

THE HIV LEAGUE

2016 ANNUAL REPORT

OUR STORY

THE HIV LEAGUE IS A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION FOUNDED ON WORLD AIDS DAY OF 2015 DEDICATED TO **EMPOWER** THE HIV COMMUNITY THROUGH **SCHOLARSHIP**, **WELLNESS**, AND **EDUCATION**.

THE HIV COMMUNITY CONSISTS OF THOSE WHO ARE LIVING WITH HIV AND ARE WORKING TOWARDS A **HEALTHIER LIFESTYLE** THROUGH **PREVENTION**, **CARE**, AND ACTING ON THEIR FULL **POTENTIAL** AS A MEMBER OF TODAY'S SOCIETY. THE HIV COMMUNITY ALSO CONSISTS OF THOSE WHO ARE NOT LIVING WITH HIV AND ARE IN FULL **SUPPORT** OF THOSE LIVING WITH HIV WHO ARE ACTING ON THEIR HEALTHY LIFESTYLES. THE **IDEAL HIV COMMUNITY** IS ONE WHERE ALL OF ITS MEMBERS WORK TOGETHER IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE FOR EACH OTHER'S **BETTERMENT OF LIFE**.

THE HIV LEAGUE ACTS ON THAT IDEA THROUGH OUR MAIN PROGRAM, **THE HIV LEAGUE SCHOLARSHIP**, THE ONLY NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDENTS LIVING WITH HIV.



DANIEL SZYMCZYK, THE FOUNDER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE HIV LEAGUE, CHOSE TO FOCUS HIS EFFORTS ON EMPOWERING THE HIV COMMUNITY AND OTHER HIV-RELATED ISSUES ONCE HE BECAME COMFORTABLE WITH HIS HIV-POSITIVE DIAGNOSIS IN 2013. THROUGH PERSONAL EXPERIENCES AND LISTENING TO THE STORIES OF OTHER STUDENTS LIVING WITH HIV, DANIEL FOUND A GAP IN HIV-RELATED SERVICES FOR STUDENTS LIVING WITH HIV. AFTER RECRUITING A DIVERSE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ADVISORY BOARD FROM NYC AND OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY, DANIEL AND THE REST OF THE HIV LEAGUE WERE READY TO BRING THE HIV LEAGUE SCHOLARSHIP TO LIFE.

THE HIV LEAGUE **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**



VINCE GARCIA



PERRY N. HALKITIS



LIZ MALLAS



MICHAEL T. MARINO



JEFF MOONEY



ANTHONY J. SANTELLA

THE HIV LEAGUE **ADVISORY BOARD**



JONATHAN-JOSEPH GANJIAN



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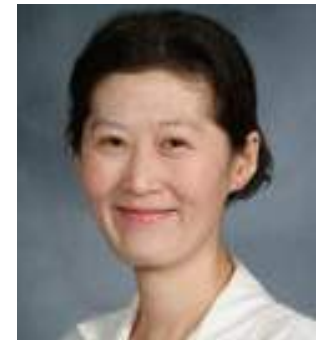
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JAVIER MEDRANO



SOPHIA SUNWOO



CECILIA J. YOON

THE HIV LEAGUE SCHOLARSHIP

2017 ROUND OF HIV LEAGUE SCHOLARSHIPS

- REACHED OUT TO **225+** COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS/AIDS SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS ACROSS THE USA, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, AND PUERTO RICO
- RECEIVED **42 APPLICATIONS** FROM STUDENTS LIVING WITH HIV ACROSS 26 STATES
- THE AGE RANGED FROM **17 TO 64** AMONG THESE 42 APPLICANTS
- **36%** OF THE 42 APPLICANTS IDENTIFIED AS FEMALE, WHILE **64%** OF THE 42 APPLICANTS IDENTIFIED AS MALE
- OF THE 42 APPLICANTS, **2** WERE SELECTED AS HIV LEAGUE SCHOLARS AND EACH SCHOLAR RECEIVED A **\$7,000 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

