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Founded in 1987, FCAA's mission is to mobilize philanthropic leadership, ideas, and resources, domestically and internationally, to eradicate the HIV/AIDS pandemic and to address its social and economic consequences. FCAA has become a leading voice and broker within U.S. philanthropy on both domestic and global HIV/AIDS issues and one of the most effective grantmaker affinity groups in U.S. philanthropy. FCAA's vision is to create a philanthropic sector that collaborates in an informed and urgent manner to ensure that the HIV/AIDS epidemic is halted and that communities already affected by it receive the resources they need.

During 2008 and 2009, FCAA will work to broaden its support of collaboration among grantmakers on funding related to HIV and AIDS. FCAA invites grantmakers and others to visit www.fcaaids.org to learn more about FCAA's work to encourage collaborations among HIV/AIDS grantmakers.

The following is a selection of grantmaking partnerships demonstrating how funders are collaborating to address HIV/AIDS around the world.

These 19 case studies are offered as a sampling of a diverse and exciting array of grantmaker collaborations. FCAA encourages grantmakers and others to visit our website at www.fcaaids.org to learn more about potential grantmaking partnerships related to HIV/AIDS.

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African Comprehensive HIV/AIDS Partnership (ACHAP)

PHILANTHROPIC PARTNERS INCLUDE:

Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Merck & Co. Inc (MSD) and Merck Company Foundation

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In 2000, the Government of Botswana, The Merck Company Foundation/Merck Sharp & Dohme (MSD), and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation established the African Comprehensive Partnerships (ACHAP) to support and enhance Botswana's response to the HIV and AIDS epidemic through a comprehensive approach to HIV and AIDS prevention, care, treatment, and support. The Merck Company Foundation and the Gates Foundation each have committed \$56.5 million to the partnership. In addition, MSD is donating ARV medicines to Botswana's national ARV treatment program — known as Masa (or "dawn") — for the partnership's duration.

While reducing the impact of HIV and AIDS will not happen overnight, results to date from Botswana are promising.

Today, Masa is one of the largest national HIV treatment programs on the African continent, with 32 clinics and 54 satellite facilities in operation

ACHAP hands over keys for a newly constructed ARV clinic to the local government

across the country. More than 3,200 physicians, nurses, and other health care professionals have received hands-on, clinic-based training from international HIV and AIDS experts through the partnership's preceptorship program. As of March 2008:

■ More than 97,000 patients are receiving ARV treatment, representing the highest ARV coverage rate in Africa. When Masa began in 2002, less than 5 percent of those in need of ARV treatment received it.

Adherence to treatment is among the highest in the world.

AIDS mortality rates have been cut in half.

■ Mother-to-child transmission has dropped from 40% to 4% between 2003 and 2006.

■ There has been a reduction in HIV prevalence from 25 percent to 18 percent (a 28 percent

www.achap.org

African Comprehensive HIV/AIDS Partnership (ACHAP) continued

reduction) between the years 2003 and 2006 The strength of ACHAP lies in its full integration with government strategy and its ability to harness private-sector expertise in support of national efforts to address HIV and AIDS. Today, the lessons learned in Botswana are being applied to projects elsewhere to help governments, aid organizations, community groups and people living with HIV to address the challenges of this disease.

Priorities for ACHAP in 2008 and beyond include scaling up prevention efforts, continued strengthening of the Masa program, incorporation of TB into the program, and further strengthening of post-test services.

African Women's Development Fund (AWDF)

PHILANTHROPIC PARTNERS INCLUDE:

American Jewish World Service Carnegie Corporation of New York Comic Relief CORDAID Ford Foundation Global Fund for Women HIVOS John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation Mama Cash Foundation Match International Mertz Gilmore Foundation Nelson Mandela Foundation New Field Foundation **Open Society Institute** Oxfam Novib Rockefeller Philanthropic Advisers Sigrid Rausing Foundation Sister Fund Stephen Lewis Foundation **Tides Foundation** Urgent Action Fund

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African Women's Development Fund (AWDF) is a grantmaking foundation that supports local, national, and regional organizations in Africa working towards women's empowerment. AWDF, through institutional capacity-building and program development, seeks to build a culture of learning and partnership within the African women's movement. Established in June 2000, AWDF was the first Africa-wide fundraising and grantmaking fund. The objectives of AWDF are to fundraise within and outside Africa, make grants on an Africa-wide basis, communicate the work and achievements of African women's organizations, and provide technical assistance to grantees. Since 2000, AWDF has funded over 575 women's organizations in 41 African countries.

