

WORKING TOGETHER TO FIGHT HIV

There are so many problems in this world that seem beyond our ability to help. But this one is different. Right here in our community, there is a growing HIV threat, people who need our help, and lives that could be saved – with some simple information or a caring intervention.

Common Ground in Santa Monica is the only comprehensive HIV agency serving LA's diverse Westside, from Inglewood to Culver City to Beverly Hills and LAX to Malibu.

We use proven prevention strategies to reach thousands of at-risk teens and adults each year, while providing no-cost support services and care management to hundreds of people living with HIV.

All our services – prevention and care – are **provided at no cost**. More than 75% of our clients live in poverty, 90% lack health insurance, and most are facing multiple life challenges, including homelessness, mental illness, addiction and HIV.

MAKE A COMMITMENT TODAY TO JOIN THE FIGHT AGAINST HIV.

DID YOU KNOW....

- About half of those with HIV become infected before they turn 25.
- Around 50,000 people in the US become infected with HIV each year.
- Every hour, two more teens are infected with HIV.
- In California, HIV/AIDS is the leading cause of death among African American women between ages 25 – 34.
- In Los Angeles County there are 52,000 people living with HIV/AIDS.
- In the area we serve, LAX to Malibu, 3,360 people are living with HIV.



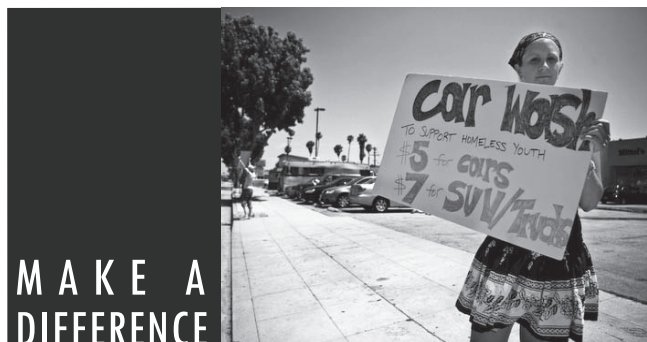
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The Westside HIV Community Center



More than **3,360 people** on the Westside of Los Angeles are **HIV positive**.

One in four doesn't know.



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FIGHTING HIV WITH PREVENTION

Common Ground has innovative tools for outreach and education that have proven to dramatically reduce infection among people within vulnerable communities. Once we connect, we can help people address other pressing health needs like sexual health, hepatitis and addiction.

- HIV Testing and Counseling
- Peer-Led Education for Women of Color
- Drop-in Center for Homeless Youth
- Street Based Health Outreach
- Anonymous Needle Exchange
- In-School Workshops for Teens

FIGHTING HIV WITH CARE

For people living with HIV, we offer a continuum of medical and social services emphasizing comprehensive health care, emotional support and basic needs. Often, we bring hope to those lost in hopelessness. We engage individuals to foster the vision to live full, independent, healthy lives.

- Case Management
- Housing and Benefits Counseling
- Medical, Dental and Legal Services
- Prescription Assistance
- Mental Health
- Treatment Adherence

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JOIN THE FIGHT

You can make the difference:

- Sign up for one of our monthly one-hour tours to learn more about Common Ground.
- Apply to be a volunteer.
- Subscribe to our e-Newsletter.
- And if you haven't already, *please give* your financial support with an annual donation or as a monthly Sustainer.

YOUR SUPPORT

In this time of growing need – and economic challenge -- we need your help more than ever to extend our services to more people right here in our community.

Your support of Common Ground is money well spent. In an alarming investigation into professional fundraising for California charities, the LA TIMES reported (7/6/08) that on average, less than 47% of dollars raised actually reach the organization.

Common Ground doesn't use commercial fundraisers. Every dollar you give funds our mission and 84% of our budget goes directly into programs and services. We keep administrative costs down- we spend your money well.

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