HIV50+
STRONG & HEALTHY

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Grant #1- Eric Jannke

Sponsoring Agency: Let's Kick ASS Palm Springs
Address: **Palm Springs; CA. 92264**
Project Name: Manual on HIV & Aging; **Publishing date: TBD**
Project Description: **An educational manual addressing the needs of long-term survivors and others aging with HIV.** It will address specific concerns, such as isolation, addiction and recovery, frailty, comorbidities, and behavioral health. We will send small groups of our members to providers in the area to leave copies of the manual we have developed, and be able to talk personally with providers about its contents.

Grant #3- Lillibeth Gonzalez

Sponsoring Agency: Gay Men's Health Crisis, Inc. (GMHC)
Address: **New York; NY. 10001**
Project Name: Thriving at 50 and Beyond; **Date of event: April 6th**
Project Description: I intend to enhance services for long-term survivors of HIV and HIV-positive people aged 50 and older by offering a facilitated **full-day community education event** focused on meeting immediate

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needs identified by long-term survivors: decreasing feelings of loneliness and isolation, and increasing sense of community, self-acceptance, and connection.

Grant #4- Bryan Jones

Sponsoring Agency: St. Paul's Community Church
Address: **Cleveland; OH. 44102**
Project Name: Building POC leaders living with HIV; **Date of event: TBD**
Project Description: The project will provide an **all-day training for PLWH to become leaders in their community.** PLWH over 50 will provide first hand history, education, support, and empowerment for PLWH under 35. The training materials are provided by the BLOC project. The target population is people of color under age 35.

Grant #5- Teresa Sullivan

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Sponsoring Agency: Positive Women's Network
Address: **Philadelphia; PA. 19107**
Project Name: Sister to Sister: Women of Color Long Term - Survivors Building Our Voices of Resilience;
Date of event: March 24th
Project Description: We'll provide **interactive educational sessions, on health and wellness to Women of color over fifty years old**, living with HIV. The Primary goals of the project will be end self- isolation and depression, building upon our resilience as survivors not victims of HIV.

Grant #6- Robert Riester

Sponsoring Agency: Mile High Behavioral Healthcare
Address **Aurora; CO. 80040**
Project Name: "From the Past by Our Future" (Video Storytelling); **Date of event: March 24th**
Project Description: The following activities will occur in chronological order:

1) Initial launch workshop: **3-day workshop to launch project and provide training and technical assistance to storytellers**; 10-12 inaugural storytellers will attend this workshop. Participants will be encouraged to create a strong narrative with use of "props," such as personal photos or sentimental items. Participants will also be provided with the A/V tools and training to record and edit their story.

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2) **Community Event:** storytellers will convey the prepared materials and personal stories in a live, theatrical-style setting. Audience will be able to ask questions after each individual's vignette. This event will be professionally videotaped for distribution and also posted online.

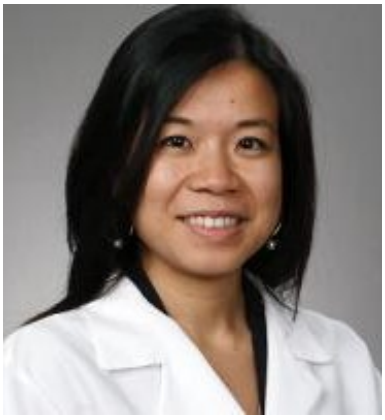
3) **All storyteller videos and the community event video will be posted online.** Opportunities to engage and/or make referrals to counselors at Mile High Behavioral Healthcare will be made available for those community members that need support and community.

Grant #8- Esther Ross

Sponsoring Agency: Circle of Friends Task Force
Address: **Greenville; NC. 27858**

Project Name: Leaders Advocating and Mentoring other leaders for Personal growth and Support (LAMPS Project); **Dates of event: March 22nd & April 4th**
Project Description: The goal of the LAMPS Project is **to educate five persons of Color living with HIV over the age of 50 to mentor, train and support one other peer** (5 more POCLWH) to increase participation and involvement in several regional meetings, such as the North Carolina Care and Prevention Region 10 Network quarterly meetings, the ECUHIVP Quality Management Program bi-monthly meetings, the HIV Prevention and Care Advisory Committee quarterly meetings, and North Carolina AIDS Action Network meetings.

