



NYC AIDS HOUSING NETWORK

MISSION STATEMENT:

The New York City AIDS Housing Network (NYCAHN) is a membership organization comprised and led by low-income people living with HIV/AIDS, working in a unique coalition with nonprofit housing providers, AIDS service organizations. Given that housing is a human right, it is our mission to empower low-income people living with AIDS to organize their community, including the nonprofits that serve them, to advocate for more housing, better housing and sound public policies for all New Yorkers living with HIV/AIDS.

We participate in community organizing, advocacy and public education to build the power of our membership of low-income people living with HIV/AIDS.



THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTORS:

Ben & Jerry's Foundation, Citizens NYC, Community Resource Exchange, Federal Home Loan Bank, Jewish Fund for Justice, MHRA Community Development Initiative, New York Foundation, North Star Fund, Open Society Institute, Paul Rapoport Foundation, NY City Councilmember Christine Quinn, Princeton University Class of '69, Resist, Sparkplug Foundation, Sharing Fund-Riverside Church, St. James Church, Tides Foundation, Union Square Awards (Fund for the City of New York), Verizon Foundation, all of our valuable members and all of those who have generously donated to the network.

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WE DEPEND ON INDIVIDUALS LIKE YOU TO SUPPORT OUR WORK. PLEASE MAIL YOU TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTION TO:

**NYC AIDS Housing Network
80A Fourth Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11217**



Cut and mail with check made payable to NYC AIDS Housing Network to the address above:

I would like to support the NYC AIDS Housing Network as a (check one).

- Benefactor (over \$1,000)
- Sponsor (up to \$1000)
- Supporter (up to \$500)
- Friend (up to \$100)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Name/Address of a friend who might like to receive information about the NYC AIDS Housing Network: _____

I would like to receive frequent updates about the AIDS Housing Network's organizing and advocacy campaigns through email and fax alerts? Yes No

Fax: _____ Email: _____

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Our Projects:

POWER (People living with HIV/AIDS Organizing for Welfare Equal Rights) is our core **leadership development** course offering information and skills about community organizing, advocacy and issues that affect your life.

BUILDING COMMUNITY offers direct assistance to our members in an effort to create a **community of support**. We form tenant associations, offer a weekly **drop-in center**, offer meals, clothes and the ability to get help with your public assistance case or with finding housing.

ORAL HISTORY consists of our members interview one another to find out what it's like to be homeless and HIV+ on the streets of New York City. The interviews are shared with the general public and decision makers.

HASA HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH is made up by volunteer "human rights" monitors travel to the City's ten welfare centers to fight for **economic justice** for low-income people living with HIV/AIDS. Monitors engage in **direct action organizing** and **human rights documentation** to identify systemic problems in the welfare system.

PAROLEE HUMAN RIGHTS PROJECT: Through **parolee led organizing**, we fight the **criminal injustice system** by tracking human rights violations committed by parole officers, fight for the right to **housing for people coming out of prison living with HIV and Hepatitis C** and we fight for improved **access to healthcare in New York State prisons**.

**MEMBER PROFILE:
LAVERNE HOLLEY**



"I became a NYCAHN member so that I could learn the skills necessary to fight for my rights and the rights of my peers at my the place where I receive services."

"NYCAHN truly builds the power of our community and is led by people just like me!"

**MEMBER PROFILE:
PAUL TARANEH**

"When I first became a NYCAHN member, I was homeless as a result of losing my job after getting sick. I had started to get involved with other organizations when I attended a meeting held by a NYCAHN community organizer.

I was shocked to learn that the members actually control the direction of this organization. Now, I volunteer as much time as I can, offering peer support to people during the weekly drop-in center when at the same time fighting for all of our rights."

"Because of NYCAHN, I now know my rights and I let others know theirs!"

If you are experiencing problems in your emergency housing, would like to form a tenants association or to find out more information about the NYC AIDS Housing Network, call us, toll free, (877) 615-2217.



Or stop by our **WEEKLY DROP-IN CENTER**
Tuesdays, 12:30-5:30 pm

You can also attend one of the following campaign meetings:

New Member Orientation:
Tuesdays, 1:00-2:00 pm

Outreach Team Meeting:
Tuesdays, 2:00-3:00 pm

HASA Human Rights Watch Meeting:
Tuesdays, 4:00-5:00 pm

Parolee Human Rights Project:
Tuesdays, 6:00-7:00 pm

NYC AIDS Housing Network
80A Fourth Avenue
Brooklyn
b/t St. Marks & Bergen Sts.

Take the 2,3,4,5,Q train to Atlantic Ave. or the W,M,N,R train to Pacific St.

Victories:

- The NYC AIDS Housing Network (NYCAHN) was able to defeat Mayor Bloomberg's proposal to move low-income People Living With HIV/AIDS into workfare.
- As a result of NYCAHN's HASA Human Rights Watch, The City of New York was found in contempt and then withdrew it's appeal of Hanna vs. Turner, guaranteeing New Yorkers living with AIDS the undeniable right to same day emergency housing .
- Members of NYCAHN's Parolee Human Rights Project placed by The City in an illegal rooming house were able to have The City take over the utilities from their absent landlord.
- NYCAHN was the first organization to fight for the rights of homeless people to be involved in the distribution of Federal funds to combat homelessness.
- NYCAHN has educated over 600 homeless people about their rights, community organizing and budget advocacy.

