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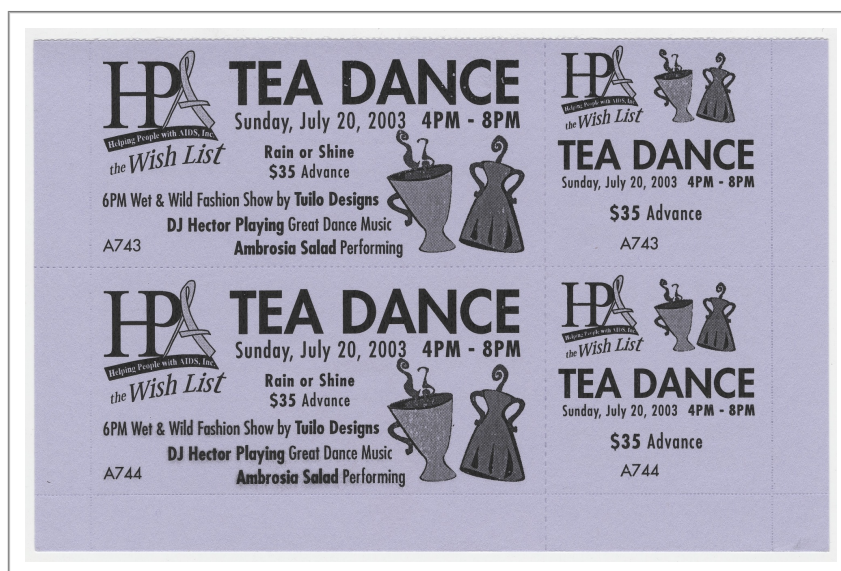
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## Guide to Helping People With AIDS Records

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
<b>Title:</b>	Helping People with AIDS (HPA) Records
<b>Date:</b>	1989-2010, undated
<b>Identifier:</b>	NMAH.AC.1283
<b>Source:</b>	Tompkins, Tim (Former owner) Genesee Valley Gay Alliance (Donor)
<b>Creator:</b>	Meyers, Dan (Attributed name) Helping People With AIDS Parisella, Neil (Creator) Algozer, Jerry (Attributed name)
<b>Extent:</b>	2.5 Cubic feet (8 boxes)
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Summary:</b>	The records of Helping People with AIDS, a non-profit, charitable organization located in Rochester, New York that was active 1986-2003.

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

These records were donated by the Gay Alliance of the Genesee Valley, Rochester, New York, 2012.  
An addendum was donated in 2019.

### Related Materials

#### Materials in the Archives Center

John Manuel Andriotte *Victory Deferred* Collection, 1901-2008, undated (AC1128)

Division of Science, Medicine, and Society, HIV and AIDS Reference Collection, 1979-2006, undated (AC1134)

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Collection, 1942-2012, undated (AC1146)

World AIDS Institute Collection, 1986-2012, undated (AC1266)

Servicemembers Legal Defense Network Records, 1975-2011, undated (AC1282)

### Processing Information

Originally processed by Pat Finnerty, archival consultant, for the Gay Alliance of the Genesee Valley under a grant from New York State. Additional arrangement by Erin Molloy, volunteer, August 2012; supervised by Franklin A. Robinson, Jr., archives specialist. 2019 Addendum processed by Franklin A. Robinson, Jr., archives specialist, August 2019.

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## Biographical / Historical

This history was provided by Evelyn Bailey of the Gay Alliance of the Genesee Valley, Rochester, New York. "In August, 1986 a group of concerned citizens organized to raise money for Rochester area AIDS patients. The community-wide committee was represented by actively interested business people. At the time Dr. William Valenti, a member of the "Helping People With AIDS" committee and a doctor at Strong Memorial Hospital's Infectious Disease Clinic, said "this committee has been established to raise funds for immediate aid for uninsured AIDS persons." The goal that year was to raise money to hire a full-time nurse-practitioner for the clinic at Strong Memorial Hospital.

