

RAIN Colorado *The Regional AIDS Interfaith Network*

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Dear RAIN Friend,

After long and careful deliberation, we regret to announce that RAIN Colorado will be closing May 29, 2009. In the last few years, the economic reality has changed for nonprofits and others. We are deeply grateful for the benefactor whose generous financial support made it possible for us to continue as a community in 2008-2009. We also thank our loyal volunteers, AIDS care and prevention colleagues, faith community partners, individual donors, and other funders who have sustained us through the years both spiritually and financially.

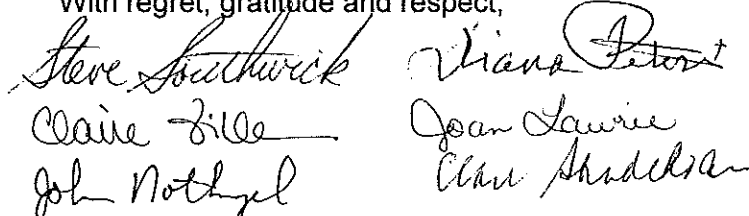
Although this is a very difficult decision, we remain proud of the work done during RAIN's fourteen years of service. We appreciate our HIV+ carepartners who have been our constant teachers for the journey. We celebrate the medical advances in HIV treatment which have transformed AIDS care from an end-of-life process to a focus on long-term survival and quality of life. Spiritual and psychological issues remain important for all people affected by HIV, and we hope that society will continue to find ways to respond to these needs.

If you have questions, please contact board member Joan Lawrie (303-868-0533) or David Cooper (303-355-5665). We invite you to participate in one of two community meetings regarding the closing of RAIN (April 22 at 7pm or May 2 at 2pm). On Sunday, May 17 at 2 pm, we will have a final gathering to celebrate RAIN. These meetings will be at Hedlund Hall, Tears-MacFarlane House, 1290 Williams St., Denver, CO 80218.

The Greek philosopher Heraticlus wrote, "Change alone is unchanging." The experience of people living with HIV and AIDS has changed. The nature of RAIN's work has changed. The capacity of foundations, congregations and individuals to answer RAIN's requests for support has changed. As we come to terms with RAIN's closing, it is our fervent hope that each of us and our communities will find ways to continue RAIN's mission of *compassion, encouragement and friendship* in responding to the ongoing HIV/AIDS epidemic.

It has been a privilege to share RAIN's journey with 106 carepartners, more than 185 volunteers, Kelli, David and our extended RAIN family. We will always remember the connections made, experiences shared, and wellness encouraged.

With regret, gratitude and respect,



Compassion, encouragement, and friendship since 1995

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