

THE FACTS!

According to UNAIDS, as of 2007 globally, there were an estimated 33 million (30 million - 36 million) people living with HIV in the world.

(UNAIDS, "Global Summary of AIDS Epidemic December 2008", <http://data.unaids.org/pub/EpiReport/2007/2007_EpiUpdate_en.pdf>, October 2007)

According to UNAIDS, as of 2007 there was 2.7 million new infection and 2 million HIV- related deaths.

(UNAIDS, "Global Summary of AIDS Epidemic December 2008", <http://data.unaids.org/pub/EpiReport/2007/2007_EpiUpdate_en.pdf>, October 2007)

In 2008, Sub-Saharan Africa, HIV had reduced life expectancy by more than 20 years, slowed economic growth, and deepened household poverty. The epidemic has orphaned nearly 12 million children aged under 18 years.

(UNAIDS, "Global Summary of AIDS Epidemic December 2008", <http://data.unaids.org/pub/EpiReport/2008/2008_EpiUpdate_en.pdf>, October 2008)

In 2006, there were 250,000 (190,000—320,000) adults and children living with HIV in the Caribbean.

(UNAIDS, "Global Summary of AIDS Epidemic December 2006", <http://data.unaids.org/pub/EpiReport/2006/2006_EpiUpdate_en.pdf>, October 2007)

At the end of 2003, an estimated 1,039,000 to 1,185,000 persons in the United States were living with HIV/AIDS, with 24-27% undiagnosed and unaware of their HIV infection.

(Glynn M, Rhodes P. Estimated HIV prevalence in the United States at the end of 2003. National HIV Prevention Conference: June 2005: Atlanta. Abstract 595)

Overall about 75,000 people or about 1% of New York City (NYC) residents are living with HIV infection. However that figure does not include people who have not been tested.

(Brooklyn AIDS Task Force, "2004 Brooklyn AIDS Fact Sheet", April 2004)

Brooklyn, NY has the third largest AIDS population in the United States following Manhattan and Los Angeles.

Brooklyn has more people who have been diagnosed with AIDS than forty-five states, and more children that have been diagnosed than forty-seven states.

(Brooklyn AIDS Task Force, "2004 Brooklyn AIDS Fact Sheet", April 2004)

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The Division of Student Affairs is dedicated to HIV/AIDS awareness within the Brooklyn College community and the Brooklyn community at large. Since its inception in 1990, the HIV/AIDS Awareness Program has raised awareness on campus and in the community.

The World AIDS Day project is a community effort organized by administrators and students on our campus. Under the leadership of the Health Programs Office, Division of Student Affairs, the World AIDS Day Committee was created to organize, implement and evaluate the program at Brooklyn College.

Bulletin Boards

Information on HIV/AIDS is strategically placed on high impact bulletin boards with easily identifiable red backing on the first floors of high traffic buildings on campus.



Counseling

Personal Counseling services on campus may refer affected students to respective services in the community.

Testing

In 2006 and 2008 Ryan-NENA offered free rapid HIV Testing (oral swab) with same day results to Brooklyn College students via their Mobile Unit on Campus Road. The noninvasive procedure is performed using an oral swab, similar to a q-tip, which is swiped along the cheek and then tested for HIV antibodies. The Brooklyn College Health Clinic also arranges for testing upon request.



Tabling

Tables with HIV/AIDS information and eye-catching poster boards are placed in high traffic areas such as the cafeteria. Student discussions are easily started in this arena.

Quilt

HIV/AIDS quilt created by Brooklyn College students and staff is displayed annually in various locations on campus. The Quilt has been displayed in the Student Center and Brooklyn College Library.

Food & Toy Drives

Each year, the Brooklyn College Community contributes new toys and non-perishable food to children and families affected by HIV/AIDS in the NY metropolitan area. Past recipients have included Musica Against Drugs, Inc. in 2002; Little Flower Children's Services of New York in 2003; HIV/AIDS Center of NYC in 2006; and Little Flowers Children and Family Services of New York in 2008.



Workshops and Seminars

Local high school classes are invited to seminars that are designed to inform them of the disease and preventative measures. Brooklyn College believes that an informed younger generation is necessary for a healthier student population. Video presentations, graphic power points slides and panel discussions are also arranged. Past themes for such workshops/seminars have included: "HIV/AIDS-In the Global Context" in 2000; "Live and Let Live-Eliminating Stigma and Discrimination" in 2003; "The Global Link to NY and You" in 2005; "General Information on HIV/AIDS" in 2007 and "Clinical aspect of HIV/AIDS virus and physical manifestations" in 2008.

Fundraising

Annual Fund-Raising Benefit Dinner/Fashion Show/Auction promotes awareness of the HIV/AIDS epidemic and the socio-economic gravity it bears on the community at large, particularly for people living with the disease in Caribbean countries. The Caribbean is the second largest region next to Sub-Saharan Africa with the highest rate of HIV/AIDS infection and this is rapidly rising.



2004 Fundraising Auction- A priceless autographed basketball and photo by NBA Hall of Fame member Walt "Clyde" Frazier was auctioned.

Past fundraising proceeds have benefited the following organizations: \$1,329 to Jamaica AIDS Support in 2003; \$1,000 to Cyril Ross Nursery Home in Trinidad in 2004; in 2005 contributions benefited Zanmi Lasante (Partners in Health) of Haiti; and over \$3,700 was contributed to the Hope Pals Network of Grenada in 2006; \$2,549.47 to Panama PEQUENA FAMILA DE MARIA Children's AIDS Center in 2007 .



Past fashion shows have included the latest from designers such as Bashy USA Inc, Junior Soft Lines and Carla's Creative Workshop.

Brooklyn College students support annual fundraising fashion show.

