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**The Portantino Press:**  
**News from Assemblymember Anthony Portantino**  
**Bone Marrow Drive ~ HIV/AIDS Action Summit ~ Holiday Celebration**



**Dear Tim and Joanne,**

I recently learned that a good friend of mine, Walter Furman, has been diagnosed with Leukemia and is in need of a bone marrow transplant. Because no match has been found through existing donor registries, his family is holding a bone marrow drive on Sunday, December 7th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at their temple, the Pasadena Jewish Temple, located at 1434 N. Altadena Drive, Pasadena, California, (626) 798-1161. The best chances of a match come from Ashkenazi Jews, and for that reason I am asking any of my Jewish friends who are available to consider attending the drive.

Testing is non-invasive, involving only a mouth swab. Since the drive is sponsored by the National Donor Bank, by participating in the drive you are committing to have your test results submitted to the registry - and be willing to be a donor for anyone who matches your profile. Testing is free, but they will be seeking donations to help defray the cost.

If you are found to be a match, to be a donor, you need to be able/willing to have your blood drawn a few days prior to the actual transplant. This blood draw can be done at a lab in your area. (In a bone marrow transplant, you are not actually donating your marrow).

Thank you for your anticipated help. Please pass this on to anyone you might think would be a potential match for Walter.

Warmest Regards,

- Anthony

## 2nd Annual San Gabriel Valley HIV/AIDS Action Summit

Please join us on Thursday, December 11th for this year's HIV/AIDS Summit, which I am proud to present with City of Hope. The summit has been designed in conjunction with World AIDS Day to address the growing HIV/AIDS infection rates and the direction of medical advancements in treating patients with HIV/AIDS. This free public forum is designed to help shape public policy surrounding the current failing awareness campaign.

The Action Summit features the following workshops:

- **The Unfair Race Against HIV/AIDS:** addresses the pervasive health inequities experienced by women and communities of color in the fight against HIV/AIDS.
- **A Municipal Response to HIV/AIDS:** addresses local government and community role in HIV/AIDS prevention and education, featuring the Pasadena Public Health Department and the City of Oakland's "Get Screened Oakland" Program.
- **Let's Get Real About HIV/AIDS!:** understanding the true risks and reality of HIV/AIDS.
- **Marshalling Media/Advocacy to Fight HIV/AIDS:** addresses the impact of aggressive media and outreach campaigns both locally and nationwide.

I am again pleased to be joined by City of Hope Chief Medical Officer Alexandra M. Levine, M.D. This year we will also hear powerful and personal messages from AIDS Healthcare Foundation Public Policy Coordinator Joey Terrill and City of Hope patient advocate Loring Leeds. I am deeply honored to have the partnership of great organizations such as AIDS Healthcare Foundation, AIDS Service Center, AIDS Research Alliance, HIV & AIDS Legal Services Alliance, Pasadena Public Health Department, Planned Parenthood Pasadena, Bienestar, and Charter Communications, who have all helped to make this year's summit possible.

The SGV HIV/AIDS Action Summit will be held on Thursday, December 11, 2008 at City of Hope's Cooper Auditorium located at 1500 E. Duarte Road, Duarte, CA 91010. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the program will run from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The summit is open to the public and there is no cost for attendance. To RSVP for the event go to [www.aidshealth.org](http://www.aidshealth.org) and click on the link to the summit or for more information call my district office at (626) 577-9944.

I look forward to seeing you there!

## Holiday Celebration

On a lighter note, Ellen and I invite you to join our family and Team Portantino to celebrate the holidays with us! Our reception will be held on Monday, December 15th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Armory Center for the Arts, 145 N. Raymond Avenue,

Pasadena, directly across the street from Memorial Park. A public parking lot offering 90 minutes of free parking is located just to the north of the Armory on Raymond Avenue and the Armory is walking distance from the Gold Line's Memorial Park station. And yes, the art gallery will be open for viewing!

This year we are collecting gifts for the children and youth from Five Acres, a Foster Family Agency and other local non-profit organizations. Please bring an unwrapped item that will help make a young person's holiday a little bit brighter. If you would like suggestions, often requested toys and gift items include: remote control cars, action figures, MP3 players, Game Boys, video games, cabbage patch dolls, CD players, jewelry, skateboards and helmets, bath and body lotions, or gift certificates from Target, Best Buy, Footlocker, Game Stop or local movie theaters.

*Please join us for an evening of friendship, refreshments, holiday spirit and a little bit of art! RSVP's to my district office are greatly appreciated. (626) 577-9944.*

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