

# CANDLELIGHT WALK

for AIDS



Not long ago, AIDS was something we only read about. But now, it is directly affecting all of our lives. Many of us have lost family, friends and colleagues. All of us have felt the cold touch of fear. It is no longer possible to think of AIDS as a disease that affects someone else. It threatens everyone, regardless of race, sex or sexual orientation.

Hence a coalition of men and women of many communities has come together tonight to give voice to our concern and to bear witness to our commitment in the fight against this cruel disease. The purpose of this Walk is threefold:

**We wish to memorialize the men, women and children who have died of AIDS**

**We testify to our support and concern for those now afflicted with AIDS  
in all the communities of our cities and towns**

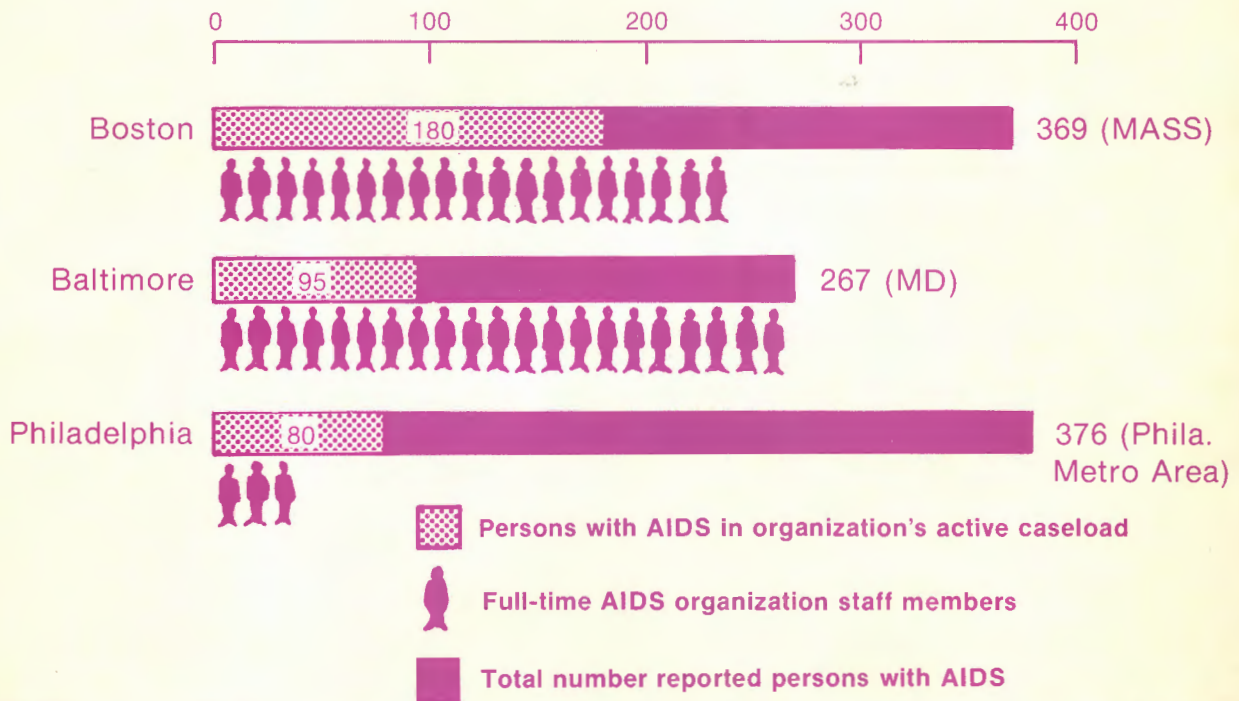
**We appeal for increased funding from Philadelphia and Pennsylvania  
to help in the struggle to save lives**

