

THE FRONTLINE



THE MISSION OF PRC is to help people affected by HIV/AIDS, substance use, or mental health issues better realize opportunities by providing integrated legal, social, and health services that address the broad range of social risk factors that impact wellness and limit potential.

Forward this message to a friend | Spring 2019

Dear Friend,

After a couple of exciting years completing our mergers and identifying a building to bring PRC's continuum of care under one roof, we are less than two months away from opening the doors to a SoMa community hub. The new Service Center will serve low-income and health-challenged individuals across our service continuum, from emergency financial assistance, housing case management, residential treatment services, and legal advocacy to education access and employment services. At 170 9th Street, PRC will unite 1/3 of our city-wide staff, double the capacity of our computer lab, establish our first training room, and provide counseling facilities to support the 5,000 people we serve annually.



Today, we invite you to **Chair the Love**. Follow the link to learn more about this endeavor and consider making a special gift of love to help us furnish solutions inside PRC's new Service Center. Allies like you open the door again and again with your contributions, hours of service, and the celebration of community coming together to help people in need. Through April 30TH, you can help us raise \$250,000 to open the doors to our next chapter.

There are many ways for you to support PRC including volunteering for or purchasing a ticket to the upcoming **Academy of Friends**. Or, support a **Team 2020 Bare Chest Calendar** Man in his quest to vie for a position on the calendar. **Keep reading** to see how PRC helps San Francisco's most vulnerable. And, however you choose, we appreciate your donations and support.

Warmest Wishes,



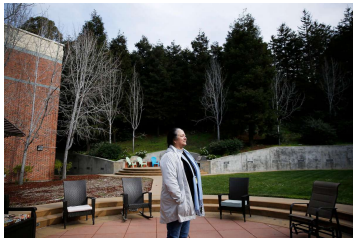
Brett Andrews
Chief Executive Officer

Chair the Love

Now through April 30th, explore our furniture registry to help us furnish solutions inside PRC's new Service Center. Sponsor a *Tete a Tete* or give *A Leg Up*. Your Chair the Love gift will furnish critical options for thousands of local individuals and families affected by HIV/AIDS, mental health, and substance use long after the Service Center doors open wide on April 1st.



Take a peek. Get inspired. #chairthelove



PRC's Hummingbird Place

A recent article in the San Francisco Chronicle announced a new San Francisco Meth Task Force spearheaded by Mayor London Breed and Supervisor Rafael Mandelman. The task force will prioritize solutions like PRC's Hummingbird Place that provides crisis care for people recovering from drug or mental health conditions.

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Academy of Friends

PRC is once again a beneficiary of **Academy of Friends**. The theme for their 39th Annual Academy Awards Night Gala is "**Neptune's Fantasy**." Watch the Academy Awards on **February 24** at the scenic **City View at the Metreon**, while you enjoy treats and beverages from some of San Francisco's finest restaurants and vintners, bid on exciting silent auction items, and see the live, gold-painted "Oscars."

Purchase your tickets at Academy of Friends PRC and have PRC receive credit toward our grant. You won't want to miss this party!



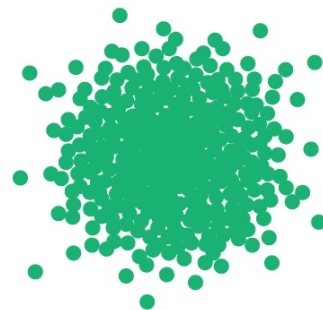
Every Penny Counts

After 31 years and \$3,206,405.53 raised, the Every Penny Counts program has come to close. Like many of the initiatives and programs of the AIDS Emergency Fund in the '80s, the Pennies Project originated as a community response to help people impacted by HIV and grew with small donations from a large number of supporters. Beginning in bars and stores, the program expanded to include local schools which participated in annual penny drives. Although the time has come to retire the program, we are extremely grateful to the merchants and schools which have taken part over the decades, and especially to the volunteers who picked up and counted the coins. For more information on Every Penny Counts and its closing, [please refer to our open letter on our website.](#)

Tipping Point Program

In the fall of 2018, PRC launched a new program in our Benefits Counseling Department called Tipping Point. It was named after the program's primary grantor, an organization called Tipping Point Community (TPC). TPC connects organizations from all over the Bay Area to create programs to help our low-income residents and combat homelessness. This program is also funded in collaboration with the San Francisco Human Services Agency, San Francisco Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing, and Bay Area Legal Aid. Its goal is to help San Franciscans, who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness, obtain social security disability benefits.

Tipping Point has greatly expanded the scope of



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clients eligible for our services. For example, clients do not need to be HIV positive or receive a referral from a mental health care provider to receive public benefits representation. Our goal is to better address the needs of the profoundly disconnected population who may not otherwise have access to legal representation.



Record Breaking 2019 Bare Chest Calendar

Congratulations to Team 2019 for making this year's **Bare Chest Calendar** the most successful in the project's 35-year history! The fourteen Calendar Men have raised more than \$200,000 to support PRC's work. Their achievement was celebrated at the Lookout on January 12 with remarks by PRC's CEO **Brett Andrews**, **Demetri Moshoyannis**, Supervisor **Rafael Mandelman** and former State Senator **Mark Leno**. We offer our appreciation and gratitude to the outgoing BCC leaders **Will Victoria** and **Donny Lobree** for guiding the team to their success. And we welcome incoming "Big Daddy" and "Den Daddy" **Larry Rich** and **Mark Whitfield**.

