



Dear: Valued Supporter/Sponsor

This year, HIV North Society is proud to present their third annual Drags and Bags Event. Each year we outgrow our venue and this year we're excited to move into the Pomeroy Inn and Convention Centre to host even more supporters of HIV North. The event will continue to be one of the most unique fundraisers in Grande Prairie! This year we have a new show featuring MAN UP!, amazing entertainment from Edmonton, with a fun surprise at the end. It will be a unique evening that will leave guests educated, entertained and all in the name of supporting the Grande Prairie HIV North Society.

Our evening will commence with a fun and fabulous feature cocktail, along with a catered charcuterie table to compliment the selection of fine wine and beer. Special Guest Speakers will be **Gordon Pellerin** who will speak to the history and formation of HIV North and Assistant Executive Director, **Johnathon Fortune** who has an exciting announcement about the future of the organization.

Because of continued growth, we will be at the Pomeroy Inn and Convention Centre! We're excited to display the HIV North services and programs that are so vital to Grande Prairie and area. Come when the doors open to be able to spend some time talking with staff and learning more about HIV North. Doors Open 6:30 PM.

MAN UP – An all male burlesque show in high heels! As well, in keeping with the theme of Drags and Bags, a variety of fine hand bags will be on display with our popular twist on silent auctions. We've kept sponsorship opportunities simple and affordable to encourage individuals and businesses to support this event in an effort to raise funds as well as awareness for HIV North Society.

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WHO IS HIV NORTH SOCIETY?

WHO AND WHAT DO THEY SUPPORT IN OUR COMMUNITY?

HIV North Society is an AIDS service organization (ASO) focusing on HIV awareness, prevention, care and support in Alberta's North with offices located in Grande Prairie and Fort McMurray. As an ASO, we recognize everyone is at risk of an HIV infection; therefore, our programs and services have expanded to address the social determinants of health. We aim to decrease infection rates and provide necessary support to individuals often living in chronic poverty. At HIV North Society we believe everyone has the right to be treated with equity, regardless of their circumstances.

As a sponsor, you will be supporting the following programs:

- **HIV Education and Outreach:** this program provides education to schools, community organizations, the medical community and the general population on sexually transmitted and blood borne infections while providing outreach services. Harm reduction supply distribution is a key component of this program.
- **LGBTQ Youth Support:** this program provides Gender and Sexual Diversity education to schools, community organizations and the general population. Support is provided to LGBTQ youth in the community through one-on-one appointments and a weekly youth drop-in. Support is provided to teachers and service providers who require a greater understanding of how to be an ally. 260 youth were supported in 2018.
- **Take Home Naloxone:** this program is an opioid overdose reversal program that has saved 175 lives in Grande Prairie since its conception in 2015. Naloxone is a life-saving opioid antagonist. Training and kits are provided throughout the community by our Street Nurse.
- **Healthcare Navigation:** this program assists individuals who require supports in accessing primary and acute healthcare; ensuring everyone is treated with respect and equity. Medical advocacy and navigation are performed by Licences Practical Nurses and Registered Nurses.
- **Street Outreach:** this program assists individuals who are experiencing chronic or episodic homelessness in connecting to support networks which may enable them to become housed.

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2400 individuals were supported through this program in 2018. Street Outreach is part of the Homelessness Initiative.

- **Permanent Supportive Housing:** this program assists individuals requiring long-term housing supports. Individuals in this program often experience a complexity of needs; therefore, support is required to maintain housing. Permanent Supportive Housing is part of the homelessness initiative.
- **Women's Drop-In:** this program supports street-engaged women twice per week at a drop-in centre. Partner service providers attend to assist in establishing additional safety networks for vulnerable women. A safe-space is provided where women can simply enjoy the company of other women. A hot meal, feminine hygiene supplies, clothing and harm reduction supports are provided.
- **Supervised Mobile Consumption Site:** a health service facility where a person can consume illicit substances, which they have pre-obtained, in a hygienic safe space. Sterile supplies are provided and trained professionals (registered nurses and paramedics) supervise all consumption. People are given an opportunity to be connected to various health and community services
- **Indigenous Opioid Response Program:** Responds to the unique needs of indigenous people using a holistic, community centred harm reduction approach. The aim is to increase culturally safe spaces and supporting individuals using substances for an increase and wellbeing.

HIV North Society would like to thank you for your consideration in supporting the 2019 Drags and Bags event. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call (780) 538-3388.

Sincerely,

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HIV North Drags & Bags Sponsorship Opportunities

\$2500 Sponsor

8 Tickets together at a reserved table with the BEST Location
Individual or Company name on table
Individual or Company logo in the program
2 bottles of Wine at the table
8 Complimentary Drink Tickets
Individual or Company logo displayed on HIV North website and social media
Emcee acknowledgement at the beginning and end of the evening
Meet & Greet starting at 6:00 with complimentary wine and the chance to meet MAN UP!

\$1500 Sponsor

8 Tickets together at a reserved table with PRIME Location
Individual or Company name on table
Individual or Company name or business in the program
1 bottle of Wine at the table
Individual or Company Name displayed on HIV North website and social media

\$800 Sponsor

8 Tickets together at a reserved table.
Individual or Company name on table
Individual or Company name in the program

\$250 Handbag Sponsor

Individual or Company name in the program

**** All receive Tax Receipt**