



**Investing in
Our Future**

What can philanthropic partners do to help end the HIV epidemic in Illinois?

Getting to Zero Illinois (GTZ-IL) is a comprehensive plan with the ambitious, achievable goal of ending the HIV epidemic in Illinois by 2030. The plan forges a path toward a day in which there are zero new transmissions of HIV in Illinois, and every person living with HIV and AIDS will get the care they need to thrive.

We must unite forces across government, nonprofit, philanthropic, corporate and community sectors to achieve our goal. **Let's get to work!**

Philanthropic investments will be vital towards filling funding gaps, enhancing strategic initiatives and supporting the backbone of the plan's implementation.

There are numerous and wide-ranging ways funders can align with their individual missions to support GTZ-IL. We expect that these strategies will resonate with diverse corporate, private and public funders across the region.

What to invest in?

Fund efforts under GTZ-IL's strategic initiatives that span diverse funding domains, such as:

Health care access

- Supporting educational efforts to help people who use PrEP to identify where to call for help and what to do if they cannot get a medical appointment or a medication filled
- Offering provider education on state statutes that allow people 12 years old and older to access PrEP without parental consent or notification
- Funding efforts to compile and disseminate PrEP initiation and retention best practices focused on Black and Latinx gay and bisexual men, trans women of color and cisgender Black women
- Supporting initiatives to expand routine HIV screenings and linkages to care in health care settings and hospitals
- Increasing partnerships for community-based activities that build trust between vulnerable people and health care and services providers

Workforce

- Hiring and supporting peer community health workers to actively case-find in their communities to identify patients who have been lost to care, and initiate the process of re-engagement
- Exploring successful models of peer certification programs (such as New York state) to be implemented in Illinois
- Provide employment services to people living with and vulnerable to HIV so they can increase their income and lead more stable lives

Equity and inclusion

- Training health care workers on understanding unconscious bias for prescribing PrEP to vulnerable to HIV, and providing culturally-affirming care and services to people of transgender experience. Activities will be focused on training that will expand services for Black and Latinx gay and bisexual men, trans women of color, and cisgender Black women
- Researching best practices and developing “standards of equity” which detail health care institution policies that acknowledge, respond to and alleviate oppressive dynamics

Criminal justice and re-entry

- Building and strengthening systems of care for justice-involved individuals
- Reducing HIV-related stigma and the negative impact of HIV criminalization by examining state legislation that currently criminalizes HIV exposure and transmission
- Developing strategies to expand the availability of behavioral health or substance use care services for people being released from jail or prison

Faith and community

- Engaging faith-based communities in outreach and stigma reduction efforts

Behavioral health

- Creating a robust referral network linking each health care and social service providers to behavioral health resources in the community
- Implementing provider trainings to ensure mental health and substance use treatment services are specialized, culturally responsive, bilingual, LGBTQ-focused and sex-positive
- Creating or adapting screening tools that health care providers and members of the HIV workforce can use to assess behavioral health needs

GTZ-IL general operations/backbone support

- Ensuring AFC staffing, honoraria for community representatives and other resources are available to provide full support for the GTZ-IL Implementation Council and workgroups



Who to invest in?

Make a grant directly to a community-based GTZ-IL partner

The GTZ-IL community extends to high-impact, diverse organizations across the Chicago metropolitan area and throughout Illinois. Consider supporting the mission and programs of the agencies whose work is crucial to our collective success, including organizations located downstate.

Invest in the GTZ-IL grantmaking fund

AFC will administer a general GTZ-IL fund to disburse grants to community partners who are dedicated to ending the HIV epidemic, and who are carrying out the strategies that will make GTZ-IL a reality. This will ensure equitable supports are distributed to agencies serving diverse populations, including those located in rural or downstate areas. AFC will engage community members in grantmaking decisions.

How much to invest?

AFC, in partnership with the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine and UChicago Medicine, has secured pioneering foundation support for a robust online dashboard and data modelling to steer GTZ-IL resource investments to maximize impact. In turn, data modelling will provide a clearer picture of the full cost of implementation. **In these initial stages, AFC has set a conservative private fundraising goal at \$1 million over five years, including funds to all partnering agencies.** Other jurisdictions' Ending the Epidemic plans have had great success in securing philanthropic support — for example, San Francisco's plan garnered approximately \$2.5 million in its first two years.

Who can I contact?

For guidance about how to get involved in Getting to Zero Illinois, please contact **Clair Daney, Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations**, at 312-334-0948 or cdaney@aidschicago.org; or **John Peller, President & CEO**, at 312-334-0921 or jpeller@aidschicago.org.



Getting to Zero Illinois partners

AIDS Foundation of Chicago
 Chicago Department of Public Health
 Illinois Department of Public Health
 Access Community Health Network
 Alexian Brothers Housing and Health Alliance
 Broadway Youth Center
 Brothers Health Collective
 CALOR
 Center on Halsted
 Champaign-Urbana Public Health District
 Chicago Black Gay Men's Caucus
 Chicago Center for HIV Elimination-University of Chicago
 Chicago House & Social Service Agency
 Chicago Women's Project
 Christian Community Health Center
 Coalition for Justice & Respect
 Cook County Department of Public Health
 Cook County Health
 DeLaCerde House Inc.
 Design Industries Foundation Fighting AIDS (DIFFA)
 Equality Illinois
 Erie Family Health Centers
 Evaluation Center
 Friends of Central Illinois
 Greater Community AIDS Project of East Central Illinois
 Haymarket Center
 Heartland Alliance Health

Healthvana
 Hektoen Institute of Medicine
 Howard Brown Health
 Illinois HIV Care Connect
 Illinois Public Health Association
 Lake County Health Department and Community Health Center
 Legal Assistance Foundation (LAF)
 Legal Council for Health Justice
 Madison County AIDS Program (MadCAP)
 McLean County Health Department
 Midwest AIDS Training and Education Center
 Mother and Child Alliance
 Northwestern Institute for Sexual and Gender Minority Health and Wellbeing
 Open Door Health Center of Illinois
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 Positive Health Solutions
 Positive Women's Network
 Projects Advancing Sexual Diversity
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