The contest to appear on the 2020 Calendar has begun, with preliminaries taking place on Fridays from 7:30 - 10:30 pm at the **Powerhouse** (1347 Folsom Street) starting February 8th through April 5. Interested in competing? See how at the **Bare Chest Calendar website**.

What's Happening at PRC?

Legal Advocacy



NEW Expanded Services

In partnership with Tipping Point, PRC's Legal Advocacy team has expanded services to focus on helping the homeless or at-risk of homelessness community with Social Security disability claims. For more information about the expanded services, contact TPCintake@prcsf.org or (415) 314-3309.

Fair Housing for People with Disabilities Presentation

On Tuesday, January 22, 2019, PRC hosted the Fair Housing for People with Disabilities presentation with Jamie Rush, Esq. of AIDS Legal Referral Panel (ALRP) as the presenter. The presentation covered how the laws work for tenants with disabilities, when and how tenants can request reasonable



accommodations, and options for disabled tenants if their landlord fails to accommodate. Due to the interest on this topic, another presentation is planned for the Spring of 2019.



Working While Receiving Disability Benefits

On Friday, January 25, 2019, PRC hosted the Working While Receiving Disability Benefits workshop led by PRC staff attorney, John Melis, Esq., for clients and San Francisco service providers. The next training will be held on February 22, 2019, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at PRC 785 Market Street location. NOTE: Due to the move there will not be a March 2019 workshop.

SSDI & SSI Overpayment Workshop

On Friday, February 1, 2019, PRC hosted community providers and clients for a workshop on SSDI & SSI overpayments presented by Lynnette Baclig, Esq. from ALRP. The next SSDI & SSI overpayment workshop is scheduled in early May 2019.



Understanding Consumer Debt Presentation

On Tuesday, February 19, 2019, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at PRC, 785 Market Street location. PRC will host the Understanding Consumer Debt presentation with Alynia Phillips, Esq. of ALRP as the presenter. The presentation will cover the best course of action when unable to pay credit card debt, ways to decrease federal and state tax debt, how to manage or discharge public and private student loan debt, and protection from identity theft.

U=U Campaign

In the Fall of 2018, PRC in partnership with SF HIV FOG launched, “#UequalsUSF” as part of the U=U campaign. The campaign encourages our community to start a conversation and spread the message that Undetectable equals Untransmittable.



San Francisco HIV Frontline Organizing Group (SF HIV FOG)

PRC is an active member of the San Francisco HIV Frontline Organizing Group. Throughout the year, SF HIV FOG hosts trainings and networking events for SF HIV Frontline workers.

On Thursday, January 31, 2019, at the San Francisco AIDS

Foundation (SFAF). Over 50 Bay Area frontline workers came together to learn how best to care for the 50+ community of people living with HIV (PLWH). The speakers included Mary Shiels, RN, and Helen Lin, LCSW of Golden Compass at WARD 86; Vince Crisostomo of The Elizabeth Taylor 50-Plus Network at SFAF. There was also a community panel with Scott Haitsuka, Curry Senior Center; Michelle Alcedo, Open House; Arthur Chan, Alzheimer Association's LGBT Program; Dennis Reilly, PRC Employment Services; Rae Marie Laguna, Institute on Aging; and Ramon Matos, UCSF Alliance Health Project.

The next SF HIV FOG training will be HOUSING 201 held on Monday, May 13, 2019, at the main San Francisco Public Library (100 Larkin Street).

For more information about trainings or SF HIV FOG, contact Dawn Evinger at Dawn.Evinger@prcsf.org or (415) 972-0892.

Employment Services



Weekly PRC Employment Services Orientations

Every Wednesday at 2 p.m. at 785 Market St, 10th Floor PRC Employment Services offers individualized supportive services for people with disabilities who want to pursue their vocational interests through career exploration, training and education, or a job search. Open to the public, and no reservation is required.



PRC's Upcoming events

02/15 – Prelim 02 - 2020 Bare Chest Calendar
02/22 – Prelim 03 - 2020 Bare Chest Calendar
03/01 – Prelim 04 - 2020 Bare Chest Calendar
03/08 – Prelim 05 - 2020 Bare Chest Calendar
03/15 – Prelim 06 - 2020 Bare Chest Calendar
03/22 – Prelim 07 - 2020 Bare Chest Calendar
03/29 – Prelim 08 - 2020 Bare Chest Calendar
04/05 – Prelim 09 - 2020 Bare Chest Calendar
04/13 – Golden Dildeaux Awards
05/11 – Finals - 2020 Bare Chest Calendar
06/29 – Pride Brunch
06/30 – San Francisco Pride
07/21 – AIDS Walk
07/27 – Bay of Pigs Party
07/28 – Up Your Alley Fair
07/29-08/04 – Lazy Bear
08/17 – Sundance-A-Thon
09/22 – LeatherWalk
09/29 – Folsom Street Fair
10/11 – Mighty Real Gala

11/02 – Sundance Stompede
11/17 – Queen of the Calendar - 2020 BCC
12/10-11 – Songs of the Season

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