



## DuPage Glocal AIDS Action Network

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### **CAMPAIGN TO END POVERTY**

#### **Third Annual Progress Report: 2005 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:**

- To build a strong advocate voice in the DuPage area and to expand that voice into local, national and international arenas.
- To find ways to network successfully and build an enduring community.
- 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 for reaching as the HIV/AIDS pandemic itself).

The network continues to be co-chaired by three persons: Sr. Sheila Kinsey, OSF, D.Min., of the Justice, Peace & 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)* and the second annual report (2004) *Future Directions for DGAAN*. At the start of 2005, members of DGAAN established the following goals for the calendar year:

- Recruitment and Movement Building
- Continuing Education
- Activist Training
- Network Building

#### **This 2005 Annual Report demonstrates the progress of DGAAN with these goals.**

##### **1. Recruitment and Movement Building**

- DGAAN co-chairs were involved in the training of Regional DATA representative, Anne Batchelder.
- DATA and One Campaign activities have promoted DGAAN and vice versa.
- DGAAN members have brought in groups where they have contacts.
- Deacon Joe Dalpiaz, Ron Durbin and Tom Richardt of St. Joan of Arc Parish expanded their advocacy base and produced an educational program on HIV/AIDS that has been presented to other parishes.

- AIDS Volunteer Network founder, Shayne Moore, is the facilitator of the HIV/AIDS Task Force Committee at Wheaton Bible Church.
- The S.T.E.P. Program at St. Thomas now includes a section on HIV/AIDS.
- The Diocese of Joliet Council on Global Solidarity and Missions is concerned about HIV/AIDS
- The diocese of Joliet has a mission to Naivasha, Kenya which provides services to Upendo Village, an HIV/AIDS program of Sr. Florence Muia, ASN.
- The Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation Office has connected with Franciscans International, Joliet Diocese, Catholic News Service, Jubilee USA and Catholic Relief Services
- A core of regular participants at the DGAAN meetings averages around 15-20 persons. About 120 cards are sent out for meeting reminders.
- Participants from various groups: AIDS Volunteer Network, 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. Thomas Catholic Parish, Lombard Mennonite Church, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, St. Paul's Lutheran church, Wheaton Bible Church AIDS Task Force Committee, College of DuPage and Eight Day Center for Justice.
- Articles written on the G-8 Summit in Scotland included interviews with Dr. Sandra Joireman and Shayne Moore
- Coverage of Sr. Florence Muia's visit to the U.S. acknowledged her HIV/AIDS work and her nomination as one of the 1000 women for the Nobel Peace Prize.
- Student Global Aids Campaign (SGCA) sponsored several campus awareness – 2800 Ribbons handout, crash course on AIDS 101, viewing of **A Closer Walk** movie and hosted a Christmas Party at Canticle Place.
- Brochures and booklets on DGAAN have been given out at various activities locally and nationally.
- DGAAN has its own website (<http://www.dgaan.org>). The website has been acknowledged for its professional design and serves as a basis for timely updates. Paul Johnston is the webmaster. Chris Evert is hosting the DGAAN website for free, his company is infolaunch.com

## 2. Continuing Education

- *How DGAAN Influenced a Fact Finding Trip to Honduras* with a team of doctors and grant writers. Shayne Moore visited an HIV/AIDS clinic, AIDS ward in a public hospital, local NGO's and met with the Vice-Minister of Health who discussed the role of the Global Fund in that country.
- *Implication of Debt Cancellation, G-7 Finance Meeting, and Africa.* Historical understanding of the relationship between the Finance Meeting and the G-8 Meeting in Glen Eagles, Scotland and the impact of the devastating affect of debt on Africa. Two presentations by Dan Driscoll Shaw, former National Director of JubileeUSA
- *Millennium Challenge Goals and the Implications for the Fight Against HIV/AIDS, the Campaign to End Global Poverty and the relationship to the G-8 summit. Trade and the World Trade Organization Meeting in Japan.* Several presentations by Dr. Sandra Joireman, professor of Politics and International Relations, Wheaton College on these related topics.
- *Reports of the G-8 Experience for the work of DATA, the One Campaign and DGAAN—Anne batcheldor and Dr. Joireman*

- *Actions/Statements for the September UN Department of Public Information/Non-governmental Organizations Conference: Voices that Challenge: Peace, Partnerships and Renewal*—Sr. Sheila
- *AIDS Drug Assistance Programs (ADAPS)* which deal with help to persons with HIV/AIDS in the U.S. *Methamphetamine and SuperAIDS*—recent news of deadly strain of AIDS proven inaccurate. Methamphetamine is cheap and highly addictive. It's fueling new HIV infections. It's use by people who are HIV positive will result in quick erosion of their immune system. *Ryan White Fund Update* by Paul Johnston, local AIDS Activist.
- *HIV/AIDS Health*, Dr. Evvy Campbell, Wheaton College
- Printed materials on DGAAN website: includes listing of meetings, minutes, advocacy efforts and educational events.

