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AIDS PARTNERSHIP MICHIGAN

In the belief that all people have dignity and worth and are entitled to the highest quality of life, AIDS Partnership Michigan is committed to being an effective and powerful voice; providing leadership and education; and providing support services and programs for those infected and/ or affected by HIV/ AIDS.



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Dear

I have always been of the opinion that serious, downtrodden AIDS activists are not particularly appealing. A sense of humor and laughter has always been considered a great weapon in the arsenal. That's probably why I have a framed award from APM staffers for the "Loudest Laugh."

Well, I must not be laughing much lately because Connie ... my next door office mate ... announced to all in the office yesterday that I had finally laughed ... loudly. And you know what? She is right.

Thanks to the failed vision at the Centers for Disease Control, we shut down one of the most effective HIV prevention programs I have seen in my 22 years here ... the REC Boyz. The program is a peer leadership program designed by the University of California Center for AIDS Prevention Studies. We worked with 300 young African American men ages 13 to 24 each year. These are young men who have sex with men and are frequently homeless because their families disown them. Educational activities designed by the REC Boyz have reached an average of 5,000 Detroit young people each year. Our CDC proposal was "approved but not funded."

But ... every other day or so one of the REC Boyz come to my office ... Curtis, Darius, Delicious, Angelo ... and THEY MAKE ME LAUGH!

SO - WE ARE NOT DONE YET! The APM conference room is now the REC BOYZ DROP IN CENTER ... complete with television ... and amplified rabbit ears! We will have a REC Boyz Holiday dinner shortly, and we will continue to provide our highly targeted, user friendly HIV testing to the social networks of these young men.

If you make a gift right now, we will be able to streamline and continue this highly successful prevention effort. It is absolutely worth it. This is exactly how we will Stop AIDS. Be generous my friend. I know the economy is awful. I know you have 10 other letters asking for money ... but they are not like this one.

LAUGH! Write a Check! ... because, WE ARE NOT DONE YET!

With Love and Much Laughter,

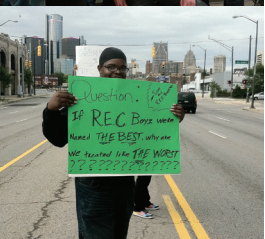
Barbara A. Murray

Barbara Murray ... and the Incredibly Talented APM Staff and REC Boyz

PS REC Boyz graduates have earned their GED degrees, they have jobs, several are attending college and one has been deployed to the Middle East with his National Guard Unit. These young men are the future!



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Every Day We Live Up To a Promise We Made 28 Years Ago
1983 - 2011



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