



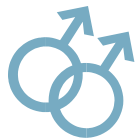
The

# HAARTbeat

of Baton Rouge

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### The Unity Group

- + Gay men's support group
- Held at HAART
- Every other Wednesday night (5:30-6:30pm)
- Transportation provided
- Must meet with group administrator Mrs. Carrie Tucker, LCSW before joining
- For more info, call HAART (225) 927-1269
- Website: www.haartinc.org

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## Hooping it Up for National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

February 7, 2008 marked the 8th year of National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day.

To acknowledge the day, HAART along with other leaders, members, and advocates challenged the community to participate in the 3rd Annual Basketball Tournament. The event was held at the Baranco Clark YMCA on Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>.

The game was full of high-octane as the teams battled to the finals. The championship trophy went to "The Constables" who returned with revenge from last year's painful defeat. Ranked #2 was a new comer to this season "O'Brien House". The competition was intense and the teams are already gearing up for next season.

Thanks to the "Outstanding Service" award recipient, Dr. Rani G. Whitfield aka "Tha Hip



*Pictured left to right: Jean'quel Henry (HAART), Dr. Rani Whitfield (Tha Hip Hop Doc), & Eugene Collins (Office of Public Health)*

Hop Doc", our sponsors, and those who continually support the fight against this disease.

#### Did you know that:

- ◆ African Americans make up 13% of the U.S. population, yet account for 1/2 of new HIV/AIDS diagnosis.
- ◆ More than 3,500 citizens of Baton Rouge have HIV/AIDS & of those over 80% are African-American.
- ◆ Currently, African-American women are the fastest growing HIV/AIDS population.

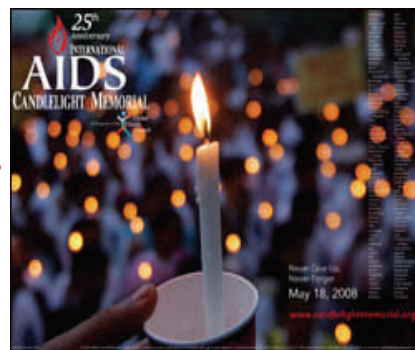
## Let's Light up the Levee to Honor Those Lost to HIV/AIDS

The International AIDS Candlelight Memorial, is among the world's oldest movements by our society for HIV / AIDS remembrance, awareness and community action. It was started in 1983 and takes place every third Sunday in May.

HAART will participate in this event by lighting hundreds of

candles on the levee steps to draw Baton Rouge's attention to this disease. Please join us!

**Sunday, May 18, 2008**  
**6:30 pm**  
**Baton Rouge Levee**  
*(exact location to be announced)*





Greater King David Baptist Church

Clothes Closet

Open every 2nd & 4th Saturday  
11:00am - 2:00pm

You can shop or donate clothing

*Free confidential counseling available for HIV + persons and also for their family, partners, & friends. Call HAART (225) 927-1269*

## A Positive Voice (Region II CAC)

**By Sharon Decuir, CAC Chair**

The Consumer Advisory Council (CAC) for Region II was established approximately 10 years ago as an advocacy group for those accessing Ryan White services. The council reflects the HIV/AIDS communities in the region, consisting of individuals both infected and affected. The mission is to inform, educate, and enhance the lives of consumers and the community. The main goal is to increase consumer involvement. A yearly event, "The Evening of Information", is aimed at providing consumers with information on local services such as housing, medication and nutrition, as well as subjects of national interest.

CAC is now celebrating "10 Years of Positive Voices". Over the past ten years they have attended community forums, focus groups, as well as local, regional and national conferences. The CAC continues to take an aggressive role in the education of their consumers with emphasis on educational information. The council raises awareness about HIV in order to bring clarity and compassion about a disease that is misunderstood and preventable. CAC will celebrate "10 years of Positive Voices" on June 5, 2008 at 5:00 pm at the Leo Butler Center. Dinner and transportation will be provided. Call Sharon Decuir at 927-1269 ext 121.



Six lucky CAC Members will be attending the OASIS Positive Living Conference in Ft. Walton Beach, FL on March 7-9th. Have a safe trip!

