

# AIDS about AIDS 1996

## Conference Agenda

### February 15

5-7 p.m. Registration  
7:15 p.m. Introductions and welcome  
8:30 p.m. MTV's The Real World

### February 16

8:15 a.m. Continental breakfast  
9 a.m. AIDS 101  
11 a.m. Lunch  
12 Noon Workshop I

#### Workshop options:

- Bobby Hackett: *Service on College Campuses*
- Ben McFadyen: *Volunteerism 101*
- Kelly Smith: *AIDS in the Workplace*
- CDC: *National AIDS Hotline and Resources*

1:30 p.m. AIDS Quilt Panel Dedication

3:30 p.m. Workshop II

5 p.m. Dinner

7 p.m. Panel Discussion: Living with AIDS

8:30 p.m. Speaker: Demetri Moshoyann

### February 17

7 a.m. Continental Breakfast

8 a.m. Warm Up, Ready, GO!

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Day of Service

#### Service options:

- AIDS outreach on local college campuses with Triad Health Project
- The production of an AIDS awareness video
- The repair of a home for HIV+ people with HOME of Guilford College
- Collection of groceries for Urban Ministries for distribution to people living with AIDS

6 p.m. Speaker: Mohammed Bilal

### February 18

8:30 a.m. Speaker: Rev. Linda Fulton

10:15 a.m. Buffet Brunch

11:15 a.m. Closing Reflections

Young people are taking action against AIDS to ensure that youth action is informed and directed, students at Guilford College established AIDS about AIDS. This student learning conference on AIDS has provided information and inspiration to young people across the eastern United States. Now AIDS about AIDS 1996 conference goes national. Students across the country are its invited.

## Life in the closet

MOLLY MARTIN  
guest writer

*Um, hi. I'm Molly Martin and I'm looking for the AIDS about AIDS office.*

*Well, you found it.*

This is an office? No, I thought, *this* is a closet.

The people seemed harmless enough, though, so I stuck around that closet . . . and have been working in that "office" ever since.

When Mark Ferguson first approached me about working on AIDS about AIDS '96, I was thrilled. I attended my first AIDS awareness event when I was eleven, and the cause has not been able to get rid of me since then.

When I came to Guilford, I had hopes of finding others with similar concerns. I never dreamed that I would find a national conference. Had I stumbled into an after-school special? Did people actually do this?

They do. They also work incredibly hard at it.

I found out, after about one week as one of the two service-day coordinators, that the conference was not for the weak of heart. Late-night phone conferences,

panic attacks, paper cuts and dealing with the often stubborn "outside world" were just a few of the perks. In fact, there have been several times in the four months since I joined AIDS about AIDS that I have seriously thought about pulling out a shotgun in the post office or doing something equally horrific.

Why haven't you seen me on America's Most Wanted? My co-workers have saved me. I found that someone would always be there to help finish a job, to listen, to scream with or whatever was needed. The people with whom I share the privilege of organizing the conference keep me together.

Their presence reassures me that there will always be people to battle the virus. There will always be people who refuse to be bullied by red tape. There will always be people who care.

That is what this Guilford student has taken back from the AIDS about AIDS closet every night.

Something wonderful is going to happen on campus February 15-18. It is something that all of us in AIDS about AIDS—all of Guilford in fact—can be proud of every day.



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THE WHOLE PREMISE IS TO TELL PEOPLE THAT AIDS AFFECTS EVERYONE, REGARDLESS OF WHAT THEY DO OR THINK OR BELIEVE. IT WILL TAKE ACTION AND AWARENESS FROM EVERYONE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

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