The committee held three private parties which raised just over two-thousand dollars. Future plans included: the sale of *Bob Damron's Guide to the USA*; a series of raffles with prizes from flowers to theatre tickets to Baccarat crystal; two nights of the upcoming Gay Men's Christmas concert focused on Helping People With AIDS; Halloween party. On Saturday, September 27, 1986 the first Dining For Dollars was held. Friends across the city hosted small dinner parties for six to ten guests with cocktails and dinner for a twenty dollar donation to Helping People With AIDS. At 9:30 pm all dinner hosts and guests gathered at Village Gate for dessert, cocktails, entertainment and a raffle. This first "Dining For Dollars" as were all those that followed, was non-exclusive to the gay population of Rochester, but rather was a community wide event. The organizers of the first Dining For Dollars, Dan Meyers, Jerry Algozer and Dr. William Valenti, declared the event an unqualified success. Close to nineteen-thousand dollars was raised to benefit the AIDS Clinic at Strong Memorial Hospital. The money raised was used to pay for medication and medical treatment for patients who were otherwise unable to do so. At the time HPA was also paying for expensive prescriptions which in some cases cost one hundred dollars or more per month. Members of the community volunteered time, talent and money to plan the second Dining For Dollars held on Saturday, September 26, 1987 at Midtown. Neil Parisella, one of the founding members of Dining For Dollars, approached his very good and close friend, Nancy Delancey, Director of Marketing for Midtown, with the idea of holding the event at Midtown. Nancy pursued it with management and the rest is history. Midtown donated props/displays and staff to put it together. John Haldoupis did the design work and Gary Sweet donated the liquor. The event raised thirty-one thousand dollars. HPA fundraising was off to a great start! By 1992, a quarter million had been raised. In 1995, Dining For Dollars X moved to the Rochester Riverside Convention Center. Success after success brought HPA's seventeen year fundraising total close to one million dollars. By 1991, a Wish List Fund had begun. This was a fund dedicated to fulfilling the needs of people with AIDS. A wish could be anything from a trip that never was, to a television set that many of us took for granted, to providing money for veterinary care for a favorite pet. The Wish Fund List was born out of a need in the community to provide people that were living with AIDS, because of the astronomical medical costs at the time, with money for the little things in life that added to the quality of their life. The fund could be accessed once a year for up to one hundred dollars. The Wish List Fund was maintained by funneling ten percent of the money raised from Dining For Dollars into it.

Prior to 1992, all of the donations collected were given to the AIDS Clinic at Strong Memorial Hospital for direct treatment and distribution. As of 1992, HPA handled the distribution which insured that the money was disseminated

to as many organizations as possible who were working with infected HIV people. In the beginning of the epidemic, Strong was the care giver and care provider for people with HIV. The increase in AIDS cases drastically changed the picture. By 1992, there were a full range of agencies in a nine county area that served people with HIV and who benefitted from the money that Dining For Dollars raised. By 2003, AIDS had become a disease that you could live with. The treatments and drugs were constantly improving. Funding for AIDS organizations was flowing through the pipeline, and there was less and less need in the community for financial support for people with HIV. In November 2003, the HPA Board, chaired by Tim Tompkins, voted to dissolve the corporation and donate the remaining funds to AIDS Rochester. For the seventeen years of its existence, Helping People With AIDS gave the Rochester community a way to fight this deadly disease and respond to the crisis with hope. HPA gave many people with HIV a sense of dignity and a quality of life they would not have had without the Wish List. The Rochester community owes all of those who were involved with HPA a debt of gratitude for the care and compassion it showed to people with HIV."

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## Scope and Contents

These records were originally in the possession of Tim Tompkins, last chairman of the HPA Board and reflect primarily his years of involvement with HPA. Many of the HPA Records document the funding and administration of The Wish List project and fundraising for the organization during the time of his chairmanship. There is very little material covering the early days of the organization. Wish List files contain materials on finances, fundraisers, and the actual applications that persons would fill out to become a Wish List recipient. All information of a personal nature has been redacted or was retained by the donor.

These records were originally processed by Pat Finnerty, archival consultant, for the Gay Alliance of the Genesee Valley under a grant from New York State. Additional description and arrangement were done by Erin Molloy, Archives Center volunteer, August 2012. 2019 Addendum processed by Franklin A. Robinson, Jr., archives specialist, August 2019.

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## Arrangement

This collection is divided into five series:

### **Series 1, Organizational Materials, 1989-2004, undated**

Subseries 1, Business records, 1989-2003, undated

Subseries 2, Minutes, 1996-2004, undated

Subseries 3, Wish List materials, 2000-2003

### **Series 2, Correspondence, 2002-2003**

Subseries 1, Business, 2003

Subseries 2, Thank You letters, 2002

### **Series 3, Financial Materials, 1998-2009, undated**

Subseries 1, General, 1998-2004

Subseries 2, Wish List finances, 1999-2003, undated

Subseries 3, General, 2000-2009

Subseries 4, 2002-2003

Subseries 5, Fundraising materials, 2002-2003

### **Series 4, Events, 2001-2004**

Subseries 1, *A Closer Walk*, 2001-2004

Subseries 2, Hollywood and Wine, 2001

Subseries 3, Hollywood and Wine, 2002

**Series 5, 2019 Addendum, 1989-2010**

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## Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

### Subjects:

- AIDS (Disease)
- AIDS (Disease) -- Prevention
- HIV/AIDS awareness
- Politics -- New York (N.Y.)
- advertising -- Food

### Names:

- AIDS Rochester
- Delancey, Nancy (Director of Marketing for Midtown)
- Genesee Valley Gay Alliance
- Strong Memorial Hospital
- Tompkins, Tim
- Valenti, William, Dr.

