As the month of September moves along, I can’t help but reflect on 2023. I find myself thinking “where has the time gone?” over and over. This year has been filled with so many ups and downs yet there is still much to celebrate. Anyone who was able to attend the annual U.S Conference on HIV/AIDS knows the theme this year was A Love Letter to Black Women. When reflecting on this theme I can’t help but think of one Black Woman in particular, the Queen herself, Beyoncé. The Bee Queen is taking the country by storm on her Renaissance World Tour, centered on her Renaissance album which she dedicated to her beloved Uncle Johnny who passed from complications of his HIV/AIDS diagnosis. When Beyoncé accepted the GLAAD Media Award’s Vanguard Award in 2019 she stated “He lived his truth. He was brave and unapologetic during a time when this country wasn’t as accepting. And witnessing his battle with HIV was one of the most painful experiences I’ve ever lived. I’m hopeful that his struggle helped to open pathways for other young people to live more freely. LGBTQIA rights are human rights.”

As 2023 winds down I am grateful for people like Uncle Johnny who continue to live their truth no matter how difficult it becomes.

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HIV Prevention Trials Network (HPTN)

The 2024 HPTN Annual Meeting takes place at the JW Marriott on 14-18 June 2024 in Washington, D.C. We are planning for an in-person meeting with a virtual participation option for those unable or who choose not to attend in person. The Annual Meeting will feature several plenaries, presentations, and discussions regarding HIV prevention research and interactive question and answer sessions.

You can visit the [HPTN Annual Meeting webpage](#) for updates.

HIV Vaccine Trials Network (HVTN)

HVTN is excited to announce their annual meeting is upcoming in Seattle, WA from October 16-18! Registration is open now.

International Maternal Pediatric Adolescent Aids Clinical Trials (IMPAACT):

We are excited to be featured for the first time in this newsletter as International Maternal Pediatric Adolescent AIDS Clinical Trials (IMPAACT) Network! We are a global network of researchers, clinicians, and community advocates dedicated to improving the health and well-being of infants, children, adolescents, and pregnant and postpartum people affected by HIV and other infectious diseases.

We have approximately 25 active studies across more than 50 global research sites. Some of these include evaluating injectable HIV treatment options in children and adolescents (IMPAACT 2017/MOCHA and IMPAACT 2036/CRAYON), testing oral HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis during pregnancy (IMPAACT 2009), evaluating methods to improve mental health and medication adherence among youth living with HIV (IMPAACT 2016), evaluating new medicines for children with drug-resistant tuberculosis (IMPAACT P1108,
IMPAACT 2005, and IMPAACT 2034), and studying early intensive treatment to achieve HIV remission (IMPAACT P1115).

This research is critical because HIV and other infectious diseases disproportionately affect pregnant and postpartum people, children, and adolescents, especially in low- and middle-income countries. Through our research, we work to advance the science and practice of pediatric and maternal HIV care and treatment and to improve health outcomes for these populations around the world.

We invite you to visit our website to learn more about our organization, our research, and our mission. You can also follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn (@IMPAACTNetwork). Together, we can make a difference in the lives of those affected by HIV and associated complications.

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.

**Important Dates**

June 3-7: [HPTN Annual Meeting](#) in Washington, DC and virtual

June 5: [HIV Long-Term Survivors Awareness Day](#)

June 8: [National Caribbean American HIV/AIDS Awareness Day](#)

June 12-15: [ACTG Annual Meeting](#) in Washington, DC and virtually

June 19: [Juneteenth](#)

June 27: [National HIV Testing Day](#)

July 14: [International Non-Binary People’s Day](#)

August 20: [Southern HIV/AIDS Awareness Day](#)

August 29: [National Faith HIV/AIDS Awareness Day](#)