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DuPage Glocal AIDS Action Network

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FUTURE DIRECTIONS FOR DGAAN

Second Annual Progress Report: 2004 Goals

The DuPage Glocal AIDS Action Network (DGAAN) was formed as a result of Bono, of the rock group, U2, stopping at Wheaton College for an evening appearance of the Heart of America Tour in December 2002.

DGAAN was formed with three guiding purposes:

1. To build a strong advocate voice in the DuPage area and to expand that voice into local, national and international arenas.
2. To find ways to network successfully and build an enduring community.
3. To strengthen the lifeline, offering strands of hope to stop the spread of AIDS glocally. (The word glocal, an amalgam of global and local, is to remind us that our efforts should be as far reaching as the HIV/AIDS pandemic itself.)

The network continues to be co-chaired by three persons: Sr. Sheila Kinsey, OSF, D.Min., for the Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Office of the Wheaton Franciscans, a Catholic organization, and Ashley Woodiwiss, Ph.D. and Sandra Joireman, Ph.D., of the Department of Politics and International Relations at Wheaton College, an Evangelical organization.

The first annual report (2003) is chronicled in DGAAN: DuPage Glocal AIDS Action Network (A Successful Advocacy Group) [*copies available through the JPIC Office: justicepeace@wheatonfranciscan.org*]. At the start of 2004, members of DGAAN established the following goals for the calendar year:

1. Recruitment and Movement Building
2. Continuing Education
3. Activist Training
4. Network Building

This 2004 Annual Report demonstrates the progress of DGAAN with these goals.

1. Recruitment and Movement Building

- DGAAN co-chairs, S. Sheila Kinsey, Dr. Ashely Woodiwiss and Dr. Sandra Joireman, were involved in recruitment and training of Regional DATA representative, Brian Davis.
- DATA activities have promoted DGAAN and vice versa.
- Canticle Ministries, Brad Ogilvie, Director, brought in groups where they had contacts.
- Joe Dalpiaz and Tom Ricardt of St. Joan of Arc Parish expanded their advocacy base and produced an educational program on HIV/AIDS.
- AIDSVolunteerNetwork, Shayne Moore, founder, has interfaced with World Vision Network.
- The Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Office has connected with Franciscans International, Joliet Diocese, Catholic News Service, and Catholic Relief Services.
- A core of regular participants at the DGAAN meetings averages around 20-30 persons. About 150 cards are sent out for meeting reminders.
- Participants from various groups: AIDSVolunteerNetwork, Canticle Ministries, Wheaton College, Student Global AIDS Campaign, Wheaton Franciscans, St. Joan of Arc Catholic Parish, Upendo Village, Assembly of God Calvary Church, Axis Ministry Willow Creek, St. Irene's Catholic Parish, St. Thomas Catholic Parish, Lombard Mennonite Church, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, PFLAG [Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians and Gays], Wheaton Bible Church AIDS Task Force Committee, Opportunity International, Dominican University, Lewis University, Loyola University, College of DuPage and Eighth Day Center for Justice).
- Brochures and booklets on DGAAN have been given out at various activities locally and nationally.
- DATA is hosting DGAAN's website (<http://dgaan.data.org>). The website has been acknowledged for its professional design and being updated on a timely basis.

2. Continuing Education

- Presentations and Discussions at the DGAAN Meetings
 - Intellectual Property Rights and the Pharmaceutical Companies—Dr. Sandra Joireman.
 - Monitoring of HIV/AIDS: Who is receiving money and how it is being used.—Carla Walker of DATA.
 - Sharing of Advocacy Efforts—St. Joan of Arc Parish, Canticle Ministries, Aids-Volunteer Network, CRS trip to Africa, Trip to Kenya and Joliet Diocesan trip to Africa—truly recognizing one another as collaborators in the struggle against HIV/AIDS locally and globally.
 - Relationship between Debt Relief and funds for the HIV/AIDS crisis; Role of the G8 countries in determining Debt Relief—Dan Driscoll Shaw.
- Printed material on DGAAN Website: Includes listing of meetings, minutes, advocacy efforts, educational events, Sr. Sheila Kinsey's African Trip with Catholic Relief Services and a gallery from the recent event, A Closer Walk, at College of DuPage.

- Resources available on the web include: HIV/AIDS in Africa and U.S. National Security and Intellectual Property Rights and Pharmaceutical Corporations by Dr. Sandra Joireman and DGAAN: DuPage Glocal AIDS Action Network (A Successful Advocacy Group), Upendo Village and DGAAN and the Practice of Non-Violence by Sheila Kinsey, OSF, D.Min.
- Presentations by St. Joan of Arc Peace and Justice Committee on “Africa Rising.”
- Canticle Ministries has made a number of presentations on both local and global AIDS. African Trip to Kenya included persons with HIV/AIDS
- Sr. Sheila Kinsey and Renata Marroum prepared a PowerPoint presentation on the Northern Uganda Night Commuters.
- Fr. Tom Browkowski, Chaplain, Wheaton Franciscans wrote a homily addressing the AIDS pandemic which is available on the DATA website along with other homilies by pastors of other denominations.

