

**The Time to Remember...The Time to Know...The Time to Act...Is Now!**



## Southern Colorado AIDS Project

For more than 20 years, the Southern Colorado AIDS Project has provided comprehensive and individualized care to men, women and children in southern Colorado who are living with HIV/AIDS. Today, S-CAP provides HIV specific programs and services in a **25 county** area of southern Colorado.

Within the service area, **nearly 1,200 people** have been identified by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) as **living with HIV/AIDS**. It is estimated that an additional 300-500 individuals are HIV positive, in southern Colorado, but are not aware of their health status.

Seventy two (72) % of the current S-CAP client base resides in El Paso County, 19% in Pueblo and Fremont Counties. The remaining 9% reside in counties located in the San Luis Valley and eastern plains of Colorado. **Nearly 60% of the clients live at or below 100% of the Federal Poverty Line. In 2009 S-CAP distributed over \$300,000 in emergency financial assistance helping with medical co-pays, rental assistance, food, dental care and more.**

S-CAP is involved in several HIV educational prevention efforts. One of the most visible programs is the HIV/AIDS Speakers Bureau. **Last year, S-CAP volunteers and staff provided presentations to more than 3,000 young adults in the Pikes Peak region.** S-CAP also provides specialized programs for high risk populations such as the MPACT program.

S-CAP is licensed by the state of Colorado to provide HIV testing. **During 2009, about 40 percent of all individuals being tested at S-CAP were young women under the age of 25.**

All services are free and provided by a professional staff of 6 certified medical case managers, 2 prevention staff members, 2 administrators and 2 support staff. S-CAP is managed by a volunteer board of directors. It was incorporated as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization in 1986. S-CAP has been a member of the Pikes Peak United Way since 1992.