2018 ROUND OF HIV LEAGUE SCHOLARSHIPS

- WE PLAN TO REACH OUT TO OVER **250** COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS/AIDS SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS ALONG WITH SPECIFIC GROUPS AT UNIVERSITIES ACROSS THE ENTIRE COUNTRY
- WE AIM TO RECEIVE AT LEAST **100** APPLICATIONS FROM STUDENTS LIVING WITH HIV
- WE WILL LOCATE **4 HIV LEAGUE SCHOLARS** WHO WILL EACH RECEIVE A **\$7,000 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**
- APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2018 ROUND OF HIV LEAGUE SCHOLARSHIPS WILL OPEN ON **DECEMBER 1ST, 2018**

THE HIV LEAGUE SCHOLARS

THE HIV LEAGUE SEEKS TO IDENTIFY AND AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS TO THE MOST PROMISING STUDENTS LIVING WITH HIV AS EVIDENCED BY THEIR EDUCATIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS, LEADERSHIP, AND SERVICE



NICOLE BEGAY

MY NAME IS NICOLE BEGAY, I'M EIGHTEEN YEARS OLD, AND I LIVE IN MESA, ARIZONA. I AM SO HONORED TO RECEIVE THIS SCHOLARSHIP SINCE I HAVE ALWAYS HAD A DREAM OF GOING OFF TO COLLEGE TO STUDY THE ARTS. MY WISH AND UTMOST DESIRE IS TO MAJOR IN FASHION DESIGN AND CONTINUE HELPING PEOPLE. I LOVE DESIGNING MODEST CLOTHING FOR WOMEN THAT IS TRENDY AND CUTE. I HAVE GONE TO SCHOOL FOR FASHION DESIGN ALREADY AND HAVE COMPETED IN COMPETITIONS WHERE I WON GOLD AND SILVER AT NATIONALS. I AM STARTING MY OWN BUSINESS HELPING PEOPLE BY UPCYCLING (CREATIVE REUSING) AND FIXING CLOTHES. I RECENTLY PUT ON A FASHION SHOW WHERE I DESIGNED A COLLECTION BASED OFF OF MAIN STREET DISNEY AND WON THIRD PLACE.

I AM SO PROUD TO BE DOING WHAT I DO AND PURSUING MY DREAM OF BECOMING A DESIGNER. IT HAS BEEN A STRUGGLE THROUGHOUT THESE PAST FOUR YEARS OF HIGH SCHOOL, BUT I HAVE LEARNED HOW TO STICK WITH WHAT I LOVE NO MATTER WHAT PEOPLE SAY AND TO BE DETERMINED, MOTIVATED, AND PERSISTENT THROUGH ANYTHING. I BELIEVE THAT ANYONE CAN DO ANYTHING AS LONG AS THEY PUT THEIR BEST EFFORTS FORWARD AND NEVER GIVE UP. NO ONE CAN STOP ME FROM PURSUING MY DREAM EXCEPT FOR MYSELF.



