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The social aspects of the program have greater benefits, too. Studies show that low self-esteem and feelings of isolation are important factors in high-risk behavior among young men and that they are much more likely to attempt suicide than their heterosexual peers. According to Guzman-Orozco, the support of social networks as well as concerned adults and organizations strengthens their resolve to practice safe sex.

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CAP RECEIVES \$1.9 MILLION FEDERAL GRANT

Cascade AIDS Project has been awarded a \$1,929,875 HIV prevention grant from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

CAP was the only organization in the Pacific Northwest to receive a direct grant from the CDC as part of the Advancing HIV Prevention Initiative, and the award was 12 percent larger than the national average. Funds were made available July 1 and will be disbursed over a five-year period.

The money will allow CAP to expand existing HIV prevention programs and implement new interventions. Prevention efforts will target both HIV-positive people at highest risk for transmitting HIV to others as well as HIV-negative people at highest risk for contracting HIV.

"These funds will be a tremendous help in our efforts to keep Oregonians at highest risk HIV-negative," said Thomas Bruner, CAP executive director. "With 500 new reports of HIV or AIDS made to state health officials in 2003, we still have lots of work to do."

Bruner thanked U.S. Sen. Gordon Smith, R-Ore., for his role in helping secure these needed prevention funds.

"Despite the advances made in recent years in treating HIV/AIDS, we cannot let this progress lull us into complacency," Smith said. "We need to continue our efforts to prevent infection and treat patients, and those efforts need adequate resources."

As lead agency for the grant, CAP assembled a coalition of five community-based organizations earlier this year to secure funds

and implement the new CDC initiative. The partners and their roles are:

- **Cascade AIDS Project:** expansion of outreach, prevention and HIV testing referral for gay and bi men at high risk for contracting HIV.

- **Outside In:** implementation of rapid HIV testing through outreach for high-risk gay and bi men, IV drug users and their partners.

- **Brother to Brother:** expansion of the Mpowerment program for high-risk gay and bi African American men.

- **Project Quest:** implementation of the Healthy Relationships program for HIV-positive men and women at high risk for transmitting HIV.

- **Partnership Project:** expansion of prevention case management for HIV-positive men and women at high risk for transmitting HIV as well as HIV-negative men and women at high risk for contracting HIV.

In Oregon, as many as 8,600 men, women and children are living with HIV or AIDS—the majority of which reside in the Portland area. Another 3,068 people statewide have already died from AIDS-related complications.

BREAST CANCER AFFILIATE HONORED

The Oregon and southwest Washington chapter of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation has earned the organization's top Affiliate Award.

The honor recognizes the best overall effort among more than 100 affiliates across the country to advance the foundation's mission—the eradication of breast cancer as a life-threatening disease. The award is given for projects that address the identified needs of a community, reach medically underserved populations and raise awareness about breast cancer and the foundation.

The affiliate was honored for several accomplishments:

- Donating \$500,000 toward free mammograms for low-income women.

- Providing \$500,000 in grants to organizations for innovative education and outreach programs targeting medically underserved populations. This includes a 2003-04 award of \$32,552 for the Hambleton Project, which offers networking and direct support services to lesbians with cancer and other life-threatening conditions.

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Thomas Bruner says a \$1.9 million federal grant will help Cascade AIDS Project reduce HIV transmission in the Portland metropolitan area



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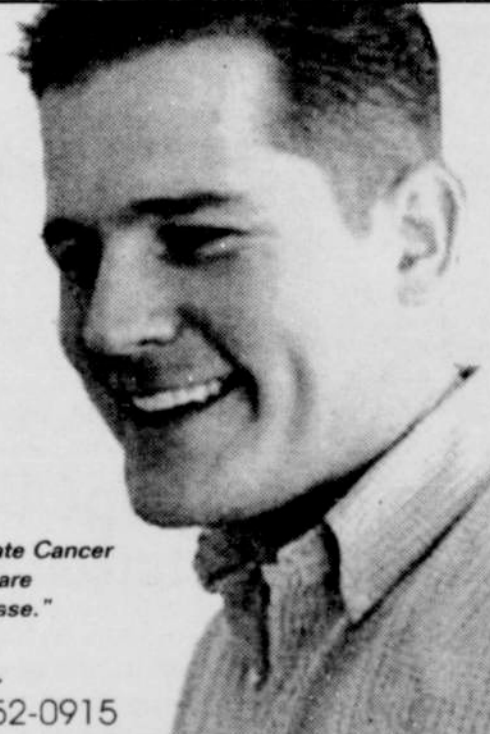
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