### Places:

- New York
- Rochester (N.Y.)

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## Container Listing

### Series 1: Organizational Materials, 1989-2004, undated

#### Subseries 1.1: Business records, 1989-2004, undated

Box 1, Folder 1	Board roster, undated
Box 1, Folder 2	Board roster, 2003 February 25
Box 1, Folder 3	Mission statement, undated
Box 1, Folder 4	Bylaws, 2003
Box 1, Folder 5	Letter of intent, 2002
Box 1, Folder 6	General materials, 1996-2001, undated
Box 1, Folder 7	General materials, 1989-2003, undated
Box 1, Folder 8	General materials, 2001-2003, undated
Box 1, Folder 9	Nominating committee, 2003
Box 1, Folder 10	Hartness, Charles, undated
Box 1, Folder 11	Bowles, John, press kit, 2003
Box 1, Folder 12	Bingo committee, undated
Box 1, Folder 13	Web site, 2003

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#### Subseries 1.2: Minutes, 1996-2004, undated

Language: English.

Box 1, Folder 14	Minutes, 1996 - 2000
Box 1, Folder 15	Minutes, 2002
Box 1, Folder 16	Minutes, 2003 January 13
Box 1, Folder 17	Minutes, 2003 February 10

Box 1, Folder 18	Minutes, 2003 March 10
Box 2, Folder 1	Minutes, 2003 April 10
Box 2, Folder 2	Minutes, 2003 May 8
Box 2, Folder 3	Minutes, 2003 June 9
Box 2, Folder 4	Minutes, 2003 July 14
Box 2, Folder 5	Minutes, 2003 August 11
Box 2, Folder 6	Minutes, 2003 September 8
Box 2, Folder 7	Minutes, 2003 October 13
Box 2, Folder 8	Minutes, 2003 November 10
Box 2, Folder 9	Minutes, 2003 December 8
Box 2, Folder 10	Minutes, 2004 January 5
Box 2, Folder 11	Board roster, undated

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**Subseries 1.3: Wish List materials, 2000-2003, undated**

Box 2, Folder 12	General materials, 2000
Box 2, Folder 13	Work in progress, 2003
Box 2, Folder 14	Action list form, undated
Box 2, Folder 15	Application form, undated
Box 2, Folder 16	Applications and spreadsheets, 2002
Box 2, Folder 17	Applications and spreadsheets, 2003
Box 2, Folder 18	Artwork, 2003, undated
Box 2, Folder 19	Board roster, undated



Box 3, Folder 1

Applications and requests granted, 2003

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## Series 2: Correspondence, 2002-2003

### Subseries 2.1: Business, 2003

Box 3, Folder 2	Correspondence to Helping People with AIDS, 2003
Box 3, Folder 3	Correspondence from Helping People with AIDS, 2003
Box 3, Folder 4	Bulk mail permit, 2003
Box 3, Folder 5	Kwasman mailing, 2003

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### Subseries 2.2: Thank You Letters, 2002

Box 3, Folder 6	Thank you letters to sponsors, Hollywood and Wine II, 2002
Box 3, Folder 7	Thank you letters received, 2002

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## Series 3: Financial Materials, 1998-2009, undated

### Subseries 3.1: General, 1998-2004

Box 3, Folder 8	General materials, 1998 - 2000
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Box 3, Folder 9	General materials, 1999 - 2002
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Box 4, Folder 1	General materials, 2000 - 2003
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Box 3, Folder 10	Close-out of funds, 2004 January
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### Subseries 3.2: Wish List Finances, 1999-2003, undated

Box 4, Folder 2	Financial disbursements, 2003
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Box 4, Folder 3	Paid and recorded, 1999 - 2003
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Box 4, Folder 9	Wish List check register and blank checks, [2001?], undated
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### Subseries 3.3: General, 2000-2009, undated