## March 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			BRASS Testing 5-7 pm every Wednesday			1
2 The Black Church Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS	3 BRASS 5-8 pm AIDS 101 Class	4 Women's Grp. (FSGBR)	5 CAC Grp. (4pm Butler Center) Unity Grp. (5:30pm HAART)	6 AIDS Law (HAART)	7	8 BRASS Gospel Fest 6:00 pm 4143 Wildwood Pkwy
9 Spring Forward Daylight Saving Time	10	11 Mixed Gender Grp. (FSGBR)	12	13 AIDS Law (VOA)	14	15
16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18 AIDS Law (FSGBR) Women's Grp. (FSGBR)	19 Bunny Hop (4pm HAART) Unity Grp. (5:30pm HAART)	20	21 Good Friday (agencies closed)	22
23 Happy Easter	24	25 Mixed Gender Grp. (FSGBR)	26 Title 4 Spring Fling (FSGBR)	27 Red Ribbon Grp. (FSGBR)	28	29
30	31					



**HAART'S 3RD ANNUAL FUNDRAISER**  
**Red, White, & Blues**™ Wine Tasting - Silent Auction - Blues Music by Lil Ray Neal  
 Friday, April 18th 7:30-11:00 pm at Boudreaux's in Baton Rouge  
 To purchase tickets (\$75 ea) or for more info [www.haartinc.org](http://www.haartinc.org) ; call (225) 927-1269

# April 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <small>Women's Grp. (FSGBR)</small>	2 <small>Unity Grp. (5:30pm HAART)</small>	3	4	5
6	7 <small>BRASS 5-8 pm AIDS 101 Class</small>	8 <small>Mixed Gender Grp. (FSGBR)</small>	9 <small>BRASS Testing 5-7 pm every Wednesday</small>	10	11	12
13	14	15 <small>Women's Grp. (FSGBR)</small>	16 <small>Unity Grp. (5:30pm HAART)</small>	17	18  <small>HAART's Red, White, &amp; Blues Ball (7:30pm Boudreaux's)</small>	19
20	21	22 <small>Mixed Gender Grp. (FSGBR)</small>	23	24 <small>Red Ribbon Grp. (FSGBR)</small>	25	26
27	28	29 <small>Women's Grp. (FSGBR)</small>	30			

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The Caring Clinic	(225) 341-5901	Family Service	(225) 927-8910
Capitol City Family Health	(225) 389-8850	AIDS Law	(800) 375-5035
Early Intervention Clinic	(225) 987-9155	Avita Drugs	(888) 792-8482
BRASS	(225) 923-2437	Yellow Cab	(225) 926-6400
Metro Health Education	(225) 338-9333	Crisis Hotline	(225) 924-3900

# May 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			BRASS Testing 5-7 pm every Wednesday	1	2	3
4	5 <small>BRASS 5-8 pm AIDS 101 Class</small>	6 <small>Mixed Gender Grp. (FSGBR)</small>	7 <small>Unity Grp. (5:30pm HAART)</small>	8	9	10
11 <small>Mother's Day</small>	12	13 <small>Women's Grp. (FSGBR)</small>	14	15	16	17
18 <sup>25th</sup> <small>International AIDS Candlelight Memorial (6:30pm BR Levee-HAART)</small>	19	20 <small>Mixed Gender Grp. (FSGBR)</small>	21 <small>Unity Grp. (5:30pm HAART)</small>	22	23	24
25	26  <small>Memorial Day (agencies closed)</small>	27 <small>Women's Grp. (FSGBR)</small>	28	29	30	31

**FSGBR Teen Retreat May 28 - 30th**

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### Does your child need a computer?

Capital Area Corporate Recycling Council's Computers for Louisiana's Families program offers low-cost refurbished computers with software for under \$100.

Your child can qualify if they are on the free or reduced lunch program at their school.

For more information call Capital Area Corporate Recycling Council at (225) 379-3577 or visit their website at:  
[www.computersforfamilies.org](http://www.computersforfamilies.org)

There are two affordable choices when deciding on that perfect computer for your child:

#### TIER 1 SYSTEM \$60.00 plus tax

15" color CRT monitor  
450 Mhz Pentium 3 Computer  
96 MB of RAM  
3-4 GB hard drive  
CD-ROM drive  
3.5" floppy drive  
Dial up modem  
10 base T network card  
PS/2 keyboard & mouse  
2 power cords

#### TIER 2 SYSTEM \$99.00 plus tax

15" color CRT monitor  
733 Mhz Pentium 3 computer  
128 MB of RAM  
4-9 GB hard drive  
CD-ROM drive  
3.5" floppy drive  
Dial up modem  
10 base T network card  
PS/2 keyboard & mouse  
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