auction in an art deco ambience.

PRC recently announced its merger with Baker Places and AIDS Emergency Fund. BP provides a comprehensive array of residential treatment services to people with mental health, substance abuse and HIV/AIDS-related issues. AEF provides emergency financial assistance provider for low-income residents disabled by HIV/AIDS.

“On the heels of our [summertime merger](#) with AIDS Emergency Fund and Baker Places, this year’s ‘Windows of Opportunity’ gala kicks off a very special and important time for our newly combined organization,” said Brett Andrews, PRC’s current executive director. “Our enhanced focus now provides much-needed services to those suffering with a broad range of issues related to mental health, substance abuse and HIV/AIDS – including financial support for those needing it. At this year’s gala, we honor the history and accomplishments of these two well-respected organizations. We look forward to playing an even greater role in supporting those who need us most each and every day.”

Since its inception nearly 30 years ago, PRC has helped clients gain access to life saving disability income and gainful employment, ultimately providing individuals with a baseline of financial and healthcare security. Through PRC’s continuum of services, clients receive no-cost access to:

- Professional benefits analysis, advocacy and counseling about accessing public and private financial and health care benefits such as Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI), long-term disability, health insurance, life insurance and Medi-Cal
- Representation before administrative law judges for reconsideration of disability denials



- Employment and vocational rehabilitation planning, counseling and coordination, job development and job search assistance, support groups and computer access and training for clients entering or re-entering the workplace
- Regular workshops/clinics designed to equip people with HIV/AIDS or mental illness to consider and develop employment goals and plans as well as understand their legal rights and responsibilities concerning benefits, employment, housing and credit

For more information about PRC, to purchase tickets to “Windows of Opportunity” or to make a donation, please visit: <http://www.positiveresource.org>.

CALENDAR EDITORS, PLEASE NOTE:

Positive Resource Center’s “Windows of Opportunity” Fundraising Gala

WHAT:

Join Positive Resource Center (PRC) for its annual fundraiser at the city’s premier business and social club, The City Club of San Francisco. This year’s gala honors Baker Places, Inc. and AIDS Emergency Fund with the Community Legacy Award for the organizations’ many years of outstanding contributions to the community. The evening, which begins at 6 p.m., includes cocktails, appetizers, desserts, music and a silent auction. Open to the public, tickets start at \$125.

WHERE:

The City Club of San Francisco, 155 Sansome Street, 10th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94104

WHEN:

Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2016
6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

WHO:

Attendees include:

- Mark Leno, California State Senator (D-San Francisco)
- David Chiu, California State Assemblymember (D-San Francisco)
- Scott Wiener, San Francisco Board of Supervisors Member (District 8)
- Brett Andrews, Executive Director at Positive Resource Center
- Jonathan Vernick, current Executive Director at Baker Places, Inc.
- Scott Williams, current Board President at AIDS Emergency Fund

ADMISSION:

Ticket prices start at \$125 per person and are available via [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com) or at www.positiveresource.org.

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MEDIA PLEASE NOTE: To request an interview with Brett Andrews, please contact David Cumpston or Gus Nodal at (415) 561-0888 or via email at prc@landispr.com.

ABOUT POSITIVE RESOURCE CENTER

Positive Resource Center, a San Francisco-based nonprofit, assists people living with HIV/AIDS or mental health disabilities by providing comprehensive benefits including counseling and employment services. In 2016, Positive Resource Center merged with Baker Places, Inc. which provides a comprehensive array of residential treatment services to people with mental health, substance abuse and HIV/AIDS-related issues. PRC also merged with AIDS Emergency Fund, an emergency financial assistance provider for low-income residents disabled by HIV/AIDS. Combined, the three organizations operate as Positive Resource Center, represent a combined 115-year history of service and serve approximately 5,000 clients. For more information, please visit www.positiveresource.org.

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