

HOPE Cape Town commemorates World AIDS Day 2018 in Dallas, USA.

The short visit to Dallas in November 2018 opened up a new opportunity for continued revitalizing engagement with all stakeholders. Directors Joe and Shirley Kunzmann travelled from New Jersey to join the Dallas-based directors Auntjuan Wiley and Stacie Greskowiak-McNulty and the pair from Cape Town, South Africa – Rev Fr Stefan Hippler and Marlene Whitehead.

Abigail Erikson, CEO of Bryan's House and Shannon Hendricks gave an in-depth description of the services provided at Bryan's House for children with special needs. Earlier in 2018 HOPE Cape Town and Bryan's House formalized a partnership and on this occasion some time was spent developing the framework for a joint research project.

"Bringing us together to end AIDS" was the United Nations' theme for World AIDS Day 2018 and the group participated in a variety of activities, two of which were coordinated by Auntjuan 'Mr Community' Wiley – a luncheon and entertainment at the House of Blues, and a memorial service and award ceremony at the Central Congregational Church.

Partner organization the Cathedral of HOPE invited HOPE Cape Town as one of the exhibitors at the Resource Fair/Agency Expo. It was a privilege to mingle with the other exhibitors and to participate in the Program of Remembrance and Recommitment to HIV/AIDS that was held in the magnificent cathedral. The following day the directors were warmly welcomed to the Sunday worship service followed by a partner meeting with senior pastor Neil Cazares-Thomas.

During this week a formal Board Meeting was held and the directors had the honor of being introduced to baby Jordan McNulty. A delightful evening was spent with Canon Ted Karpf who had the audience captivated with his stories. Ted had worked tirelessly in HIV/AIDS ministry in Dallas and left in 1999 to spend five years developing the Anglican Church's response to HIV/AIDS in Southern Africa. Thereafter he worked for the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland and at Boston University until retirement.



Abigail Erikson CEO of Bryan's House Dallas with HOPE Cape Town USA directors Fr Stefan Hippler, Shirley Kunzmann, Stacie Greskowiak, McNulty, Joe Kunzmann



Cathedral of HOPE World AIDS Day 2018 Remembrance and Recommitment to HIV AIDS Service



HOPE Cape Town Director Shirley Kunzmann with the World AIDS Day poster 2018



HOPE Cape Town display at Cathedral of HOPE on World AIDS Day 2018



HOPE Cape Town USA and Canon Ted Karpf



HOPE Cape Town USA Director Auntjuan Wiley presenting at a commemoration service for World AIDS Day



Rev Fr Stefan Hippler meets Baby Jordan McNulty for the first time