**Thursday September 25, 1986 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**

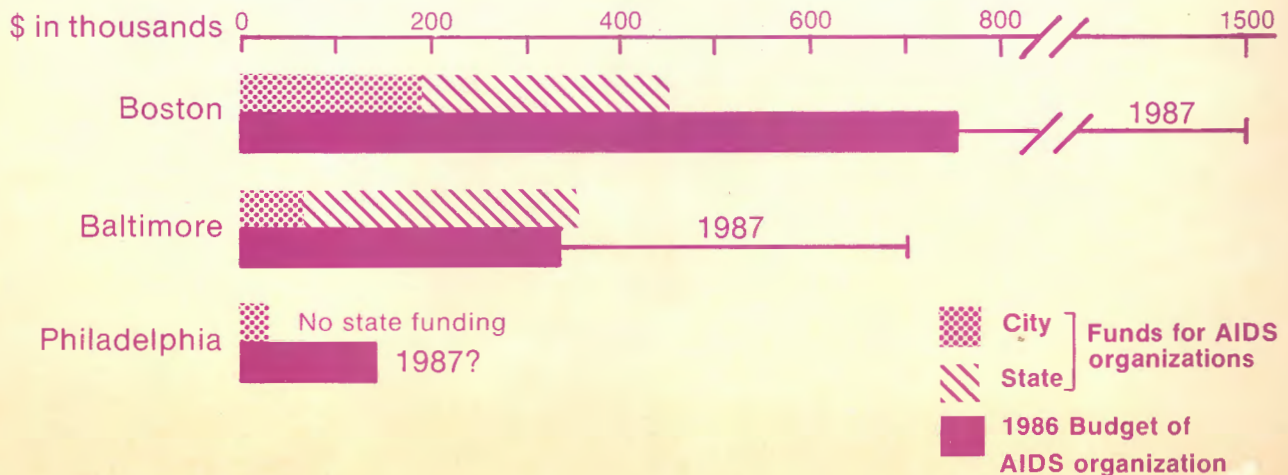
We are gathered in sadness and in rage, with a clear moral and political agenda. While the city of Philadelphia has spent some Federal money on AIDS surveillance, its support for efforts to help victims of AIDS and to educate the community clearly falls short of the tremendous need. The graphs below demonstrate that although the number of people with AIDS in Philadelphia is similar to other East Coast cities, the level of funding here is substantially lower. The State of Pennsylvania's contribution has been even less.

We lift our voices to proclaim that AIDS is a disease that effects everyone. Agencies responsible for the public welfare must respond with much greater vigor. Contact your elected representatives this fall as budgets are being prepared. Let them know what their priority should be. Lives depend on it.

### Comparison of AIDS-Organization Staff with Total Reported Cases and Persons Served



### Comparison of 1986 Funding for AIDS Organizations from City and State Sources, with AIDS Organizations' Budgets



## Schedule for the Candlelight Walk for AIDS

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- 6:30 to 7:30 Gather at the State Office Building  
Let the state know that their support of the fight  
against AIDS has been woefully inadequate!
- 7:30 to 8:30 Candlelight Walk to JFK Plaza via Spring Garden St.,  
the Franklin Parkway, 15<sup>th</sup> St. and a symbolic encirclement of City Hall  
Let the city know there is much more they can do!

8:30 to 9:30 **Rally and Testimony**

**Ed Diehl**, Program Chair and Master of Ceremonies  
Vice President and chair of Public Relations Committee,  
Philadelphia AIDS Task force (PATF)

**Rabbi Linda Holtzman**, Congregation Beth Ahavah

**Ms. Edith Bushman**

**Combined Members of Philadelphia Choirs Including the Following:**

**Anna Crasis Women's Chorus**

**Spruce Street Singers**

**Philadelphia Gay Men's Chorus**

**Metropolitan Community Church Chancel**

**Dignity of Philadelphia Choir**

**"Triumph" - a gospel choir**

**Dr. Nicholas Ifft**, President, Philadelphia AIDS Task Force

**Theodore Johnson**, Minority Outreach Coordinator, PATF

**The Honorable Angel Ortiz**, at-large member Philadelphia City Council

**The Honorable Babette Josephs**, representing District 182,  
Pennsylvania House of Representatives

**R. Lorraine Hassan, R.N., C.I.C.**, Executive Director, BEBASHI  
Vice President, Philadelphia AIDS Task Force

**Anna Forbes**, Support Services Coordinator

**Person with AIDS**

Other Speakers to be Announced

Signing for the hearing impaired by Mark Pranter

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**—We Have Today—**

Arrangement by the Program Committee

Everyday, we have today  
Just today, we have today  
And always, we have today  
We have today, we have today