Border AIDS Partnership

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The El Paso Community Foundation and the U.S./ Mexico Border Health Association partnered in 1994 to create a local HIV/AIDS partnership that would provide assistance to nonprofit organizations in the surrounding region working on this critical health problem. The resulting collaboration, with support from the National AIDS Fund, created the Border AIDS Partnership (BAP), a bi-national and tri-state funding collaborative that has been providing funding for HIV/AIDS education and prevention activities in El Paso, Texas, Southern New Mexico, and Ciudad Juarez, Mexico. Since 1996, the BAP has distributed more than \$1 million to support innovative HIV prevention programs in our region. Billboard from grantee organization of Border AIDS Partnership, located on Interestate 10, seen from downtown EI Paso, Texas.

Chicago Housing for Health Partnership (CHHP)

PHILANTHROPIC PARTNERS INCLUDE:

AIDS Foundation of Chicago Michael Reese Health Trust Chicago Community Trust Polk Brothers Foundation HUD Homeless Programs

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Begun in November 2002 with a six-month pilot run generously supported by the Michael Reese Health Trust and the AIDS Foundation of Chicago, the Chicago Housing for Health Partnership (CHHP) was developed by a 15 member coalition of housing, healthcare, and respite care providers to establish 120 new supportive housing units in Chicago through federal and private funds. The first of its kind in the nation, the project has since gained national recognition as a cost-effective model for providing housing and a comprehensive array of health and social services for chronically-ill homeless individuals. By actively offering coordinated housing and intensive case management, medical, and support services to a targeted set of high-need populations, CHHP is demonstrating improved health outcomes and lower long-term health utilization costs.

Clinton HIV/AIDS Initiative—Global Pediatric Program

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Despite high mortality-half of HIV-positive children die without treatment by age two, and 80% by age five-only one in 40 children had access to treatment in 2005. That year, the Clinton HIV/AIDS Initiative (CHAI) launched a pediatric program in response to this situation. In 2006, CHAI secured large-scale funding from UNITAID, a multi-lateral donor and international drug purchasing facility supported by 27 governments including France, Norway, the UK, Brazil, and Chile. UNITAID is committing more than \$200 million to the purchase of pediatric AIDS drugs and tests through 2010, making large volumes of these commodities immediately available to partner governments and dramatically leveraging the contributions of our original donors. Eighteen months later, over 16,000 new children had been placed on treatment across 16 countries, and in 2007, CHAI and UNITAID partnered to expand the program to 33 countries with funds to buy commodities for an order of magnitude more children than CHAI alone could support. As a result, CHAI helped to double the number of

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Former U.S. President Bill Clinton

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children on treatment across these 33 countries, to 135,000 in total. Today, one in four children globally has access to treatment. This progress was made possible by building the necessary systems to treat children at scale, including expanding infant diagnosis, increasing the number of pediatric treatment sites by 50% and by training 6,000 healthcare workers across these 33 countries. In 2007, UNITAID agreed to extend this program through 2010 with a \$180 million commitment, with a 2008 goal of reaching 75,000 new children.

Coalition on Children Affected by AIDS

PHILANTHROPIC PARTNERS INCLUDE:

Bernard van Leer Foundation Children Affected by AIDS Foundation ELMA Philanthropies Firelight Foundation Nelson Mandela Children's Fund Rockefeller Brothers Fund

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The Coalition on Children Affected by AIDS (CCABA) is a collective of private and public foundations and regranting organizations in the North and South, working to improve the lives of children infected by and affected by HIV/AIDS, aided by key technical experts. CCABA coordinates closely with other child-focused initiatives, including UNICEF's "Unite for Children, Unite Against AIDS" campaign, and the Joint Learning Initiative on Children and AIDS.

CCABA focuses on the International AIDS Conference as an agenda-setting event, raising the profile of children at the conference and improving the scope and quality of evidence presented at the conference by child-focused organizations. CCABA has also played a major role in the funding and design of a regular two-day preconference symposium on children and AIDS, starting with the CCABA members attending a meeting in Marseilles, France.

