

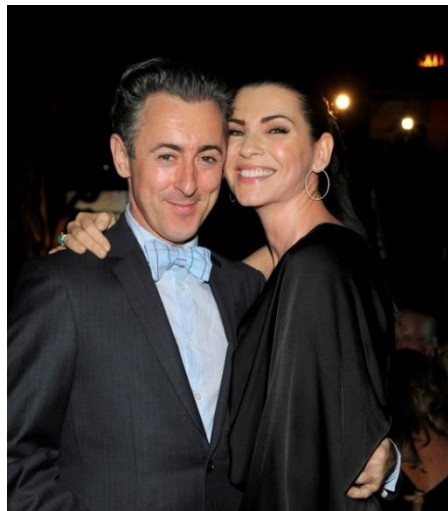


Love Letters

LOVE HEALS The Alison Gertz Foundation for AIDS Education

Love Heals Celebrates 20th Anniversary

Love Heals kicked off a yearlong 20th anniversary celebration with a 320-person gala at The Four Seasons Restaurant on Wednesday, November 9, 2011. The event honored longtime Love Heals supporters Julianna Margulies, Cristina Greeven Cuomo and Michael Lorber. Other noteworthy guests included Josh Charles, Alan Cumming, Christine Baranski, Emily Mortimer, Michael J. Fox, Tracy Pollan and Donny Deutsch. Following a video presentation on Love Heals' impact, Master of Ceremonies Hal Rubenstein led a live auction that included a once-in-a-lifetime walk-on role on CBS's Emmy-winning show *The Good Wife* and the opportunity to directly support Love Heals' programs. The night concluded with original *RENT* cast members Daphne Rubin-Vega and Anthony Rapp performing "Without You" and "Seasons of Love." The Love Heals 20th Anniversary Gala raised \$680,000 to support our efforts to empower New York City's young people in the fight against HIV.



Clockwise from top right: Elise Feuerman, Carol and Jerry Gertz. Michael Lorber, Eric Rudin, Robert Tucker. Dini von Mueffling, Victoria Leacock Hoffman, Stefani Greenfield. Cristina and Chris Cuomo, Matilda Cuomo. Alan Cumming, Julianna Margulies.



LEAP Alumnae Address Teen Pregnancy, Visit M-A-C Pro Store

Thirty-two graduates of Love Heals' Leadership Empowerment and Awareness Program (LEAP) for Girls participated in a December 14th training on teen pregnancy and parenting. The evening included a group activity exploring biases and stereotypes pregnant women face and a panel discussion with three young women who had become pregnant as teenagers, two of whom were also program alumnae. Discussion topics included decision making, the financial burden of raising a child, reactions and support from parents and partners, and the challenges of continuing one's education.



On December 1st, 18 alumnae visited the M-A-C Pro Store as part of M-A-C Cosmetics' Global Volunteer Day. The event rewarded program alumnae for their community education efforts throughout the year, and also provided them with information on careers in the beauty industry. After a makeup demonstration and question and answer session, each attendee was paired with a M-A-C Pro artist who gave her a makeover.

Speakers Bureau Marks World AIDS Day 2011 by Reaching 9,000

HIV-positive speakers and health educators from the Love Heals Speakers Bureau visited 20 schools and community groups during the week of December 1st, World AIDS Day. They delivered 45 workshops to just over 9,000 young people, ranging from an auditorium full of students at Brooklyn Technical School to a group of 15 homeless lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning youth at The Ali Forney Center.

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.