Todo el día, tenemos hoy  
Solo hoy, tenemos hoy  
y siempre, tendremos hoy  
Tendremos hoy, tendremos hoy

**We are deeply grateful to the many people who helped make this event possible. Special thanks go to Heshie Zinman, whose tireless commitment and compassion is an inspiration to all.**

**The following organizations and individuals are endorsers of the Candlelight Walk**

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Au Courant Newsmagazine                                                 | NARAL — PA                                      |
| CHOICE                                                                  | National Coalition of Black Lesbians and Gays   |
| *Feminists In Solidarity With the Central American and Caribbean People | Pennsylvania Prison Society                     |
| Frontrunners/Philadelphia                                               | Penguin Place, Gay and Lesbian Community Center |
| Gay and Lesbian Activists for Peace and Social Justice                  | Philadelphia All Peoples Congress               |
| *Giovanni's Room Bookstore                                              | Planned Parenthood Southeastern Penna.          |
| *Integrity/Philadelphia                                                 | *SICIA (South Intracity Improvement Assoc.)     |
| Senator Roxanne H. Jones                                                | George A. Smith                                 |
| Hon. Babette Josephs                                                    | Southeastern Penna. Black Nurses Association    |
| Walter J. Lear, President ISMCH                                         | Tabernacle Lutheran Church                      |
| Lesbian and Gay Library of Phila.                                       | *Shirley Ferrell                                |
| Lesbians and Gays at Penn                                               | United Methodist Metro Ministries, Inc.         |
| Les Femmes Unies                                                        | Larry K. Waltz                                  |
| *The Rev. John F. Leser, Rector, Calvary Episcopal Church, Germantown   | Women's Agenda                                  |
| Metropolitan Community Church of Phila.                                 | Women's Law Project                             |
| Sandra A. Mills, West Phila. Concerned Citizens                         | Womanspace                                      |
|                                                                         | Wooden Shoe Books                               |
|                                                                         | *Contributed financially                        |

**We wish to heartily thank the following individuals and businesses for their financial contribution to the Candlelight Walk**

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| <b>The Abbey Haircutters</b><br>419 S. 20th St.            | <b>Latimer Deli</b><br>255 S. 15th St.              |
| <b>Bike Stop</b><br>206 S. Quince St.                      | <b>The New Prelude</b><br>New Hope                  |
| <b>Bread &amp; Roses Community Fund</b><br>1427 Walnut St. | <b>Ozzie Weber Ltd.</b><br>225 Church St., no. 61   |
| <b>Chancellor Athletic Club</b><br>200 S. Camac St.        | <b>The Phlia. Gay Business Assoc.</b>               |
| <b>Diner On The Square</b><br>19th & Spruce Sts.           | <b>The Philadelphians MC, Inc.</b>                  |
| <b>Fingernails Inc.</b><br>2015 Walnut St.                 | <b>Pocono Warriors</b>                              |
| <b>Framing By Walter</b><br>2016 Walnut St.                | <b>The Restaurant ... This Is It</b><br>Reading, PA |
| <b>Rev. Kevin Johnson</b><br>ECS Chaplaincy Services       | <b>The Raven</b><br>New Hope                        |
|                                                            | <b>Venture Inn</b><br>255 S. Camac St.              |
|                                                            | <b>Equus - Key West - Bloomies</b>                  |

Due to printing deadline these lists are incomplete. Contributions are still being accepted for the Candlelight Walk. All funds are being placed in a special account and any surplus after the costs are met will go to support the fight against AIDS, as appropriated by the CANDLELIGHT WALK Central Planning Committee.

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The Philadelphia AIDS Task Force P.O. box 7529 Phila., PA 19101  
office: 215/545-8686 HOTLINE: 215/732-AIDS

- I enclose a tax exempt contribution for the Candlelight Walk  
 I am interested in volunteering; please get in touch with me.

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