2006 AIDS Conference in Toronto. Considerable momentum was gained at the Toronto AIDS Conference, and further progress is expected in Mexico in 2008. CCABA also helps child-focused participants effectively navigate through and contribute to the AIDS conferences (which are complex events involving as many as 25,000), and helps provide information on the conferences to child-focused organizations worldwide that are not able to attend.

www.ccaba.org

Funders' Collaborative for Children in Malawi (FCFC)

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Launched in 2006, the Funders' Collaborative for Children in Malawi aims to address the complete needs of orphans and vulnerable children (OVC), from the earliest stage of life to the point at which they can thrive independently. Working through local partner organizations, it is implementing an integrated model of treatment, care, and support for children and young people, working within existing structures and systems and strengthening these as necessary. The four program dimensions are health, education, social welfare, and livelihoods. Each of the grantmakers has made an allocation of £2.5 million over five years to this initiative. The program is initially targeting two districts: Salima and Thyolo. By 2011, the program aims to reach 65% of all orphaned and vulnerable children in each district with HIV-related interventions. The FCFC aims to demonstrate the value of an integrated approach

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Children's Corner meeting in Salima

and also the advantages of donors working collaboratively. It has therefore commissioned an evaluation of the program in Malawi and of the Collaborative itself.

Global Media AIDS Initiative (GMAI) African Broadcast Media Partnership Against HIV/AIDS (ABMP) Caribbean Broadcast Media Partnership on HIV/AIDS (CBMP)

PHILANTHROPIC PARTNERS INCLUDE:

Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Coca-Cola Africa Foundation Elton John AIDS Foundation (U.S.) Ford Foundation The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation Merck Company Foundation Nelson Mandela Children's Foundation

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The Global Media AIDS Initiative (GMAI)—and its corresponding regional responses in Africa and the Caribbean—represents a unique model of collaboration among some of the leading foundations involved in HIV/AIDS. By combining financial resources, the GMAI's partners are able to take a more coordinated approach to working with media around the world in disseminating lifesaving information about prevention, testing and treatment, and stigma.

In addition to operational and financial contributions by the The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, the GMAI also receives support from the Ford Foundation and Gates Foundation. Other

www.thegmai.org www.broadcasthivafrica.org www.cbmphiv.org At the invitation of former UN Secretary, Kofi Annan, senior media executives from around the world gather at UN Headquarters (New York, NY) in January 2004 to launch the Global Media AIDS Initiative.

funding partners provide additional resources for select regional initiatives: notably, the Coca-Cola Africa Foundation, Merck Company Foundation, and Nelson Mandela Children's Foundation for the African Broadcast Media Partnership Against HIV/AIDS (ABMP), and the Elton John AIDS Foundation (U.S.) for the Caribbean Broadcast Media Partnership on HIV/AIDS (CMBP).

HIV Collaborative Fund, Project of Tides Center

PHILANTHROPIC PARTNERS INCLUDE:

AIDS Fonds Netherlands Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Elton John AIDS Foundation (U.S.) Ford Foundation Gagarin Family Trust Guttag Family Foundation John M. Lloyd Foundation Johnson & Johnson M•A•C AIDS Fund Open Society Institute Overbrook Foundation Starry Night Fund Stephen Lewis Foundation World Health Organization

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Established in 2003, the HIV Collaborative Fund is a global community-driven funding mechanism supporting HIV treatment advocacy and education in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Latin America, and Eastern Europe/Central Asia. The HIV Collaborative Fund finances community-based organizations support in each of 11 regions, and support to regional networks for informationsharing, collaboration, and technical assistance. Awarding more than \$2 million in small grants every

Participants in the HIV Collaborative Fund Women & Families Project

year, the HIV Collaborative Fund has granted more that \$6 million in small grants to approximately 600 treatment education and advocacy projects in nearly 70 different countries.

