

A Letter to the Columbia Community about AIDS

CGHAP (The Columbia Gay Health Advocacy Project) urgently needs volunteers to join the fight against AIDS. We have provided HIV related services on the Columbia campus for almost 10 years.

The number of AIDS cases continues to rise: New York remains the epicenter of the epidemic. In the last year, people from Columbia have died of AIDS: graduate and undergraduate students, staff, faculty and alumni. Now more than ever, your contribution can make a difference in helping GHAP meet the needs of the Columbia community.

Please join one or more of the following projects:

- **Women and AIDS**

Women account for over 13 percent of all adult/adolescent cases of AIDS reported in the US. The proportion of cases among women continues to increase. Here at Columbia, heterosexual women are the second largest group of people infected with HIV. Join us in a group that will do HIV education targeted toward women and focusing on the issues that have prevented women in our society from protecting themselves from HIV infection.

- **HIV Antibody Test Counseling**

CGHAP counselors offer individual HIV antibody test pre-counseling. Counselors will receive thorough and sophisticated training. We require people who are concerned and sensitive, interested in learning counseling skills, responsible, and able to maintain high standards of confidentiality.

- **Gay Men and Safer Sex**

Recent research on gay men and safer sex indicates that young gay men are increasingly engaging in unsafe sex. Here at Columbia, the largest group of people infected with HIV continues to be men who have had sex with other men. CGHAP is working to develop new strategies that recognize the difficulty of maintaining long term safer sex practices and the psychological effects of the epidemic on non-HIV infected gay men. Join us to be part of a group that will do serious and creative thinking about these problems.

- **OutReach**

OutReach is a confidential telephone hotline for people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, or who have questions about sexuality. Telephone counselors will receive extensive training and must be able to work on Monday or Wednesday from 8 to 11pm.

Initial meetings

Women and AIDS	Tuesday, September 12 at 4pm
HIV Antibody Test Counseling	Tuesday, September 12 at 6pm
Gay Men and Safer Sex	Tuesday, September 12 at 8pm
OutReach	Wednesday, September 13 at 7pm

Meetings in the John Jay 4th fl. Counseling Service conference room.

CALL 854-7970 for information
Everyone (graduate, undergraduate, staff, faculty) is welcome!