HRISTEFER STOJANOVSKI

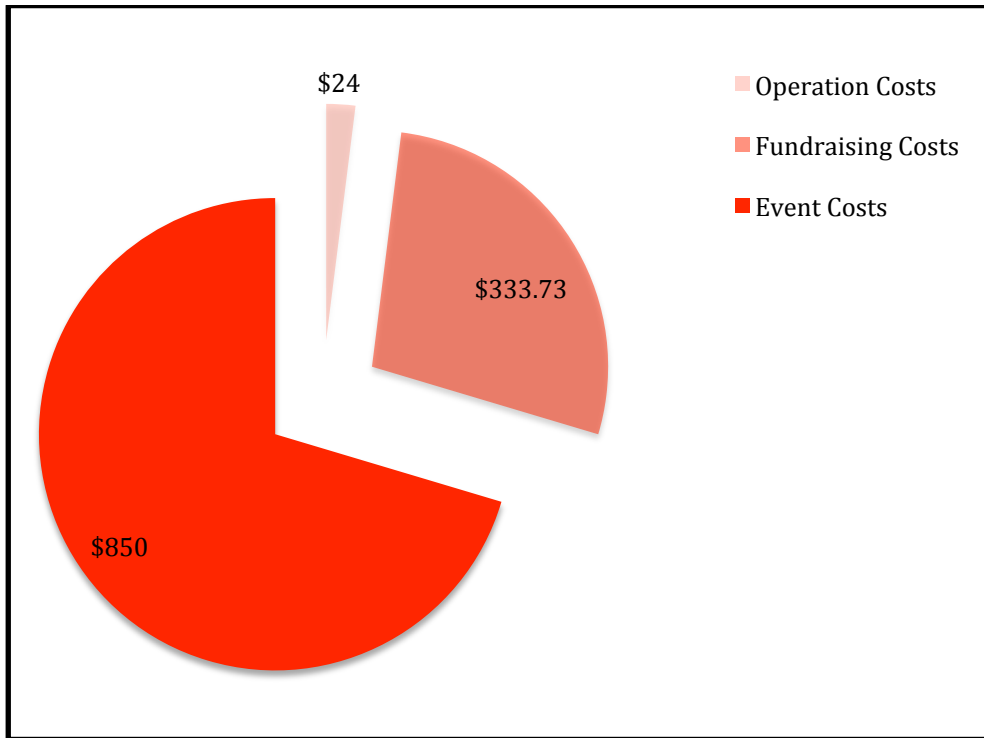
HRISTEFER STOJANOVSKI IS A SECOND-YEAR DOCTORAL STUDENT IN HEALTH BEHAVIOR AND HEALTH EDUCATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN. HRISTEFER HAS EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE CONDUCTING ACADEMIC AND APPLIED RESEARCH IN PUBLIC HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH, AND CRIMINAL AND SOCIAL JUSTICE. HIS CURRENT RESEARCH FOCUSES ON STRUCTURAL CAUSES TO MENTAL AND SEXUAL HEALTH AMONG SEXUAL, GENDER, AND ETHNIC MINORITIES, IN THE US AND INTERNATIONALLY. HRISTEFER'S LONG-TERM GOALS ARE TO CHANGE SOCIETAL AND RESEARCH NARRATIVES AND DISCOURSES ABOUT HIV AND SEXUAL HEALTH. FOR EXAMPLE, WHILE RESEARCH INDICATES THAT YOUNG, MEN WHO HAVE SEX WITH MEN OF COLOR ARE AT "HIGHER RISK OF HIV;" HRISTEFER AIMS TO REFRAME SUCH UNDERSTANDINGS TO CORRECTLY IDENTIFY WHY THE "HIGHER RISK EXISTS." HE BELIEVES THAT PROGRAMS, INTERVENTIONS, AND POLICIES DO NOT ADEQUATELY MEET THE NEEDS OF PERSONS OF COLOR SUBSEQUENTLY CREATING THEIR "HIGHER RISK OF HIV."

PRIOR TO HIS DOCTORAL STUDIES, HRISTEFER WORKED AS A CONSULTANT WITH COUNTY AND STATE GOVERNMENTS IN THE UNITED STATES, THE WORLD BANK, THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION, AND OTHER NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS IN THE BALKANS. HE WAS ALSO A FORMER FULBRIGHT GRANTEE TO MACEDONIA. HE HAS A DUAL MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN EPIDEMIOLOGY AND HEALTH MANAGEMENT AND POLICY.