The HIV Collaborative Fund represents the first time that a global coalition of people living with AIDS has developed a funding mechanism that will allows them to set funding priorities and implement their strategies. People living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) lead all aspects of the Collaborative Fund activities, and more than 100 community-based and regional organizations around the world participate in grantmaking decisions.

www.hivcollaborativefund.org

International Family AIDS Initiatives – Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation

PHILANTHROPIC PARTNERS INCLUDE:

Abbott Fund Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Boehringer Ingelheim Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation Eastman Kodak Company Jewelers for Children Johnson & Johnson Oprah Winfrey Foundation Ronald McDonald House Charities

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Founded in 1988 to prevent pediatric HIV infection and to eradicate pediatric AIDS, the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation launched a "Call to Action" in 1999 to bring simplified regimens for prevention of mother-to-child HIV transmission (PMTCT) to developing countries. In response to this Call to Action, private funding partnerships helped to initiate PMTCT programs in more than 20 countries. Many of these national programs have since secured sustained bilateral and multilateral funding and measureable achievements in PMTCT coverage.

At more than 2,800 sites around the world, as of the end of 2007 the Foundation's programs have

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reached nearly 4.8 million women with access to PMTCT services, and have enrolled more than 365,000 individuals, including more than 30,000 children, into care and treatment programs.

including more thanA new video at www.pedaids.org promotes30,000 children, intofundraising for scale-up of AIDS programs incare and treatmentSwaziland

Of those ever

enrolled, 198,000 have begun antiretroviral therapy (ART). Several philanthropic funders, including Abbott Fund, Boehringer Ingelheim, Jewelers for Children, Johnson & Johnson, and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, continue to invest in the Foundation's International Family AIDS Initiatives, complementing governmental funding. Private funding allows the Foundation and its partners to fill key gaps in government funding, including work in countries that lack PEPFAR support.

Joint Learning Initiative on Children and AIDS

PHILANTHROPIC PARTNERS INCLUDE:

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Alec Irwin, JLICA Secretariat E-mail: airwin@hsph.harvard.edu Formally launched in October 2006, the Joint Learning Initiative on Children and AIDS (JLICA) is a cross-sectoral interdisciplinary exercise in collaboration among leading practitioners, policymakers, and scholars concerned with the wellbeing of children living in a world with HIV/AIDS. JLICA's goal is to protect and fulfill the rights of children affected by HIV/AIDS by mobilizing the scientific evidence base and producing actionable recommendations for policy and practice.

Private foundations played a key role in establishing the JLICA, providing seed funding, helping to convene key organizations and individuals, identifying potential learning group chairs, and helping to develop the JLICA's conceptual framework. Foundation funding was able to get the Initiative started, but larger amounts (over \$1 million per year) were needed to make it work; foundations played a key role in securing this funding from three bilateral donors-Ireland, the UK, and the Netherlands. The Joint Learning Initiative model allows foundation funding to be leveraged very effectively; coordinates foundation, academic, and bilateral funder action; and brings together an interdisciplinary team capable of agenda-changing knowledge generation. A foundation investment in such a model has a great potential for influencing policy and funding.

www.jlica.org

MSM Initiative

PHILANTHROPIC PARTNERS INCLUDE:

Elizabeth Taylor AIDS Foundation Elton John AIDS Foundation Foundation for AIDS Research (amfAR) GlaxoSmithKline Positive Action M•A•C AIDS Fund Open Society Institute

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African peer reviewers discuss MSM Initiative grantmaking strategies

Launched in 2007, the MSM Initiative supports direct services, advocacy, and research aimed at providing HIV/AIDS prevention, care, and support services for men who have sex with men (MSM) in low- and middle-income countries. During the past year, guided by in-region community peer review processes, the MSM Initiative awarded more than \$350,000 in small grants to 17 grassroots groups in Africa, Southeast Asia, and the Caribbean to implement HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment, care, and mobilization efforts among MSM. Efforts are currently underway to distribute similar grants to groups in Latin America and the rest of Asia and the Pacific.

National AIDS Fund

PHILANTHROPIC PARTNERS INCLUDE:

Elton John AIDS Foundation (U.S.) Ford Foundation Johnson & Johnson MetLife Foundation More than 30 Community Partnerships

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For 20 years, the National AIDS Fund (NAF) has served as a leading example of a grantmaking collaboration, organizing and investing at both a national and community level across the United States. At the national level, NAF creates strategic partnerships with foundations, corporations, individual donors, other national non-profits, and government to combine resources and address pressing HIV/AIDS-related health and social justice issues.

