

Making Every Step Count: 2025 AIDS Walk Highlights

Care2Prevent participated in the annual AIDS Run/Walk again this year. As a CommunityDirect partner, our team gets back 90% of the funds raised, which we will use for community group programming. Hundreds of people turned out on a beautiful Saturday in late September to celebrate successes and to honor those we've lost.

This year the University of Chicago team was able to raise nearly \$20,000. Care2Prevent's fundraising efforts included our legendary bake sale, which completely sold out this year for the first time. The carrot cake made by our very own Karen Lee was so popular, she was commissioned to make a specialty pan!

In the past, AIDS Walk funds have been used to bring CPR and food safety certification trainings to clients in addition to self-care activities like a ceramics workshop, making lip balm and paint 'n sip.

With the funds raised from this year's walk, our team will bring additional educational and engagement activities to our community groups.

Donations are accepted through November 14th, so if you haven't yet donated, it's not too late!



Demetrius Davenport in front of the poster presented at the retreat

C2P Attends BSD Impact and Action Retreat

In September, members from the Outreach and Prevention team attended the BSD Impact and Action Retreat, presenting a poster on *Meeting People Where They Are*, which highlighted the importance of community outreach to

achieve meaningful change.

This work is done through collaborations with different community agencies and street outreach on the Comer Children's Hospital mobile unit.

The team shared the connections we've made with over 20 community organizations and spoke about the value sexual health education has brought to youth in particular.

Over the past 2.5 years, the testing team has conducted nearly 80% of our testing activities out in the community, truly reaching people where they are.

New Choices for HIV Prevention

In the absence of an effective cure for HIV, biomedical prevention therapies continue to evolve. In June 2025, the FDA approved injectable lenacapavir (LEN; marketed as Yeztugo) as HIV PrEP, administered every 6 months.



Two randomized controlled clinical trials demonstrated 100% effectiveness in HIV prevention and informed this recommendation. The CDC PrEP Guidelines Working Group published clinical guidance for use of injectable LEN in September 2025 which can be found [here](#).

We have trained 24 medical assistants to administer injectable LEN at Friend Health Cottage Grove and will begin prescribing to our communities next month.

Contact us for an appointment today to learn more about injectable methods of HIV prevention: c2preferalls@bsd.uchicago.edu.



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