

OPPORTUNITY ON THE HORIZON

LivWell is proud to announce that The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has awarded our agency with a 5-year grant to implement program components that follow the pillars (Diagnose, Prevent, Treat and Respond) of the Ending the HIV Epidemic in the United States (EHE) initiatives. For the first year of this initiative, a total of \$441,625 was granted to the agency and will be used to fund HIV testing events throughout the area, expanding testing services to include various STDs and Hepatitis C, offer more HIV prevention tools and hire additional staff to support the growing portfolio of offerings provided by LivWell Community Health Services. The goals and objectives of the program are to decrease the number of persons at high risk for HIV and increase the proportion of HIV-Positive people who know they are infected and are linked to appropriate services and care.

LivWell Community Health Services is one of only 96 Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) nationwide, as well as the only CBO in Kentucky to receive funding as part of the CDC's Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention (DHAP) under its PS21-2102 "Comprehensive High-Impact HIV Prevention Programs for Community Based Organizations" program. Funding for this program will total approximately \$210 million, over 5 years. The total funding that LivWell Community Health Services will receive from this grant is in-line with the average dollar amount awarded across all 96 CBOs (\$442,624).

The first phase of the program will be the development phase, which will run through the end of 2021. Beginning in 2022, LivWell Community Health Services will then begin to implement all new services and initiatives in McCracken County, Christian County, Graves County and Calloway County. Currently, LivWell Community Health Services works with 26 counties in Western Kentucky and 17 counties in Southern Illinois.

By year five of the grant program, all 43 serviced counties will be included in the new services and initiatives developed through this program.

We are looking forward to these exciting developments while still providing the same care and support that current clients have come to know. We have already hired a new Human Services Specialist and Health Navigator to develop a CARE Team for clients newly diagnosed with HIV. Some of the other more immediate efforts that you might notice will include expanding our Prevention and Outreach efforts through the addition of another Early Intervention Services Coordinator and several new community testing partnerships and events. Also, before the end of the summer we will begin prescribing PrEP and offering a variety of incentive programs for both testing and PrEP referrals.

We do not anticipate that these new activities and changes will affect current operations. Our plan is to build upon our current operations and better serve our community with the goal of ending the HIV epidemic. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to Program Director, Suzie Webb, at swebb@livwellchs.org or (270)444-8183.



**Ending
the
HIV
Epidemic**



A Plan for America.
The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is proposing an opportunity to eliminate new HIV infections in our nation.



FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: DONNA REEDER

SPOTLIGHTING THE LIVWELL CULTURE



When I think about LivWell Community Health Services, I am reminded of a quote that reads, “A company is only as good as its people.” I want to take this platform to brag about the team of LivWell and the faith I have in them. Each staff member has embodied the company culture and believe in the mission of the agency and how to achieve it.

LivWell has a reputation for being a great place to work and nothing says it more than a team member who encourages others to apply for positions for this reason. Our commitment to providing a positive, productive environment is so vital to the organization that it is one of our core values: Build a positive team and spirit of family. We invest in the employee by providing a comfortable office environment, allowing flexibility with schedules, offering great benefits, and providing training to empower employees to grow. We value our unique standard in how we treat our employees. Offering team building time during “Wind Down Wednesdays” is merely icing on the cake.

LivWell invests in the employee from the first day of employment through our extensive onboarding process. In-services are offered monthly for all staff on a variety of topics along with departmental insight. Trainings are encouraged to help individuals grow their knowledge and expertise. Staff are recognized for their achievements and noticed when they do a good deed.

LivWell employees are engaged in their work and committed to their clients. When you step into the doors of LivWell, you will find a network of people working together as a team. Our interdisciplinary approach involves staff members from different disciplines working collaboratively with a common purpose—to ensure clients receive the best care and health outcomes.

When it comes to LivWell employees, I could not ask for a better group of individuals who not only take pride in their work and care for their clients, but treat their fellow workers as family.



WELCOME TO THE TEAM



HOLLY MOORE
CLINIC SUPPORT COORDINATOR

Holly comes to us with experience in medical scheduling as well as business management experience, as she owns restaurants in Henderson and Morganfield, Kentucky. She is also a Certified Medical Assistant. Holly loves making people smile and singing along to 80's and 90's music!

