



Consider this reality – it is probable that we could eradicate HIV by 2030.

A powerful statement, a powerful goal. In order to achieve this medical milestone, and change tens of thousands of lives, we must ensure that: 90% of all people living with HIV know their status through **testing**; 90% of people living with HIV are in **care** and receiving antiviral therapy; and, 90% of people in care will **stay in care** and have undetectable viral loads. These goals are set as a starting point by the United Nations, and UNIFIED – HIV Health and Beyond (UHHB) is dedicated to meeting them in Southeastern Michigan throughout the city of Detroit, Ypsilanti, Jackson and our ten county service area.

We are proud to share our exceptional work. UHHB was featured in the cover story by the **Detroit Free Press** on October 7<sup>th</sup> (see enclosure). This story featured the personal testimonies of UHHB staff members and their journeys from diagnosis to their commitment to servicing the community. HIV is not a debilitating or monolithic health condition. Every client is different, and our many services are tailored to meet the generational and cultural needs of each individual. Our clients own their own success, our staff work as their primary supporters and advocates along the way. Self-determination and support make for transformative experiences.

*UHHB’s Re-entry Case Manager has been working with an HIV+ client with an extensive history of substance abuse and incarceration. He has been in and out of jail and using drugs for the past 30 years. After working with UHHB staff, he has been off substances for over a year and has successfully completed parole for the first time in 30 years. He is now virally suppressed, in affordable housing, received SSI and has enrolled in school.*

We are proud to share the successful implementation of our in-house PrEP clinic as a part of our HIV prevention services. PrEP is a daily medication used by people who are HIV negative and is over 90% effective in prevention HIV. Our community mobilization department has achieved great success educating communities in order to demystify HIV stigma with campaigns like U=U (Undetectable equals Untransmittable).

Over the past year UHHB has facilitated these prevention and care activities:

- Over **4,000** community members received HIV **prevention and education**
- **1,103** HIV **tests** were conducted
- **597** clients received medical case management services
- **460** community members **received health insurance** enrollment assistance
- **322** clients were **screened for smoking** cessation services
- **273** individuals **received harm reduction** and **overdose prevention** services
- More than **34,000 pounds of food** were distributed

Given the shift in federal priorities of HIV prevention, funds have been **cut by nearly \$1,000,000** within the state. We are UNIFIED in all we do and you are a part of our UNIFIED family. We need your support. Please consider making a financial contribution today. Know that your contribution to UHHB will have a lasting impact on the community we serve.

Sincerely,

Janine Janosky, Ph.D.  
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