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# SAMARITAN MINISTRY

Samaritan  
Ministry Presents  
Knoxville's Only  
HIV Awareness  
Walk/Run

Saturday, December 6, 2014  
@ 2 p.m.

Our event will begin and  
end at Immaculate  
Conception Catholic Church  
in beautiful downtown  
Knoxville.

Not a 5k runner? Do the 2 mile walk! **REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW!**

Click [HERE](#) to learn more and to register or visit us on the web at  
[www.samaritancentral.org](http://www.samaritancentral.org).

Our event is named after the late Dr. Al Ichiki, a renowned researcher at UT Medical Center who pioneered HIV testing in our community and played a significant role in the early growth of Samaritan Ministry. We are honored that Al's family has allowed us to memorialize our friend and mentor in this way.



## US Conference on AIDS

SAN DIEGO hosted the 2014 USCA, a conference that we attend yearly. This important conference (the largest domestic HIV gathering) gives us an opportunity to learn... to stay abreast of the latest in research, and to hear from the leaders in policy and science about everything HIV.

Themes for this conference included PrEP (Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis), an application of HIV medications and strategies to PREVENT HIV infection, and Hepatitis C (HCV), an exploding American epidemic with many common risk factors and an ongoing co-infection rate at about 25% for those living with HIV.

Issues around transgender men and women, including civil and human rights issues, and terrible stigma, occupied a fair part of the 2014 program. There were very interesting and provocative discussions.

Once again, Samaritan Ministry represented the ONLY Christian presence in the very large exhibit hall, a presence we take very seriously as we spread God's love among many people who are afraid that God has forgotten them.

Thanks for sending us!

## Treatment IS Prevention

KNOWING what we know today about the benefits of HIV treatment, we are now becoming very aware that successful treatment may indeed be the best tool of HIV prevention, and the best avenue toward an end of this epidemic.

Recent studies (check out HPTN 052 [HERE](#)) reveal that a suppressed viral load may mean that infections could be rare, even for individuals who are sexually active and engaged in condomless sex.

The import here is to refocus our efforts on the 1.4 million who are HIV infected, with more testing and better linkages that will lead to successful treatment with controlled or suppressed virus. This might be our biggest challenge yet.

Recently we have been working with Danny, Jerry, Melissa, and several others, to start or reengage in HIV medication therapy.

This is life saving work.

*Mike Young visits  
with booth guests  
at USCA.*



Our conversations at USCA are some of the most important interactions that we have. From those living with HIV to people working in the HIV industry, there are many that are seeking ways to better engage the Christian community.

# Minority Testing Grant Approved

SAMARITAN MINISTRY has been awarded a \$5000 grant called the *Community Based Organization and Faith-Based Organization Health Disparities Initiative*. We have been awarded funds to expand HIV testing in the greater Knoxville Community. With our partners, Helen Ross McNabb Center and the Knox County Health Department, we will be working, over a 6-month period, to test 400 individuals in the greater Knoxville community. Our testing efforts will focus on minorities and women.

When we test, in what is considered a non-clinical setting, we use OraSure Technologies' HIV Rapid test called OraQuick. This allows trained staff and volunteers to test in the community using an oral swab antibody test. This procedure provides results in about 20 minutes.

## FALL EVENTS Calendar

- NOVEMBER 18      Grocery Delivery
- NOVEMBER 20      Thanksgiving Banquet
- DECEMBER 1        World AIDS Day Community Observance
- DECEMBER 6        FaithWalk and Al Ichiki 5K
- DECEMBER 16      Christmas Box Deliveries



Please **GIVE** to Support our work.

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## White House Summit

Wayne was part of the Tennessee delegation to the White House Summit on HIV in the Southern United States in June.

This important gathering brought focus on what is becoming a Southern Epidemic. Who knew?

Learn more at [AIDSVU.COM](http://AIDSVU.COM).

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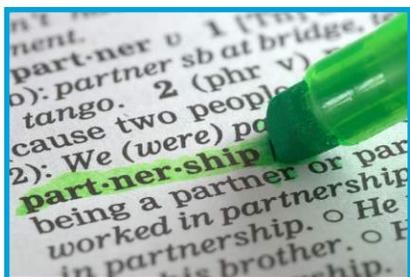


## Collaboration is the Bomb

Everyone is amazed. Almost everywhere we go, whether a homeless shelter, halfway house, methadone clinic, or even a professional training, we seem to always be with our great group of colleagues from our community, trying to get a job done that none of our agencies are large enough to accomplish alone.

We discovered several years ago that we are a powerful team, and often when we are at an event together, it is difficult to know who is in charge. This is collaboration at its best.

So, we would like to thank the Knox County Health Department, Helen Ross McNabb Center, Planned Parenthood, Walgreens (Broadway), the FAITH Coalition, and Positively Living, for being the community that matters... helping, serving, working side by side.



And for us, it is BEING THE PRESENCE of Christ in a community that needs the loving power of a God who cares for His children.

Thanks, Team.