DINING OUT FOR LIFE

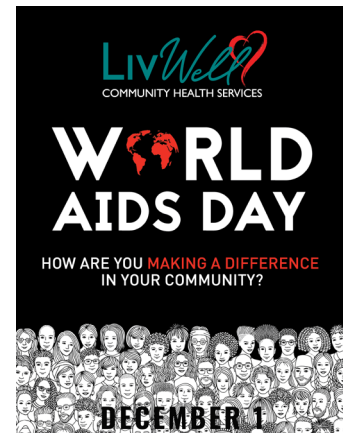
On Thursday, October 28th six local restaurants participated in our first ever Dining Out for Life event and donated a portion of their sales from that day back to LivWell. Although donations are still coming in, we have already raised over \$6,000 for client services. We will be using this money to purchase new undergarments for our client cold weather clothes closet as well as stock our Part C Emergency Food Pantry. We are so thankful for the following restaurants for their participation in this event: Artisan Kitchen, Broussard's Cajun Cuisine, Café de Fae, Dry Ground Brewing, Lone Oak Little Castle and Strickland's Seafood. The event was also sponsored by Gilead, NPS Pharmacy and Paducah Bank.



\$6,000
RAISED!

WORLD AIDS DAY

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, December 1st and join us for a memorial walk and special event on World AIDS Day. More details about the event will be announced soon, but if you have a story you would like to share in memory of someone lost too soon, please let us know.



LIVWELL, STAY WARM

LivWell will host a cold weather clothes closet November 10th-19th at the Prevention and Outreach Center (1733 Broadway in Paducah). Individuals will be able to shop gently used clothes and accessories for the winter months for themselves and individuals in their immediate household. Clients only will also receive brand new basic undergarments. Appointments are required and will last for approximately 20 minutes. Availability will be Monday - Thursday from 8AM-4PM and Fridays from 9AM-11AM. To make an appointment, call the Prevention and Outreach Center at (270)444-8183 x2175 by Monday, November 8th at 4PM.



WELCOME TO THE TEAM



ALEXA GRIFFIN
HUMAN SERVICES SPECIALIST

Alexa is a graduate of Murray State University with a bachelors in Social Work, and is a Master's candidate at Campbellsville University beginning in January. Alexa loves to spend time with her family in the downtown area, supporting our small businesses, and playing with their animals, a Husky named Marvel and a Tux Cat named Dino. She is an avid lover of 90s rock, coffee, and all holidays. She is looking forward to stepping back into a social work role and serving the community.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

NANCY HUGHES

TITLE: Linkage to Care Navigator

LENGTH OF SERVICE: 1.5 Years

JOB DUTIES: Enrolling newly diagnosed HIV patients in to medical care, as well as those who have been HIV positive and are new to the area. I also follow up with patients who have missed their appointments to identify any obstacles they may have and re-engage them back in to care in order to keep them on their road to being virally suppressed.

Where did you grow up? Marshall County, KY

What is your favorite part of your job? Being able to work as a team with all departments at LivWell to provide the best care for our clients!

Tell us about your family! My wife and I live in Paducah and have been married for 6 years. We have 4 children (20, 17, 16, & 12 years old), 5 cats, 3 dogs and a bearded dragon! Let's just say we would have a zoo if we could!!

What is your favorite food? Restaurant food would be: Pollo Tapatio from Los Amigos or the Roll Roll Combo from Jasmine's but my favorite home cooked food would have to be my chicken noodle soup or shrimp scampi!

What are your hobbies? With all of those kids, who has time for hobbies! Just kidding...I love being in our yard, planting flowers, camping, being crafty with the kids, and if that wasn't enough, just watching TV!

What is one interesting fact about you? I love buying almost dead plants on clearance and bringing them back to life!

What is something on your bucket list? To travel to England, Greece, and Ireland

What is a favorite quote or saying? "Oh yes, the past can hurt. But you can either run from it, or learn from it." -Rafiki, The Lion King



UPCOMING EVENTS

NOV 10-19
(APPT. ONLY)

LIVWELL: STAY WARM / COLD WEATHER CLOTHES CLOSET
Call (270)444-8183 x2175 to RSVP by Nov 8th

NOV 24-26

OFFICES CLOSED - THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
Closing Nov. 24th at Noon & will re-open Nov 29th

DEC 1ST

WORLD AIDS DAY

DEC 15TH

OFFICES CLOSED - STAFF DAY
Closed Noon - 5PM

DEC 23-27

OFFICES CLOSED - CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
Closing Dec. 23rd at Noon & will re-open Dec. 28th

DEC 30 - JAN 3

OFFICES CLOSED - NEW YEARS HOLIDAY
Closing Dec. 30th at Noon & will re-open Jan. 4th

JAN 17TH

OFFICES CLOSED - MLK DAY



LivWell Community Health Services strives to enhance the wellbeing of our community by providing comprehensive health and support services, education, and advocacy, as related to HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases, and viral hepatitis. Quality health care is provided to persons living with HIV/AIDS or sexually transmitted diseases, support services are provided to HIV clients and their families, and prevention education and testing are provided to all clients, their families, and the community at large. Within the community, we strive to prevent new infections of HIV and STI's and reduce the stigma associated with these various diseases by promoting awareness, acceptance, and equality.

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