One example of a national partnership is GENERATIONS: Strengthening Women & Families Affected by HIV/AIDS, designed in collaboration with Johnson & Johnson. Through GENERATIONS, NAF provides multi-year grants to community agencies, and also facilitates technical assistance on the design, implementation and evaluation of evidence-based interventions for women through collaboration with San Francisco State University. Over \$2.2 million in grants has been awarded through the first two rounds of GENERATIONS. Similarly, NAF is working with the Ford Foundation and Elton John AIDS Foundation (U.S.) to direct millions of dollars in support and organizational capacity-building to the Southern U.S. through two interrelated initiatives, Southern REACH and the Gulf Coast HIV/AIDS Relief Fund.

At a community level, NAF works with more than 30 Community Partnerships across the U.S. to engage local philanthropy and prioritize and direct community investments. Over a 20 year history, NAF and its Community Partnerships have mobilized \$150 million in challenge grants to support local HIV/AIDS efforts, and now fund over 400 community organizations annually. Each year, through an innovative challenge grants program, Community Partners use the leverage of nearly \$2 million in NAF Challenge Grants to raise an additional \$6 to 8 million in locally-raised matching funds to support HIV/AIDS efforts focused on communities most impacted by HIV/AIDS.

National Black AIDS Mobilization

PHILANTHROPIC FUNDERS INCLUDE:

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On June 5, 2006, five national Black Organizations— NAACP, the National Urban League, American Urban Radio Networks, the National Newspaper Publishers Association, and BET Networks— issued a call to action and declaration of commitment to change the trajectory of the AIDS epidemic in Black America.

On August 14, 2006, twenty other leading voices and organizers representing civil rights, elected officials and policy makers, faith, media, arts and entertainment, social, academia, and business, joined in launching the National Black AIDS Mobilization (BAM). Led by the Black AIDS Institute in partnership with Balm in Gilead and the National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS, BAM has four primary goals: to reduce HIV infection rates, increase HIV testing, support appropriate care and treatment, and reduce HIV related stigma in Black communities in the United States. Supported by several philanthropic funders, BAM seeks to change the cultural norms that drive the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Black communities by having leading individuals and institutions take ownership of the epidemic. BAM calls on all major Black organizations to make fighting AIDS a top priority by setting concrete measurable goals and objectives, with real deadlines, on what they will do to help roll back AIDS. BAM works with partner organizations to tailor goals and activities to their unique niches and capabilities, and develop a mechanism to track activities and evaluate progress.

Ultimately, the campaign will: Identify and recruit traditional Black institutions, leaders, and individuals to join the

leadership of the mobilization.

■ Instill a sense of urgency among the target group by raising their awareness about the magnitude of the HIV/AIDS pandemic in Black America.

■ Provide members of the target group with the skills and capacity to develop strategic action plans for themselves and/or their organizations.

• Mobilize members of the target group to take action and call the larger community to action.

To date fifty organizations have joined BAM, twelve national organizations have completed strategic action plans, and two national reports have been released (two more reports are set to be released in August 2008).

Palliative Care

PHILANTHROPIC PARTNERS INCLUDE:

The Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund Elton John AIDS Foundation (UK) Foundation for Hospices in sub-Saharan Africa National Association of Hospice and Palliative Care Organisations Open Society Institute Sainsbury Family Charitable Trusts/ True Colours Trust Stephen Lewis Foundation

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Focusing on sub-Saharan Africa, several international grantmakers work in concert towards the objective of palliative care being accepted as a crucial part of, and integrated into, the care and treatment of people with HIV/AIDS and other life-limiting diseases. They support a range of work from the regional work of the African Palliative Care Association (APCA) to national and local programs, education and training and advocacy on, for example, the availability of pain control medications. As with many funder collaborations, this collective effort is not formalized or staffed, but is realized through regular communication and voluntary alignment of strategic thinking about grantmaking objectives.