### 3. Activist Training

- Wheaton College Students hosted a college summit for HIV/AIDS during the month of February 2005, for Christian Colleges around the world. The Jars of Clay performed. The summit drew over 300 students from 45 colleges. DGAAN members also offered workshops.
- Advocacy for HR 4061 "Assistance for Orphans and Other Vulnerable Children in Developing Countries Act of 2004. Legislation passed. No funds were requested.
- Appropriations for the U.S. Leadership Act Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Act of 2003 set at around \$2.8 billion.
- HR 1130 Jubilee Act. Advocacy included both a visit to Rep Judy Biggert's local office and conference call. No support for this legislation as such. Rep. Biggert did promote \$950 million to be appropriated to fund the President's commitment at the G-8 meeting in Scotland.
- Promotion of Legislation for the Darfur Peace and Accountability Act. Legislation passed in Senate. Now waiting for house endorsement.
- 500 signed Christmas cards by students to the White House regarding the crisis in Darfur.
- Advocated for Debt Cancellation to President Bush, U.S. Treasurer Snow and congressional legislators especially in relationship to the G-8 Summit.
- Encourage congress and the administration to support Fair Trade at the WTO Meeting in Japan.
- Signed petition to speaker Dennis Hastert regarding Global Fund.
- Advocacy for Human Rights in Developing countries.

### 4. Network Building

- Members hosted the "Cancel the Debt, Invest in People Tour" of Jubilee USA in the Chicagoland Area. The specific site for DGAAN was the College of DuPage in which there were around 75 participants. Several DGAAN members participate in other venues of the tour. Conference call with Rep. Judy Biggert was part of the tour events.
- Dr. Sandra Joireman, elected board member on Bread for the World.
- Sr. Sheila Kinsey's participation in Franciscans International, the Congo Committee on HIV/AIDS for the United Nations, the UN Department of Public Information Conference, and Connect U.S, has provided a global context for our work.

- Regular contact with DATA through regional representative, Anne Batcheldor, has provided support and interconnection of DGAAN and DATA staff Carla Walker and Jenny Eaton.
- Visits by participants to Africa have received coverage by newspapers and other organizational newsletters.
- DGAAN hosted a reception for Sr. Florence Muia, ASN, one of the 1000 Women Nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize for 2005. Sr. Florence updated the group on her efforts to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS in Kenya.
- Matthew Sevilla, Calvary Church, has worked to bring college age young people to talks about the HIV/AIDS pandemic.
- Dr. Sandra Joireman has networked with African Lawyers/USAID representatives in local churches. Dr. Joireman traveled to Uganda where she worked with AIDS ministries, AIDS infected populations and has researched information on women's property rights in Uganda.
- Dr. Joireman spoke at Loyola to the Physicians for Human Rights on HIV/AIDS and National Security.
  - TV appearance on CLTV regarding World Aids Day and Upendo Village.
  - Authored op-ed on Trade.
- Canticle Ministries has hosted the Hope Ride, which provided transitional housing for person with HIV/AIDS, and also awarded them with scholarships to those who wanted to further their educational or gain skills development.
- St. Joan of Arc's second Big Band Dance benefit for Upendo Village drew 300 participants.
- Dr. Ashley Woodiwiss works to organize a Peace and Reconciliation group—Cross of Nails—that focuses its work in Nigeria, Sudan and Burundi between campuses/parishes.
- John St. Laurent exercises leadership in the Diocese of Joliet Campaign to End Global Poverty. John oversees the educational packet for Global Solidarity for the parishes. The packet includes a calendar for action.
- World AIDS Remembrances are observed with Canticle Ministries and the Eighth Day Center.
- Shayne Moore was featured in Christian Broadcast Network (CBN), interviewed by Good News Magazine; on-line quotes from Christianity Today and Yahoo mail from the G8 summit and a One Campaign event.
- Interviewed by the Wall Street Journal regarding Faith and Fair Trade.

**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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