

# BE THE GENERATION

TO END THE AIDS EPIDEMIC

**BTG News**

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## From the Editor

Thirty-five years ago, in 1988 we celebrated the very first World AIDS Day. Thirty-five years is longer than I have been alive, and I often find myself thinking about the people who were around at the very beginning, many of whom are still working towards ending the HIV/AIDS epidemic to this day. A whole lifetime of outreach, research, empathy and dedication. While we haven't ended the epidemic quite yet, we have made incredible strides towards that goal. Thirty-five years ago, if you were diagnosed with HIV or AIDS, the conversation between you and your provider would be very different than the conversations taking place now, and in another thirty-five years, providers may not even be having these conversations with patients anymore.

Thank you to everyone who has read each of our 2023 Be the Generation newsletters, and a special thanks to our three wonderful network partners who have provided updates for myself and all our readers! These quarterly releases wouldn't be possible without our subscribers and partners, and I look forward to all the breaking news we will be privy to in 2024.

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The HPTN 096 Peer Support program team is happy to announce the selection of the community-based organizations. We will be partnering with the following organizations in each of their respective communities: The Normal Anomaly (Dallas), The Center for Health Empowerment (Dallas), and Montgomery Pride United (Montgomery, Ala.). The team is excited to work with these organizations and expand the Peer Support Program in these communities.



(Left to Right): Sharron Moore-Edwards, Terell McIntyre, Sara Hardin, Caleb Brown, Jason Brock



HPTN 096 study team members supported the 2023 South Florida Black Pride event on October 4-8, hosted by the South Florida Afro Pride Federation, which serves as the Fort Lauderdale Health Equity Lead Organization (HELO) for the HPTN 096 Health Equity component. The four-day event included a networking mixer, a film festival, a masquerade award reception, a Pride in the Park Festival, and more. (Left to Right): Sharron Moore-Edwards, Jason Brock, Dr. LaRon Nelson, and Jonathan Paul Lucas.



HPTN 096 study team participated in the Ujima Conference from October 13-15. As a sponsor, the HPTN 096 study team facilitated an exhibit booth to highlight the study, showcase ongoing engagement activities, and connect with other organizations, attendees, and stakeholders. In addition, HPTN Community Program Managers CaTiffany Griswold and Martine Harrington-Powell and the HPTN 096 team presented their abstract, "An Equitable Lens: What Advocacy Looks Like." (Left to Right): Sara Hardin, CaTiffany Griswold, and Ramses Frederick.



HIV VACCINE  
TRIALS NETWORK

### **HIV Vaccine Trials Network (HVTN)**

HVTN has no major updates to report, they are however requiring for their upcoming TB studies at various sites across the US so if you are interested in participating please keep an eye out for recruitment!



## International Maternal Pediatric Adolescent Aids Clinical Trials (IMPAACT):

The past several weeks have been busy for the IMPAACT Network! Check out a couple of our latest updates:

- The IMPAACT Network held its Annual Meeting from 22-27 October 2023 in Washington, D.C. This hybrid event brought together nearly 1,000 researchers, staff, community advocates, NIH sponsors, and pharmaceutical partners to discuss ongoing research, upcoming studies, and ideas to improve how studies are conducted. You can check out the meeting's recordings, presentations, and photos by visiting our website.



- IMPAACT 2034, a study evaluating pretomanid in children with drug-resistant tuberculosis, enrolled its first participant. The study continues to enroll eligible participants at IMPAACT research sites in South Africa and Thailand, with additional sites planned in Brazil, India, and Tanzania. Stay connected! Follow the IMPAACT Network on Facebook, X (formerly Twitter), and LinkedIn (@IMPAACTNetwork). Visit our website to learn more and subscribe to our quarterly newsletter.



## Office of HIV/AIDS Network Coordination (HANC)

HANC is pleased to share these updates and other resources:

- [Be the Generation website](#): the best place to go for trustworthy information on biomedical HIV prevention research. Features sections on PrEP, U=U, Microbicides, HIV vaccine research, inspiring videos from researchers and community members, and even a quiz to test your knowledge of HIV prevention research.
- The [H=H Podcast](#): The podcast that centers on the 'Human' in 'HIV.' This podcast is sponsored by the HANC Legacy Project and presents content on the human side of research, featuring scientists, community members, and affirming communities disproportionately affected by HIV.
- [Webinar Library](#): a collection of over 30 of our webinar recordings on topics such as Monkeypox, HIV & race, HIV & women, HIV genetic sequencing, HIV & aging, outreach & marketing, Native Americans & HIV, microbicides research, pregnancy & lactation in HIV research, HIV in the Latinx community, community engagement, and more.
- [Transgender Training Resources Homepage](#): the Division of AIDS at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases has put all its amazing resources related to research with transgender communities in one place. All resources are free; you may just need to create a free account if you don't have one already.

