

ACLA UPDATE

JUNE

1997

Freezer Program Continues to Grow



Spinach pie, chicken soup, homemade macaroni and cheese, corn bread, cookies... Sounds good, doesn't it? This is just a sampling of the kinds of frozen foods that can be found in ACLA's freezer on any given month. And we're not talking about staff members' lunches! All of these goodies are part of **The Freezer at ACLA**, a frozen meals program begun earlier this year.

The Freezer provides single-serving size meals program for people living with HIV/AIDS, their families and caregivers. The meals are prepared by members of local religious communities and are kept in a freezer given to ACLA by an anonymous donor from Holy Family Church in Lewiston.

ACLA volunteer, Diane Haugen, spent considerable time and energy last fall and winter to get this program up and running. Diane contacted local churches, spoke to church groups to explain the program, and did all of the organizational work needed to create the program. Her work is much appreciated and her efforts have certainly paid off. **The Freezer** now gives out approximately 20-25 meals each month.

One very nice aspect of the frozen meals program is the connection it has created between ACLA and local religious communities. Preparing and donating meals for people affected and infected by HIV and AIDS is a comfortable way for people to become involved in AIDS work.

Meals from **The Freezer** can be picked up at our office on Lafayette Street, in Lewiston every Tuesday from 10AM to 2PM. Anyone who cannot make those pick up times, or needs to have meals delivered to them is urged to call ACLA to make other arrangements.

My address has changed to:

Please take my name off ACLA's mailing list:

Please add this name to ACLA's mailing list:

e-mail:

AIDS COALITION OF LEWISTON-AUBURN
P.O. BOX 7977/4 LAFAYETTE STREET
LEWISTON, ME 04243-7977

Maine AIDS Walk Report

Braving the wind and the threat of rain, about 85 people marched down Main Street in Lewiston, across the bridge, and into Auburn, proclaiming their support for the fight against AIDS. Numerous cars honked their encouragement as we walked along, banners whipped by the wind!

Over \$4500 in pledges has come in so far. If you haven't collected all your pledges yet, please send them in. If all the outstanding pledges come in, we'll have over \$5000. We also sold \$600 worth of ads for the program booklet. This is up from a total income of just over \$2100 last year.....so we're all feeling very good.

The teams bringing in the most money were:

The AIDS Class
from Bates College, with \$1226.50
Positively Alive's team with \$526.25.

Individuals raising the most were:

Sarah Smith, \$320
Richard Derrah, \$231
Marie Reimensnyder, \$225.

Volunteer Adult Advisors Needed

Outright/Lewiston-Auburn now offers drop-in sessions for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and questioning young people twice a month. We'd like to offer sessions weekly, but need several more adult advisors before we can do that.

Do you think you'd like working with the 22 and under crowd? Are willing to make a one-year commitment? Are you "out" in the community? Then you may be just the person we're looking for! Please think about it and then call Nancy at ACLA to say you're interested.

Enclosed please find my gift of
\$_____ to further the
work of the AIDS Coalition.

Please send me a volunteer application:

Name: _____

Address: _____

e-mail: _____

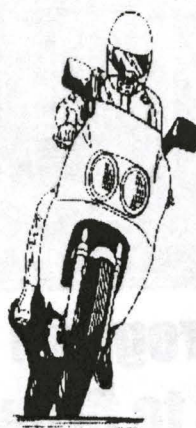
BULLETIN BOARD

**ACLA WILL BE MARCHING IN THE
GAY PRIDE MARCH IN PORTLAND
ON JUNE 21. COME JOIN US!!**

Support Group at The AIDS Project Auburn Office

People who have partners
who have died of AIDS

Thursdays 1 PM - 2:30 PM
One Auburn Center
Call Diana Carrigan at 783-4301
for more information!!



**Tune Up Your Bikes!
Polish Up Your
Leather!**

**UNITED BIKERS OF
MAINE'S FIRST
ANNUAL RUN FOR
LIFE!**

**To benefit ACLA and
Positively Alive!**

**Saturday, August 9
Call ACLA for more**

Outright Dance JUNE 13

**8:00 P.M.
TO
MIDNIGHT**

**U.U. Church
169 Pleasant
St. Auburn**

**Donation
\$3.00**

Camp Chrysalis

For Children 5-18 and their families

*An Independent organization
devoted to Pediatric AIDS*

*If you know of families who
might be interested in attending
camp August 18-24, call
Meredith or Donna at:
207-338-5089 or write:*

**Camp Chrysalis
P.O. Box 990
Belfast, ME 04915**



**THE NAMES
PROJECT
1987-1987**

**Visit
The Names Project's
website**

(<http://www.aidsquilt.org>)

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Have a great summer.*

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