



March - May 2015

Welcome to your new quarterly edition of ASF's client newsletter The Homepage. Not a whole lot has changed, but we wanted to point out exactly what has. Because each edition will cover a three month period, the monthly calendar has been condensed to essential information and the group descriptions have been combined with it on page four. You'll see a listing of the days of the week and what groups or workshops meet on those days. Also included is the time of the month they meet...first Monday, every Thursday, etc. This change allows us room to give you more of the information you need!

JOIN US ON THE PATH TO END AIDS!

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for



Saturday, May 9, 2015

William R. Mason Regional Park, Irvine, CA

Registration is now open for the 2015 AIDS Walk Orange County! And, just in case you feel like running, we've kept the 5km run in the mix, as well! You can register for the walk, run, or both at aidswalkorangecounty.org!

The registration fee remains at \$25 this year but no one will be turned away. And, you can still register as a fundraiser and raise your registration fee instead of paying it yourself.

We are also continuing the completely voluntary opportunity to be recognized for your survival in your fight against HIV. If you register for our Survivor Club, you will receive special t-shirts indicating the length of time you've been living with HIV, an invitation to the VIP breakfast prior to the walk, and you'll be recognized with other survivors during the opening ceremonies. We know it can sometimes be hard to admit your status, but we can't think of a safer, more loving, or affirming place to do so than at AIDS Walk Orange County!

However you may decide to join us, please do! Walk with us. We need you.

IF YOU'RE ON A HUD WAIT LIST, KEEP THEM INFORMED OF ANY CHANGES

If you are on any type of housing wait list, such as Section 8, Rental Assistance Program (RAP), Hagan Place or STAR (Short Term Assistance with Rent), it is important that you inform the Housing Authority or ASF of any changes to your household. Changes could include address or phone number, household make-up (members of the household), income or disability status.

If you are on the wait list for one of the Housing Authorities in Orange County (Anaheim Housing Authority, Garden Grove Housing Authority, Santa Ana Housing Authority, or the Orange County Housing Authority) you are responsible for letting them know, in writing, when there's been a change.

If you are on the wait list for Hagan Place, let the manager of Hagan Place know of any change, in writing. And if you are on the RAP or STAR wait list, you must let the Housing department at ASF know of any changes, especially address or phone number changes. ASF is accepting applications to get on the RAP and STAR wait lists. Just contact your case manager or someone in ASF's Housing department for an application. The wait for RAP is around 4 to 5 years. The wait for STAR is around a year and a half.

Check Your Wait List Status

All four of the Housing Authorities have a different policy on how to check your status on their wait list. To check if you are already on the wait list for Section 8 with one of the four Housing Authorities in Orange County, or to check your status on their wait list:

- Anaheim Housing Authority: You must go in person to their office (see address below) once a year to check your status on the wait list.
- Garden Grove Housing Authority: You can call them at (714) 741-5150 to find out your status on the wait list.
- Orange County Housing Authority: You can go online at www.waitlistcheck.com. It will ask for your User ID and Password. Enter your 4-digit year of birth for User ID and your Social Security Number for the Password.
- Santa Ana Housing Authority: You must request your status on the wait list in writing. They will not tell you your number on the wait list, but will give your status. State in the letter that you are requesting your status on the wait list. You must include your current address (should be included in all correspondence) and sign the letter (they will compare your signature to the one of your application).

Update Your Information

While you are on any housing waiting list, **you are responsible** for communicating all changes (address, phone numbers, etc.) **in writing**. Please include the name and social security number of the head of household in all correspondence. **If the Housing Authority, Hagan Place or ASF are unable to contact you when your name comes up, your name will be removed from the waiting list.**

Who to contact to update any changes:

For RAP or STAR, contact George Smith, ASF director of housing and benefits, or Evelia Saucedo, ASF housing case manager, at (949)809-5783, or have your case manager inform the Housing department of the change(s).

