



## “Tina” Awareness Campaign

CEO Craig Covey hangs a poster for the MAPP social marketing campaign that targets gay and bisexual men for methamphetamine prevention.

Having identified a problem of abuse of this very addictive drug - known as “Tina” - among the gay population in the metro Detroit area, MAPP sought funding to educate the community about the risks and provide a support group for those in recovery.

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## 12th Annual ArtworksFORLife

MAPP's major fundraiser is in the planning for 2007. Over 300 of Detroit's most prominent artists donated original pieces of art auctioned at the eleventh annual “ART WORKS FOR LIFE” in September. This year's event held at The Ritz-Carlton, Dearborn raised \$85,000 to benefit the Midwest AIDS Prevention Project (MAPP).

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual World AIDS Day Ecumenical Service



## More than a Dozen Organizations Join Together

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual World AIDS Day Ecumenical Service brings Ferndale churches and community based organizations together on World AIDS Day under the global theme “Stop AIDS, Keep the Promise.”

The December 1 event, begins with a 5pm spaghetti dinner at the First United Methodist Church of Ferndale. A candlelight vigil will follow and a procession will lead to Zion Lutheran Church on Woodward Avenue, where there will be a religious service at 7pm, with local choirs. A reception at the church will wind up the evenings events.

Suggested donation for the spaghetti dinner is \$6. Funds raised through donations go to Steppin' Out Detroit, Midwest AIDS Prevention Project (MAPP), and Wonderful Animals Giving Support (WAGS).\*

“The Midwest AIDS Prevention Project is excited to work with so many organizations on the collaborative event. Together we can pool our efforts to make a greater impact,” said Craig Covey, MAPP Director and Ferndale Councilman.

The free event is open to the public and is sponsored by the following organizations: Metropolitan Community Church of Detroit, MAPP, Zion Lutheran Church of Ferndale, Ferndale First United Methodist Church, Motor City Bears, Divine Peace Metropolitan Community Church, Names Project of Michigan, Detroit Together Men's Chorus, One Voice, Full Truth Fellowship of Christ, and Whosoever Ministries.

For more information about the World AIDS Day Ecumenical Service, please contact Brianne Moore at 248-545-1435 extension 107, or bmoore@aidsprevention.org.

\*WAGS is a program of MAPP that provides support for persons living with HIV/AIDS to allow them to keep their pets with pet food provisions and veterinarian expenses.

## Dine Out for MAPP

On December 1, “Dine Out Ann Arbor” will give area residents the opportunity to fight AIDS by doing something they frequently do: Eat Out! This annual MAPP fundraising event falls on World AIDS Day this year. Fifty restaurants in Ann Arbor and the surrounding communities participate by contributing a portion of the days' sales to MAPP. See a list of participating restaurants: [www.dineoutmichigan.org](http://www.dineoutmichigan.org).

# Testing: one, two, three

In February 2006 MAPP started a new prevention program, Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) sponsored HIV (antibody) testing and counseling. Most of the testing and counseling takes place in gay bars and at community and pride events. However, it is also available by appointment at the MAPP office in the Community Pride Building, at 429 Livernois in Ferndale.

Many clients have expressed their appreciation for this service being available in the community, provided by professional staff in a relaxed environment. Following is one client's e-mail:

*I just wanted to thank you and your organization for the professional service that I received with respect to my HIV/AIDS testing.*

*Finally realizing that the process was painless, I was left wondering why people refuse and/or ignore to get tested. The answer was simple.....fear. It seems as though that people are afraid to know what the "results". I knew that I was not a "high-risk" candidate but, I still had that "fear" And, I covered that "fear" with "confidence" by telling myself....."You are safe. You have been quite select on the women that you decided to pursue relationships with in the past."*

*Now, the HIV/AIDS test has changed my life beyond belief. How? I have been motivated to "tell" my friends to get tested and to "prove yourself right". Why? The reason is simple you (they) need to know. It is about being mature and responsible. It is about accepting your manhood and womanhood 100% regardless of who you are, your religion, your age or your sexual orientation.*

*And, it has taken my spirituality to another level so as to tell anyone...."I love my life. I got the test."*

*Thank you*

## There's Nothing Pretty About 'Tina' con't

This fall MAPP received four grants, from Arcus Foundation, HOPE Fund, Michigan Dept. of Community Health (MDCH) and Ferndale Community Foundation to develop the materials for the "Nothing Pretty" social marketing campaign and for a weekly meth support group. For more information call MAPP 248-545-1435, or visit the website: [www.nothingpretty.org](http://www.nothingpretty.org).



*The Blue Bang Theory at Buffalo Wild Wings  
Photo by Larry J Mills*

## Blues Fest heads 2007 MAPP Events

Mark you calendar for the 2007 "BUD Light" Annual Ferndale Metro Blues Festival which will be held Jan. 26 to Feb. 3, 2007.

Last year's festival was a sanctioned event of Super Bowl XL and continues to grow. Check the website [www.ferndalebluesfestival.org](http://www.ferndalebluesfestival.org). Updates for 2007 will appear soon.

## MAPP Staff Update

**Royale Theus - Program Director**, has been with MAPP since 2004 doing trainings and outreach to men who have sex with men (MSM), and he has facilitated MAPP's Many Men, Many Voices program. Prior to MAPP he did HIV prevention and education work for Visiting Nurse Association and the Detroit Health Department, starting in the HIV field back in 2000 as a volunteer with the former Men of Color. Royale is also a nursing student at Oakland County Community College.

**Leon Golson**, "after 13 wonderful years with MAPP," took a position with the HIV/AIDS Resource Center in Ypsilanti in September, as HARC's new director of prevention programs. As MAPP's program director Golson developed many prevention programs including the Opinion Leader/Peer Education Program, ALAYE, The Domino Project and CHAT. Leon will continue to work with MAPP on a part-time basis.

**Angie Kaiser - Grants and Program Manager**, now manages grants and supervises the HIV Counseling and Testing program at MAPP. In addition, she conducts HIV/AIDS educational programs and assists with agency events and fundraisers. Angie has a B.A. in Psychology from the University of Michigan and a Master's in Social Work from Wayne State University.

**Cathy Sullivan** retired from MAPP this summer as the grants manager, though she continues to work as a consultant.