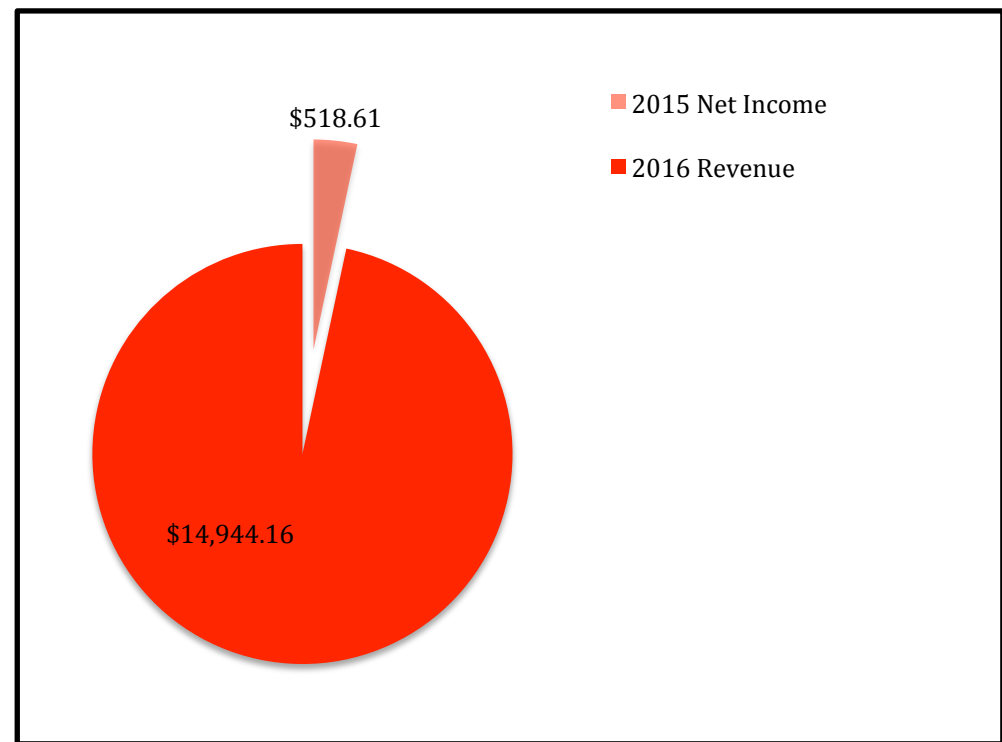
MR. STOJANOVSKI IS ECSTATIC TO BE CONTINUING HIS EDUCATION AS AN HIV LEAGUE SCHOLAR. HE HOPES TO LEVERAGE THE SCHOLARSHIP IN ORDER TO ADDRESS ISSUES OF STIGMA AND ADVOCATE ON BEHALF OF PERSONS LIVING WITH HIV. OUTSIDE OF HIS EDUCATIONAL AND RESEARCH PURSUITS, HRISTEFER ENJOYS CROSSFIT, TRAVELING, READING, AND COLORING IN HIS ADULT COLORING BOOK!

THE HIV LEAGUE FINANCIAL REPORT

2016 COSTS



2016 REVENUE



TOTAL REVENUE - \$16,151.89

TOTAL COSTS - \$1,207.73 (7.48% OF TOTAL REVENUE)

2016 NET INCOME - \$14,944.16 (92.52% OF TOTAL REVENUE)

THE HIV LEAGUE EVENTS

SOULCYCLE CHARITY RIDE



2016 AIDS WALK NEW YORK



HIV LEAGUE CYCLE JAM



THE HIV LEAGUE WOULD LIKE TO THANK...