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HUD Wait List - Continued from pg. 2

For Section 8

- Orange County Housing Authority, 1770 N. Broadway, Santa Ana, CA 92706
(714) 480-2900
- Santa Ana Housing Authority, Santa Ana City Hall, 20 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana, CA 92701
(714) 667-2200
- Anaheim Housing Authority, 201 S. Anaheim Blvd, 2nd Floor, Anaheim, CA 92805
(714) 765-4320 or www.anaheim.net
- Garden Grove Housing Authority, 11277 Garden Grove Blvd # 101C, Garden Grove, CA 92843
(714) 741-5150

For Hagan Place

- Contact the Apartment Manager at (949)376-3033
Or write to: Hagan Place
383 Third Street
Laguna Beach, CA 92651

OPENINGS AT CASA ALEGRE

Casa Alegre is an apartment building with 22 studio apartments in Anaheim. These studio apartments can only accommodate one or two persons. Currently the openings require that the applicant has his/her own HUD voucher (it can be a Section 8 voucher, a RAP voucher, or Shelter Plus Care certificate). In addition, the client **must be/have:**



- HIV+
- Disabled, by doctor's verification of diagnosis
- Income at or below 35% Area Median Income (\$22,155 annual income for 1 person - \$1,846.25 per month)
- A U.S. citizen or legal resident
- No serious criminal background (drug sales or manufacture, violent crime or sex offender will disqualify)

If you believe you have a Section 8 or RAP voucher or Shelter Plus Care and feel you would qualify and would be a good candidate for Casa Alegre, please call George Smith, AIDS Services Foundation's director of housing and benefits, at (949) 809-5784.

Groups/Workshops Calendar At-A-Glance

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>1st Monday of the month: 11:30am-1:00pm: Client Advisory Committee Meeting</p> <p>Every Monday of the month: 11:30am-1:00pm: Mindful Living</p>	<p>1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month: 10:00am-12:00pm: Spanish Language Women's Support Group</p>	<p>Every Wednesday of the month: 10:30am-12:00pm: Positive "U"</p>	<p>Every Thursday of the month: 10:30am-12:00pm: Viviendo Positivamente</p> <p>12:30pm-2:00pm: Spanish Mental Health Support Group</p> <p>4:00pm-7:00pm: Kid's Club</p>		

What's In It For You?

Support Groups	Workshops / Life Skills
<p>Mindful Living Support Group <i>Mondays, 11:30am-1:00pm</i> A support group for people living with HIV. For more information, contact Maggie Decker at (949) 809-5790.</p> <p>Spanish Language Women's Support Groups <i>1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 10:00am -12:00pm</i> Open to HIV+ women and other women affected by HIV/AIDS. For more information, contact Armida Acosta at (949) 809-5798.</p> <p>Spanish Mental Health Support Group <i>Thursdays, 12:30pm - 2:00pm</i> Open to HIV+ Spanish-speaking clients covering a range of mental health issues with a new topic discussed each week. For more information, contact Armida Acosta at (949) 809-5798.</p> <p>Kids Club - Thursdays, 4:00pm-7:00pm A closed support group for kids 6-14 with a parent or family member with HIV/AIDS. For more information, contact Ana Mora at (949) 809-5710.</p> <p>Positive Youth Support Group (Ages 6-20) Support group for HIV positive youth ages 6-20 ONLY, providing monthly outings which may include transportation. New and exciting activities are planned each month! Give your child an opportunity to socialize with other HIV Positive children and have fun!</p>	<p>Positive "U" - Wednesdays, 10:30am-12:00pm A different topic presented in English each session. No admittance after 10:45am. For more information, please contact Evelia Saucedo at (949) 809-5781. Lunch provided.</p> <p><i>For a complete list of dates and topics, please see the Life Skills flyer at reception in the ASF Lobby.</i></p> <p>Viviendo Positivamente - Thursdays, 10:30am-12:00pm A different topic presented in Spanish each session. No admittance after 10:45am. For more information, please contact Evelia Saucedo at (949) 809-5781. Lunch provided.</p> <p><i>For a complete list of dates and topics, please see the Life Skills flyer at reception in the ASF Lobby.</i></p>
	<h3>Social Activities</h3> <p>HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS</p> <p>Small group intervention for <i>men living with HIV/AIDS</i> focusing on developing the skills necessary to make decisions about disclosure.</p> <p>Each cycle consists of five sessions with a new session beginning every month. Receive a \$50 incentive for participating. Free refreshments.</p> <p>For more information, please contact Jonathan Ramirez at 949-809-8770 or Mario Casas at 949-809-5727.</p>