3. Activist Training

- Wheaton College Students and DGAAN members were invited to a training session at Wheaton College facilitated by Dr. Woodiwiss and Sr. Sheila Kinsey.
- Next Steps in Political Advocacy on Global HIV/AIDS Funding and the Millennium Challenge Account by Brian Davis of DATA.
- Appropriations Process for the Legislative Efforts—Dr Ashley Woodiwiss.
- 200 cards for Debt Relief. Waiting for the G8 meeting to be held in Britain in 2005.
- Calls for HR: 4061, “Assistance for Orphans and Other Vulnerable Children in Developing Countries Act of 2004.” Further development of the U.S. Leadership Act Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Act of 2003 regarding specifics for assistance to orphans. No money attached. This legislation was received in the Senate and is now in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and has been read twice.
- Calls for the Northern Uganda Crisis Response Act S: 2264. Signed by the President August 2, 2004.
- Calls for relief for Darfur, Sudan. Legislation passed and signed but not being implemented. The African Union is trying to resolve the crisis. Despite the outcry from the victims the UN, US and other countries are not involved in military defense but in humanitarian and food assistance.
- Promotion to appropriate funds for HIV/AIDS in the omnibus legislation. House scheduled to vote on resolution regarding income tax return information on December 6, 2004.
- Advocating for appropriate funds for the Millennium Challenge Corporation. Since this is part of the omnibus bill, the House is scheduled to vote on the resolution regarding income tax return information on December 6, 2004.

4. Network Building

- Dan Driscoll Shaw and Brad Ogilvie participated in the AIDS Walk Chicago for Chicago Ministries and promoted the Debt Cancellation—200 cards were given out.
- SGAC—Wheaton College.

- A Closer Walk Educational Event by AIDS Volunteer Network, Canticle Ministries, World Vision Chicago and College of DuPage—Information was sent to churches, and DGAAN contacts. 130 persons participated and filled out cards, which were mailed to their Senators and to President Bush.
- Sr. Sheila Kinsey's participation in Franciscans International and the Congo Committee on HIV/AIDS for the United Nations has provided a global context for our work.
- Regular contact with DATA through regional representative, Brian Davis, has provided support and interconnection of DGAAN and DATA.
- Visits by participants to Africa have received coverage by newspapers and other organizational newsletters. Sr. Beatrice Hernandez, Director of Upendo Village, traveled with the Joliet Diocese to Kenya. Brad Ogilvie, Director of Canticle Ministries, visited Kenya. Sr. Sheila Kinsey, JPIC Coordinator, traveled to Sudan, Uganda and Kenya with Catholic Relief Services.
- Sr. Beatrice Hernandez received the Paul Harris Rotary Club International Award for her work with Upendo Village.
- Matthew Sevilla, Calvery Church, has worked to bring college age young people to talk to other churches about the HIV/AIDS pandemic. His Church hosted a speaker from Nigeria and drew about 60 participants. Matthew has been filming a documentary about the work of HIV/AIDS.
- Dr. Sandra Joireman has networked with African lawyers/USAID representatives in local churches. Dr. Joireman traveled to Rwanda where she worked with AIDS ministries and AIDS affected populations.
- Brad Ogilvie has connected with Global AIDS Alliance and Global Alliance for Africa. Canticle Ministries has also hosted the Hope Ride, provided transitional housing for person with HIV/AIDS and awarded a scholarship fund.
- St. Joan of Arc's Big Band Dance and benefit for Upendo Village drew 300 participants.
- SGAC of Wheaton College is preparing to host a college event for HIV/AIDS during the month of February, 2005, for Christian Colleges around the world. The Jars of Clay will be performing.
- Dr. Ashley Woodiwiss is working to organize a Peace and Reconciliation group—Cross of Nails—that focuses its work in Nigeria, Sudan and Burundi between campuses/parishes.
- Christian Sawyer was part of fact-finding team from Axis ministry at Willow Creek Community Church. They visited four World Vision Sites (at which they sponsor over 100 AIDS orphans at three of the sites) and One Bright Hope International site in Zambia.
- Members have visited with legislators.

DGAAN has become a very strong network through the personal and group efforts of the members. All the members are commended for their successful efforts of advocacy, networking and strengthening the lifelines of hope, locally and globally.

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