HIV COMMUNITY LEADER (\$2,500+)

BROADWAY CARES/EQUITY FIGHTS AIDS

HIV COMMUNITY INVESTOR (\$1,000-\$2,499)

THE HIV LEAGUE AIDS WALK NEW YORK TEAM

MICHAEL T. MARINO

PASCHAL PROMOTIONS

PERRY N. HALHITIS

RICHARD BARTA

HIV COMMUNITY FIGHTER (\$250-\$999)

DANIEL SZYMCZYK

ELIZABETH AND BILL SZYMCZYK

ELIZABETH FUNCH

JENNIFER CAMPBELL

JONATHAN GANJIAN

STDCHECK.COM

HIV COMMUNITY SUPPORTER (\$100-\$249)

BARBI PEREZ

BLAKE DANNER

BLAKE DUBOIS

BOB SZYMKIEWICZ

CECILIA YOON

CHRISTOPHER LEGRAND

COURTNEY SMITH

DAVID REES

GLORIA STONE

H JOSEPH O'CONNOR

INDIE FRESH

JASON STRONG

JEREMY GEFFEN

JOSEPH DINOTO

JULIE BUCHENHOLZ

HARYN O'DONNELL

LAUREN BENNETT

MICHELE HOLLOMAN

REBECCA BENT

ROBERT HAPLAN

HIV COMMUNITY HELPER (\$1-\$99)

ALISSA OTT

ANA AND CLAY MATHEWS

ANDREW CRESS

ANN WICHER AND MARK WILLIAMS

CHERYL ZIBISHY

DARRYL POWLUS

DIANE PEACOCK

ELISA MAGGIO

ERIN WITTE

GENEVIEVE STACK

JAMIL ERIC WILHINS

J ASHTON LEI

JENNA VEAL

JENNIFER NIGRO

JORDAN HARRISON

JULIE CURRY

KATE DAVIS

HATHLEEN M. YLLANES

LAUREN CUDDEBACK

MARY A. LAWLER

MAX CREMA

MICHAEL ARRENDONDO

MOLLY ZAH

MYRA LRHEZZIOUI

NINA BOLHA

NOELLE FERNANDEZ

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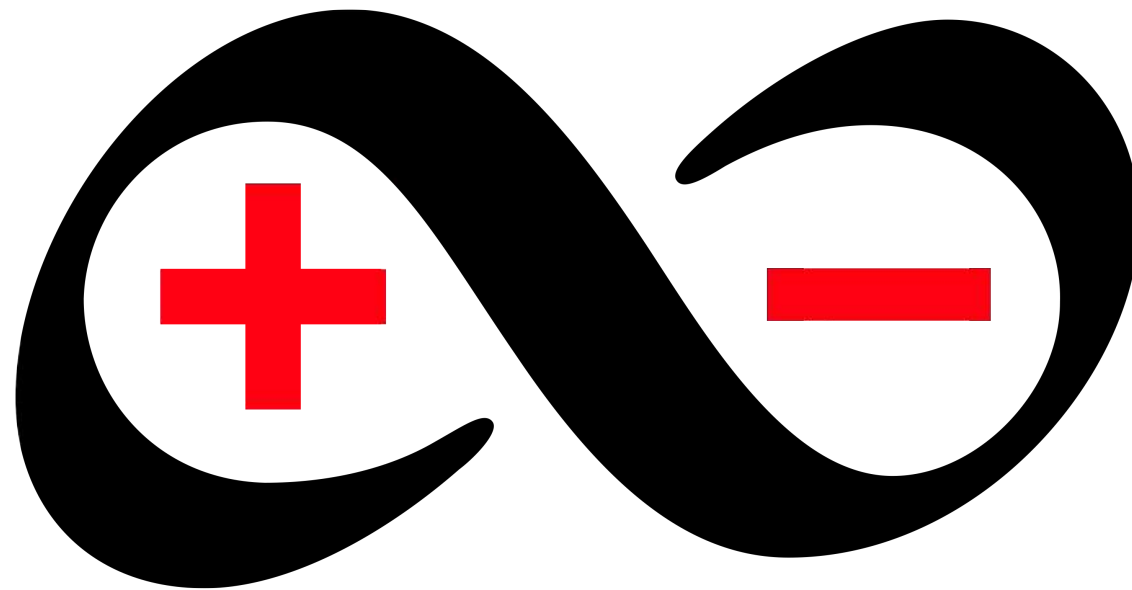
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WILLA SMITH

ZACHARY YLLANES



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