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HIV/AIDS Experience

HIV Educator and Advocate, 1992 to present

- Has taught over 7,000 classes in 25 public school systems, 100 private schools and college settings, health care facilities and for civic organizations, churches and prisons.
- Provides HIV/AIDS training for licensed professionals including nurses, physicians, allied health professionals, and emergency management personnel.
- Presents courses and guest lectures on HIV/AIDS topics for all ages and academic levels.
- Meets with congressional members and staff on HIV-related issues and to lobby for patients' rights.
- Conducts extensive work on AIDS policy and law for patients' and victims' rights.
- Counsels rape survivors.

Co-Founder, Friends-Together, Inc., Lakeland, Florida, 2000-present

- Organizes and operates four to five three-day education camps yearly for 100 to 150 participants per camp infected and affected by HIV/AIDS.
- Organizes day retreats with families infected and affected by HIV/AIDS.
- Provides training and workshops in medicine adherence, pharmacy compliance, empowerment, advocacy, and networking at camps and retreats.
- Coordinates and conducts monthly HIV testing at Florida Southern College and Lakeland community locations.
- Organizes and presents annual World AIDS Day events in Lakeland, Florida.
- Organizes and conducts yearly 500-mile HIV/AIDS Bike Ride Fundraiser.
- Coordinates annual holiday gift drive and holiday dinner for 60 to 100 families infected and affected by HIV/AIDS.
- Writes grants and has received grants from organizations such as Pfizer, Lakeland Community Foundation, GSK Pharmaceutical, Forsyth Foundation.

Other Professional Experience

Podcast Host, 2010-present

- Creates and produces a weekly national podcast, "Straight Talk With Cathy," geared toward the tough topics facing college students today (available on iTunes)

Certified Smoking Cessation Trainer, 2008-present

- Leads community Quit Smoking Now classes for Central Florida Area Health Education Center

Certified Domestic Violence Trainer, 1995-present

- Provides Domestic Violence Updates for CE/CME requirements.

Director/Adviser, Health Campus Coalition, Florida Southern College, 2004-2010

- Directed Healthy Campus Coalition peer education program at Florida Southern College and served Bacchus student organization adviser.

HIV/AIDS Community and Committee Experience

NOVA Southeastern AHEC Board member, 2004-present.

PALS Advisory Board for Glaxo Smith Kline, Raleigh North Carolina 2007- 2010

- Served as a patient advocate for the advisory board.

Florida Department of Health Consumer Advisory Group member, 2007- 2010

Volunteer Director of Education. The River Fund, Sebastian, Florida. 1993-2005.

- Directed the educational projects for non-profit volunteer organization that offers HIV/AIDS education and patient care services.

Board of Directors, Florida AIDS Action, Tallahassee, Florida, 2000-2003.

- Served as board secretary.

Patient Care Representative. Florida Community Planning Group, Bureau of HIV, Tallahassee, Florida. 1997-2003.

- Represented the rural community in planning process for patient care and prevention.

United Nations NGO Delegate. United Nations Special Session on AIDS. New York, 2001

- Helped formulate plans to distribute UN funds for HIV/AIDS education and prevention to NGOs worldwide.

Director of Education for The Central Florida Names Project, AIDS Memorial Quilt. Sebastian, Florida, 1995-2001.

- Designed and distributed educational messages and lessons around the Quilt exhibit.

Consumer Caucus Chair Person, The Florida Community Planning Group, Bureau of HIV Tallahassee, Florida. 1999-2001.

- Held quarterly meetings for consumers to voice needs and concerns to be addressed by the Florida Department of Health.

Area 15, Member. Treasure Coast AIDS Consortia, Area 15. Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin, and Okeechobee Counties, Florida, 1997-2000.

- Represented patient care issues.

Florida Delegate, AIDS Watch, Washington, D.C., 1994-1996

- Represented the state of Florida in congressional meetings.
- Met with Congressional delegation to advocate Ryan White authorization.

Vice President, Board of Directors of Florida AIDS Action Council, Tampa, Florida, 1993-1995.

- Helped found the first state-wide AIDS advocacy organization.

Spokesperson. Comprehensive AIDS Program, Palm Beach County, Florida, 1991-1994.

- Promoted HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention.

Awards and Media Recognition

Live interview. PozIAm Radio Show, BlogTalkRadio. Aired April 2011. Available at:
<http://www.blogtalkradio.com/poziam/2011/04/11/cathy-robinson--straight-talk-with-cathy>

Bacchus and Gama Advisor of the Year, March 2010

Florida Southern Advisor of the Year, 2010.

Martin Dulaney Power of One Award, March 2009.

Florida Southern College Volunteer of the Year, 2009

Everyday Hero Award. Bay New 9, Tampa, Florida. Aired November 2004 and January 2005.

Cathy Robinson Pickett, Humanitarian of the Year. Spotlight on Excellence. *Pediatric Nursing Journal*, August/September 2004.

Humanitarian of the Year, National Pediatric Nursing Association, Orlando, Florida, September 2004.

Salty Cares Award. Channel 42. St. Petersburg, Florida, June 2004.

Weekly Point of Light, Florida Governor's Award, Tallahassee, Florida. July 1-7, 2003.

Angels of AIDS. *PEOPLE Magazine*, May 19, 2003. (Named as one of five international angels of AIDS).

Live interview. UN Special Session on AIDS. Gail King Show. Oxygen Network, Rachel Weintraub, producer. Aired in August 2001.

Ten Outstanding Young Americans for 2001 Award. US Jaycees, Washington, DC, January 27, 2001.

Cathy Robinson, A Mom on a Mission. (documentary) Gail King Show. Oxygen Network, Rachel Weintraub, producer. Aired in January and August 2001.

Daily Point of Light, U.S. President's Award. Washington, DC, February 8, 2000.

Young Floridian of the Year for 1999, Florida Jaycees. Deland, Florida, 1999.

Partners in Education Award, The Collier Education Foundation. Naples, Florida, 1999.

Knight of the Archangel of Michael Award, The International Police Chief Association, Miami, Florida, 1998.

Don't Give Up: The Robinson Family Story. A Time To Care Prime Time Special, NBC. Aired on WPTV Ch. 5, West Palm Beach, Florida, 1993. (Producer Michael Orkin received an Emmy for this segment).

Over 250 state and local media interviews related to HIV and AIDS.

Conference and Presentation Experience

Presenter and motivational speaker at numerous local, state and national conferences including National Pediatric Nursing Association, National Surgical and Gastrointestinal Association (Minnesota, Florida, Tennessee), US Conference on AIDS, State of Florida Respiratory Association, American Lung Association, State Association of School Nurses.

Topic examples include Only Men, Women and Children Get AIDS, A Christian Response to AIDS, AIDS 101 The Basics, HIV Education for Teens and Young Adults, How to Talk to Your Kids About the Tough Issues, Domestic Violence and You, AIDS 101, 104 Health Care Provider Updates.

Education and Training

Certified Tobacco Cessation Trainer, 2008

Certified Domestic Violence Instructor, State of Florida Certification, 1995.

Certified Train the Trainer Instructor for HIV/AIDS, State of Florida Certification, 1992.

Certified AIDS 101 and 104 Instructor, State of Florida Certification, 1992.

Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Florida, Bachelor of Science in Sociology and Political Science, 1989.

Personal Profile

- Married, two children (both HIV-)
- Breast cancer survivor since 2000
- HIV positive since 1984
- Rape survivor, 1984