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Strategic Alliances

PHILANTHROPIC PARTNERS INCLUDE:

American Jewish World Service Bernard van Leer Foundation Christian Aid Comic Relief Firelight Foundation FXB International Global Fund for Children New Field Foundation Pan-African Children's Fund Power of Love Foundation Rockefeller Brothers Fund Stephen Lewis Foundation STARS Foundation

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Founded in 2002, Strategic Alliances is an informal collaboration among donors who fund African community-based organizations providing care and support of orphans and vulnerable children and their families. Strategic Alliances convenes bi-monthly telephone meetings, where funders share information about recently funded groups, country-specific updates, staff travel schedules, and new funding directions. The group also serves as a resource for consultant referrals, due diligence processes, and grantmaking practices. Participants have been able to track and discuss changes in the funding environment, such as the evolution of large bilateral programs, including PEPFAR and World Bank MAP funding. Relationships built among Strategic Alliances participants have resulted in a number of collaborations, including co-funding of organizations such as SAfAIDS and the organizing of a pre-conference symposium at the International AIDS Conference in Toronto convened by the Coalition of Children Affected by AIDS (CCABA), designed to raise the profile of issues related to children and HIV. The latest effort of the Strategic Alliances, undertaken collaboratively with FCAA, is a study of the coping mechanisms developed by African HIV/AIDS organizations facing illness and death among their volunteers and staff.

Syringe Access Fund

PHILANTHROPIC PARTNERS INCLUDE:

Elton John AIDS Foundation (U.S.) Irene Diamond Fund Levi Strauss Foundation National AIDS Fund Public Welfare Foundation Tides Foundation

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A syringe access site provides needed services for injection drug users.

The Syringe Access Fund, a funding partnership established in 2003, has mobilized more than \$4.5 million in small grants for syringe access projects. In four rounds of grantmaking, the Syringe Access Fund has supported more than 85 organizations in 26 states, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia. In this collaboration, the six funding partners are directly involved in nearly all aspects of strategy and implementation of the Syringe Access Fund, and play a crucial role in publicly supporting issues of syringe access and HIV prevention.

www.tidesfoundation.org/services-strategies/collective-giving/syringe-access-fund

Ukrainian Project for HIV+ Children and Their Families

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Group therapy session for families

In 2007, the UK-based Elton John AIDS Foundation (EJAF) and the Elena Franchuk AntiAIDS Foundation in Ukraine established a collaboration to raise awareness of HIV/AIDS in Ukraine and to provide sustainable support to vulnerable populations. Initially, the Franchuk Foundation hosted Sir Elton in a free public concert in July 2007 to an audience of over 350,000 in Kyiv's Independence Square, complemented with a day of AIDS awareness documentaries and film clips for national television. Separate fundraising generated resources to plan a five-year program across Ukraine to improve quality of life of HIV-positive children and their families. The program's goals are to: support 1,500 children from vulnerable and disadvantaged families; prevent family breakdown; minimize state institutionalization of orphans and abandoned children; reduce stigma and discrimination against HIV affected/infected school children; and prepare families and 1,000 older HIV+ children to discuss and disclose the HIV status to the child. The project is implemented by the All-Ukrainian Network of PLWH, with technical support and training from the Romanian Angel Appeal. EJAF leveraged additional funding for the program in the sum of £500,000 the UK Big Lottery Fund. Other projects on street children and women, cofounded by EJAF and Elena Franchuk Foundation, are now being planned. Mutual goals of this partnership include high impact for beneficiaries, value for money and long-term sustainability as well as commitment to support national strategies and to avoid duplication of effort.

www.ejaf.com

World Association for Christian Communication (WACC)

PHILANTHROPIC PARTNERS INCLUDE:

Bröt für Alle, Switzerland Church World Service Ford Foundation Kerkinactie (Church in Action) Norwegian Church Aid Open Society Foundation London Stichting Porticus Stichting Rotterdam DFID Civil Society Challenge Fund

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Formally established in 1968, and with members in 120 countries, WACC, an international ecumenical and communication rights organization, supports and advances communication strategies to change discriminatory behavior that contributes to the spread of HIV and the harm it causes. It promotes communication rights for social change, encouraging cooperation among Protestant, Orthodox, Roman Catholic, and other faiths and ideologies. With the support of more than 20 funding partners, WACC directly funds communication projects in developing countries, including on HIV and AIDS communication and stigma. WACC's HIV and AIDS communication program focuses on anti-stigma initiatives with faithbased leaders and communicators and their civil society partners.

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