Box 5, Folder 1	Solicitation examples, 2000 - 2002
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Box 5, Folder 2	Holiday contacts, 2002
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Box 5, Folder 3	General materials, 2002 - 2003
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Box 5, Folder 4	Artisan Works, 2003
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Box 5, Folder 5	Boat trip, 2003
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Box 5, Folder 6	Boat cruise, 2004
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Box 5, Folder 7	Drag queen fundraiser, undated
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Box 5, Folder 8	Gay Alliance of the Genesee Valley Pride Picnic, 2003
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Box 5, Folder 9	National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) Vaccine Research Initiative, 2009
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Box 5, Folder 10	March luncheon, 2004
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Box 5, Folder 11	Pain of Silence, 2003
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Box 5, Folder 12	Raffle, undated
Box 5, Folder 13	Starmakers, 2003
Box 5, Folder 14	Take a Paddle to AIDS, 2003
Box 5, Folder 15	<a href="#">Tea Dance, 2003</a>
Box 5, Folder 15	<p><a href="#">Tea Dance [flyer], 2003</a>  1 Item (Ink on paper.; 11.2" x 8.6")  Sponsor: Helping People With AIDS  Language: English.  Notes: AC1283-0000001.tif (AC Scan No.)  Tea Dance fund raiser advertisement, color, Rochester, New York, 2003. Two dancing cartoon figures include a teacup. Text continues: "Performance by Ambrosia Salad / Dance music by D.J. Hector / Wet and wild fashion show by Tulio Designs" ... Dance location at 2570 East Avenue. Sponsored by Scott Miller.</p> <p>Topic: Fund raising  Dance parties  HIV and AIDS  AIDS (Disease)</p> <p>Place: Rochester (N.Y.)</p>
Box 5, Folder 15	<p><a href="#">Tea Dance [tickets], 2003, 20 July 2003</a>  2 Items (Ink on paper.; 4.7" x 7.1")  Sponsor: Helping People With AIDS  Language: English.  Notes: AC1283-0000002.tif (AC Scan No.)  Tickets for Tea Dance fund raiser, Rochester, New York, 2003. Two dancing cartoon figures include a teacup. Text continues: "Rain or Shine / Wet and wild fashion show by Tulio Designs / DJ Hector playing great dance music / Ambrosia Salad performing."</p> <p>Topic: Fund raising  Dance parties  HIV and AIDS  AIDS (Disease)</p> <p>Place: Rochester (N.Y.)</p> <p>Genre/Form: Tickets  Cartoons (humorous images)</p>

#### Subseries 3.4: Grants, 2002-2003

Box 4, Folder 4	Grant requests, 2002
Box 4, Folder 5	Grants approved, 2003

### Subseries 3.5: Fundraising materials, 2002-2003

Box 4, Folder 6                      Donations and responses, 2002 - 2003

Box 4, Folder 7                      Mailer and phone calls by board, 2003

Box 4, Folder 8                      Fundraising, 2003

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## Series 4: Events, 2001-2004

### Subseries 4.1: *A Closer Walk*, 2001-2004

Box 6, Folder 1	General materials, 2001-2003
Box 6, Folder 2	General materials, 2002-2004
Box 8, Folder 1	A Closer Walk, 2003
Box 8, Folder 2	A Closer Walk, excerpts, 2003

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### Subseries 4.2: Hollywood and Wine, 2001

Box 7, Folder 1	General materials, 2001
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### Subseries 4.3: Hollywood and Wine II, 2002

Box 7, Folder 2	General materials, 2002
Box 7, Folder 3	General materials, 2002
Box 7, Folder 4-7	Photographs and negatives, 2002

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## Series 5: 2019 Addenda, 1989-2010

**Scope and Contents:** This addendum was donated by the Gay Alliance of the Genesee Valley in 2019. The addenda consists of copies of original HPA incorporation and eventual dissolution papers in Tim Tompkins possession. There are copies of board meeting minutes, financial documents, and a file on the bequest of Kenneth G. Robinson. Tompkins currently retains the originals of these documents.

Box 8, Folder 3	Organizational meeting minutes, 1989-05-22
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Box 8, Folder 4	Incorporation documents, 1989
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Box 8, Folder 5	First annual meeting minutes, 1989
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Box 8, Folder 6	Board meeting minutes, 1989
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Box 8, Folder 7	Financial, 1986-2008
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Box 8, Folder 8	Correspondence, 1995
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Box 8, Folder 9	Annual filing for charitable contributions, 2004-2008
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Box 8, Folder 10	Estate of Kenneth G. Robinson, 2008
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Box 8, Folder 11	Dissolution paperwork, 2010
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