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**PROJECT FUNDS
NINE ORGANIZATIONS**

The Oregon Shakespeare Festival announced Dec. 20 that the money raised through its annual AIDS benefit has been disbursed to nine regional, national and international programs.

The net proceeds from the 14th annual Daedalus Project totaled \$59,000—\$4,000 more than last year. The daylong event was held Aug. 20 in Ashland.

Afterward the festival invited agencies involved in HIV/AIDS education, services and support to apply for funding from the proceeds. These organizations were selected:

- OnTrack Inc.—Alan F. Collins AIDS Project: \$31,000.
- NAMES Project Foundation: \$1,000.
- Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS: \$1,000.
- Abdill-Ellis Lambda Center Association: \$4,000.
- Siskiyou County HIV/AIDS Foundation: \$4,000.
- Douglas County AIDS Council: \$4,000.
- AIDS Support and Prevention of Josephine County: \$9,000.
- Rex Rabold Fund: \$2,000.
- Africare: \$3,000.

The 2001 proceeds were raised from a variety of events, including a five-kilometer run/walk; an art auction; a quilt raffle; sales of baked goods, pesto, lemonade and condoms; an afternoon performance of gay *Frasier* actor Dan Butler's *The Only Thing Worse You Could Have Told Me*; and an evening variety show on the Elizabethan Stage. The next Daedalus Project will be held Aug. 19, 2002.

**CABBIE DONATES
HOLIDAY MEALS**

For the fifth year, Portland artist and cab driver David Yandell is helping provide meals for people in need during the holidays. His project benefits a number of charities, including several that reach out to gay, lesbian, bi and trans people: Cascade AIDS Project, the leading provider of HIV prevention education, services, housing and advocacy in Oregon and southwest Washington; Women's Intercommunity AIDS Resource, a multiservice program for women and children affected by HIV/AIDS; and Martha's Pantry, which provides food and personal care items for people living with HIV and their families.

"Show us where the money's not, and you'll see us," Yandell says. "We don't jump on bandwagons; we start them."

Yandell also will be giving away 100 turkeys starting 2:30 p.m. Dec. 22 at Radio Cab head-

quarters, 1613 N.W. Kearney St. This year's goal is to reach a total of 1,000 families.

For more information call 503-380-8027.

**CITY HONORS
AIDS ADVOCATE**

Portland Mayor Vera Katz honored Sean Cox with the Lowenstein Trust Award on Dec. 12.

He was instrumental in creating For Us Northwest, a one-of-a-kind organization providing an array of resources for children and teens affected by HIV/AIDS. Cox began dedicating his life to building the community of support after learning his father was HIV-positive in 1994.

The \$7,500 award is given to an individual making an extraordinary contribution to assisting and empowering the underserved in the Portland area. The trust was established 11 years ago as part of the estate of

attorney and activist Steve Lowenstein.

**ELVES SPREAD
CHRISTMAS CHEER**

Members of the Friends of People with AIDS Foundation and Imperial Sovereign Rose Court came together for a wrapping party Dec. 16.

About 50 volunteers attended to decorate presents for 120 people. The gifts were for children infected or affected by HIV as well as 15 adults in long-term care facilities such as Our House and Swan House.

The presents were donated by both of the organizations as well as the Oregon Bears, Camp Starlight, Women's Intercommunity AIDS Resource and many individuals. Embers Avenue donated space for the party and provided coffee to keep energy running high.

Emperor XXVIII Shelley and Empress XLIV Poison Waters helped round up the volunteers. Besides all of their assistance as wrappers, deliverers and buyers of presents, members of the court also have organized a drive to get a good holiday dinner to each of the families on the list.

The foundation has delivered presents to children affected by HIV since 1990 but needed help this year because of an overwhelming need. The organizations plan to continue their collaboration in 2002.

"We've been able to handle the numbers previously by using our own volunteers and resources," Bill E. Space says. "This year, however, the numbers jumped considerably, and without the help of the ISRC we wouldn't have been able to get presents to all these kids." □



Volunteers wrap presents for people in need Dec. 16 at Embers Avenue

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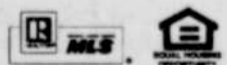
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