Grant #9- Dr. Jennifer Chang



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Sponsoring Agency: Kaiser Permanente
Address: **Los Angeles; CA. 90027**
Project Name: Puppy Love; **Dates of event: March 18th & April 14th**
Project Description: A **communal meet-and-greet, and dog-walking event for 50+ survivors of HIV/AIDS who are otherwise socially isolated.** An estimated 20 participants every 2 months will meet at a public park with their dogs, with a social worker and medical provider at each meeting. Groups will be subdivided into 3-4 person groups based on geographic location to facilitate neighborly connections. In total, approximately 100 long term HIV/AIDS may participate in varying degrees throughout the year. Community engagement and reengagement is one of the major anticipated outcomes of this program, as well as basic education on social isolation and re-discovery of basic socialization skills.

Grant #10- Rob Quinn

Sponsoring Agency: AETC (AIDS Education & Training Center Program) New England
Address: **Boston; MA. 02118**
Project Name: Healthy Aging with HIV Community Wellness Day; Date of event: April 21st
Project Description: Will facilitate **a Health and Wellness Day for HIV 50+ and Long-Term Survivors**. This event is designed to offer holistic health services, provide information about available health resources in the Greater Boston area, and provide space for participant's networking in order to engage community support. This project aims to serve as a first step towards fighting social isolation and forging a healthier, more engaged community of PLWH 50+ and Long-Term Survivors.

Grant #11- Randal Lucero

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Sponsoring Agency: Southwest CARE Center
Address: **Albuquerque; NM. 87111**
Project Name: Southwest CARE Center 50 + Strong and Healthy Summit; **Date of event: April 7th**
Project Description: The Southwest CARE Center 50 + Healthy and Strong Summit is being created to bring community leaders, 50 + individuals living with HIV and their allies together to improve the lives of older adults living with HIV. **This one-day summit will consist of a mix of facilitated discussions and panels, mixed with fun and educational presentations** led by researchers, physicians, psychologists, pharmacists, advocates, and long-term survivors of HIV.

Grant #12- Nancy Shearer

Sponsoring Agency: Special Service for Groups/APAIT
Address: **Santa Monica; CA. 90405**
Project Name: Positive Singles Mixer; **Date of event: March 24th**
Project Description: **A social event to promote social connectedness among the HIV-positive heterosexual community, ages 50 and older**, in Los Angeles County. The Positive Singles Mixer will be a

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private event for 50 attendees (25 women & 25 Men), where they will have the opportunity to meet new people and potentially build **romantic relationships**.

Grant #14: Dean Edwards

Sponsoring Agency: Palmetto AIDS Life Support Services
Address: 1453 Brentwood Drive, **Columbia; SC. 29206**
Project Name: Engage To Lead; **Dates of event: March 16th, 17th and 18th**
Project Description: This project is created to help support **men who are living with HIV over the age of 50** become actively involved in planning and advocacy within HIV Care and Support. For this **3-day retreat** I will recruit up to **12 men 50+ living with HIV** from across the State of SC. We will be learning about Advocacy & Education, Emotional Intelligence, Engagement and Communication. After the retreat **participants will be asked to facilitate at least one talk session** within their perspective communities from the targeted population of those living with HIV over the age of 50.

Grant #15- Michael G Smith

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Sponsoring Agency: New Mexico Coalition to End Homelessness
Address: **Santa Fe; NM. 87504**
Project Name: Phoenix Rising 2.0; **Publishing date: TBD**
Project Description: The Phoenix Rising 2.0 is an HIV/AIDS Work Re-entry Project (www.phoenixrisingreentry.org): Will conduct a survey and focus groups throughout NM with PLWH/As and service providers to identify issues and concerns related to financial stability to develop ways to alleviate uncertainty and reduce anxiety. The results will aim to **assist PLWH on disability to return to work and will educate about benefits and financial planning.**