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Information on Board Membership

Pitt County AIDS Service Organization

“The ART of Caring”

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PiCASO is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting people living with HIV/AIDS and to slowing the spread of HIV. PiCASO provides services to those in Pitt County infected with HIV.

Those services include:

- Educational Services and Testing
- Case Management
- Emergency Financial Assistance
- Specialized Food Pantry
- Housing Assistance
- Transportation Assistance
- Personal and Group Client Support



Mission: The mission of the Pitt County AIDS Service Organization is to prevent the transmission of HIV through educational outreach to Pitt County and the surrounding counties of Eastern North Carolina and to provide culturally sensitive, individually focused, physical, social, emotional, and financial assistance to those living with, and affected by HIV/AIDS in our community.



In providing these services, we strive to treat all people with dignity, respect, and compassion.

Program achievements in 2005-06...

- “Prevention for Positives” (preventing HIV disease transmission)
- Computer lab for job searches, medical research, resume development, and learning basic computer skills
- Taste N’ Learn sessions
- Support Groups/Peer Education
- New testing and outreach programs
- Increase in clients receiving medical care for HIV infection
- Clients are becoming vocal in the community and at the state/federal level for policy change and support for PLWHA
- Steady number of client volunteers
- Received “Broadways Cares” Grant for 2nd year

PiCASO’s #1 focus is “Linking clients to proper health care resources and assisting clients to eliminate barriers to continuing care.”

Board Membership

PiCASO is a small agency with an active “working” board.

Membership on the PiCASO Board requires:

- Attendance and participation in the agency’s monthly board meeting
- Participation in all of the agencies major fundraisers (2-3 a year)
- Work on one board committee.

The monthly board meeting is generally one to two hours long. Board officer positions have additional commitments in terms of committees or volunteer hours.

Board members often volunteer at the agency to support the many of the programs of the agency. This includes pick-up and delivery of food pantry items, basic office functions, and assisting with quarterly office clean-ups.

Our Current Board Committees:

- Nominations, Recruitment and Elections
- Fundraising
- Grants and Assessment

People interested in board membership will generally have an “interest meeting” with the current board president. This meeting is for the interested person to learn more about the agency. Then they would attend at least two board meetings to further gauge interest, before being referred to the Nominations, Recruitment and Elections Committee for consideration for existing or upcoming board vacancies. If there is no current board vacancies, people interested in the agency would be encouraged to volunteer or serve on a board committee.

Board terms are generally two years, with the option of an automatic second term.