

NO Condoms as Evidence!



In San Francisco and other cities across the US, possession of condoms, condom wrappers and conversations about safe sex are

used as evidence against sex workers to justify arrest for prostitution and prostitution related charges. The routine use of condoms as a tool to violate our basic human right to protect ourselves from HIV and sexually transmitted infections, as well as prevent unwanted pregnancies, is unjust and counter to sound public health. On July 17th, the Human Rights Watch will be releasing a report on this human rights abuse. To read more about the project, visit: <http://condoms.stjamesinfirmary.org>

St. James Gets a NEW Saint

In April 2012, our Executive Director, Naomi Akers, was sainted by the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence for her 17 years of work in the field of HIV prevention, healthcare advocacy and sex worker rights. This honor by the Sisters recognizes Naomi's 10 years of work at the Infirmary. Congratulations to "Saint Hos Up"!

DOUBLE DOWN FOR HEALTHCARE MATCHING GRANT CAMPAIGN

St. James is launching our newest fund-raising campaign. Our generous, anonymous donor will match up to \$5,000 of funds we raise from now until the end of September. Your donation TODAY or over the next three months will be DOUBLED. Please support our critical work. You can: send us a check to the address (top right), make a PayPal donation on our website, or invite one of your friends to make a donation!

St. James Infirmary turned 13 on June 4, 2012!

In the last 13 years, we have provided over 20,500 healthcare visits, 14,000 NEX contacts, and over 25,000 outreach contacts to uninsured and low-income sex workers and their families in the bay area. All of these fabulous, peer-based services are free of charge thanks to the support of our wonderful donors and dedicated staff and volunteers. Thank you for 13 years of support and service.

SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS A SEX WORKER MEDIA CAMPAIGN

"Who deserves respectful health care? Everyone does. St. James Infirmary provides non-judgmental care to all sex workers."



Sex workers' rights are human rights.



In keeping with our philosophy that social stigma contributes negatively to the health and wellness of sex workers, we've been working on a public education campaign titled, "Someone You Know is a Sex Worker" in October 2011. The campaign included a large poster on the side of Muni buses for a month and the development of original agency posters and postcards for sale at events and on our **WebStore**.

The initial rejection of the campaign by CBS Outdoor and Clear Channel was a great opportunity for us to increase our visibility. Our ad campaign and the controversy around the words "sex worker" got us a significant amount of press.

Furthermore, our campaign was recently nominated by the Global Network of Sex Work Projects (NSWP) for a consultancy to the World Health Organization (WHO) in collaboration with UNFPA, UNDP, and NSWP. In January, 2012, Stephany Ashley traveled to Montreaux, Switzerland to present our media campaign to WHO. The consultation aims to identify and document strategies to address violence faced by sex workers in the context of HIV. This consultation aims to develop WHO guidelines on addressing violence against sex workers in the context of HIV.

The biggest impact is that we all feel so proud of the work we do and having it highlighted in these special ways really reinforces how amazing and unique our clinic is. Congrats are in order to everyone who worked on this campaign and to generous donors like you who sponsored printing the posters!

Events and Happenings with St. James Infirmary



- June 16, Saturday 8pm-2am – St. James' 13th Anniversary Party @ Wild Side West, 424 Cortland Ave, SF
- June 21, Thursday 7-9pm – Escort Book Launch Party & Exhibition with Dot aka Tom Schmidt fundraiser for St. James @ 2286 Market St., SF
- June 23, Saturday 5-11pm – Pink Saturday in the Castro Volunteer to raise \$\$\$ for SJI (see website to sign up)
- June 24, Sunday 11am-6pm – Pride @Booth G9 (Grove & Larkin Sts, SF). Volunteer or come out and buy a drink! (see website to sign up)
- July 22-27: SJI Presents @ International AIDS Conference, Washington DC
- July 29: Up Your Alley Fair (Sign Up to Volunteer)
- September 23: Folsom Street Fair (Sign Up to Volunteer)