



Love Heals

LOVE HEALS The Alison Gertz Foundation for AIDS Education

A letter from our Executive Director

December 1st is World AIDS Day which, as you might imagine, is an exceptionally busy time for Love Heals. Last week, our health educators and HIV-positive speakers visited 24 schools and community groups, delivering 49 workshops to 10,255 young people.

This phenomenal accomplishment would not be possible without our longtime supporters, including the following institutions, who have renewed their support of Love Heals: The M·A·C AIDS Fund, Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS, Bloomberg, The Richenthal Foundation, The May and Samuel Rudin Family Foundation, The Lizzie and Jonathan Tisch Foundation, The Lorber Charitable Fund, Third Point Foundation, The Grateful Foundation and The Neisloss Family Foundation. In addition, the Partnership for After School Education recently awarded Love Heals a capacity-building grant through their Advancing Communities for Youth program.

As a grantee partner of The New York Women's Foundation (NYWF), Love Heals' Leadership Empowerment and Awareness Program (LEAP) for Girls was featured on film and through a presentation at a September 22nd conference on "Critical Intersections: Reproductive and Economic Justice" at Barnard College. The conference and film, as well as a written report, are the result of a multi-tiered collaboration among the Catalyst Fund at Groundswell, NYWF and 17 of its grantee partners, and the Barnard Center for Research on Women. You can find more information on this initiative at www.nywf.org/critical_intersection.html.

All the best for a happy and healthy holiday season.

- *Jasmine*

Sony presents Love Heals at Luna Farm, A Picture Perfect Evening!

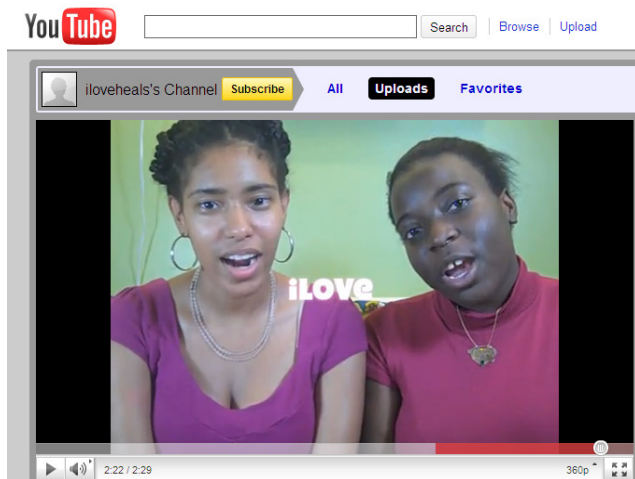
The 11th Annual Love Heals at Luna Farm was sponsored by Sony and the new Sony α NEX camera. Six hundred Love Heals supporters turned out on July 10th to celebrate "A Picture Perfect Summer," joining co-hosts Mary Alice Stephenson and Peter Davis at Luna Farm in Sagaponack for dancing to music by Mel DeBarge, southern-style barbecue, fresh summer cocktails and a breathtaking sunset. Guests included longtime Love Heals supporter Donny Deutsch as well as Hoda Kotb, Eric Villency, Molly Sims, Hilary Rhoda and Jason Binn. Love Heals at Luna Farm raised \$335,000 to support Love Heals' vital HIV/AIDS prevention programs. See you next summer!



Pictured: Molly Sims with Co-Hosts Mary Alice Stephenson and Peter Davis

iLove, an Online Peer Education Project

This summer, with support from the AIDS.gov Microgrants Program, a team of six alumnae of Love Heals' Leadership Empowerment and Awareness Program (LEAP) for Girls came together to engage in a pioneering effort to educate other young women of color about HIV. The iLove team, young women between the ages of 16 and 20 from East Harlem and Central Brooklyn, surveyed their peers about their concerns related to HIV prevention and then created a series of ten candid videos on topics ranging from cheating to unexpected pregnancy to "sexting." You can view these videos at www.youtube.com/iloveheals and learn about new videos by joining iLove's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/iloveheals.



iLove members promoted the videos through street outreach sessions in Central Park, Coney Island and downtown Brooklyn's Fulton Mall, distributing 1,751 safer sex kits and garnering more than 400 Facebook friends. At the conclusion of the project, iLove members drafted and distributed a youth-friendly report that includes their personal reflections, instructions, and tips for other young people looking to replicate their efforts. The report can be viewed on the iLove Facebook page or ordered by sending a request to: emma@loveheals.org.

iLove's work has been showcased at several state, local and national conferences and webinars, and was also featured on the AIDS.gov blog.

World AIDS Day Online Auction Now Live!

Get a head start on your holiday shopping while supporting your favorite charity by bidding on fabulous items including a one-month summer 2011 internship at [Diane von Fursternburg](#); a two-night hotel stay at the exclusive [W South Beach](#); ladies accessories from [David Yurman](#), [Diane von Furstenberg](#), [Shoshanna](#) and [Theory](#); and so much more. Check it out at www.charitybuzz.com/loveheals and remember that all proceeds benefit Love Heals!

Love Heals Mission Statement

Love Heals empowers young people in the fight against HIV. Our HIV-positive speakers are putting a face to the epidemic and our youth empowerment programs are training a new generation of community educators and activists. Love Heals also creates and distributes educational materials, shares its expertise, and advocates for young people's right to HIV/AIDS education. We do this in partnership with hundreds of schools and community groups throughout New York City and the surrounding areas, reaching both young people and those individuals who impact their lives, and placing a special emphasis on outreach to high-risk communities.
