



5th  **GILEAD** | COMPASS
INITIATIVE®
ANNIVERSARY
Celebration

Meharry Medical College
Cal Turner Family Center
1011 21st Ave N.
Nashville, TN 37208
August 18 - 20, 2023

Gilead COMPASS Initiative®

5th Anniversary

The purpose of the 5th anniversary celebration is to highlight the impact of the Gilead COMPASS Initiative®, celebrate the success of the funded partners & amplify the transformations that have been made in the US South.

Throughout the weekend, participants will:

- Learn how the Gilead COMPASS Initiative® has made an impact on the HIV/AIDS landscape across the US South by working toward the following 10-year goals:
 - Goal 1: Improve access to and quality of health care services for people living with HIV (PLWH) in the US South
 - Goal 2: Increase local leadership and advocacy in the US South
 - Goal 3: Change public perception of HIV/AIDS in the US South
- Learn different avenues to build capacity for HIV services in the US South
- Explore best practices implemented by Southern organizations for HIV prevention and care services
- Understand the advocacy needs of Southern CBOs in the current political climate/environment
- Network with CBOs doing HIV Prevention and Care work in the US South
- Learn how artistic expression can be used as a form of education and advocacy to address HIV in the US South
- Understand the importance of faith in addressing HIV, HIV stigma, care and prevention in the US South

FRIDAY

AUGUST 18, 2023

12:00pm - 5:00pm	Registration (1 st floor, Cal Turner Family Ctr)
3:00pm - 5:00pm	Pre-Conference Session - Advocacy Forum
5:00pm - 8:00pm	Welcome Reception and Artist Showcase

SATURDAY

AUGUST 19, 2023

8:00am - 9:00am	Registration (1 st floor, Cal Turner Family Ctr)
8:00am - 9:00am	Breakfast
9:00am - 11:30am	Opening Plenary
11:45am - 12:45pm	COMPASS Partner Workshops
1:00pm - 3:00pm	Awards Luncheon and Journal Release
6:00pm - 6:45pm	Cocktail Hour
7:00pm - 10:00pm	Gilead COMPASS Initiative® "Change Makers" Celebratory Gala

SUNDAY

AUGUST 20, 2023

10:00am - 1:00pm	Inspirational Brunch
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Meharry Medical College, Cal Turner Family Center , Auditorium (2nd Floor)

Advocacy Forum

Friday, August 18

3:00PM - 5:00PM

The kick-off event will bring together Gilead COMPASS Initiative® partners, federal and state leaders, and Tennessee advocates to discuss crucial policy and advocacy matters for the upcoming legislative session. TN-based CBOs will also share their experiences and involvement in HIV advocacy within their communities and strategies for others to engage in policy and advocacy initiatives within their respective states.

Opening Remarks and Welcome

Will Ramirez, Director of Public Policy & Advocacy
Southern AIDS Coalition

Panel Discussion I: Tennessee Celebration - Advocacy Victories and Best Practices

Speakers: Tennessee Advocates

Mia Cotton, Friends for All
Amna Osman, Nashville Cares

Panel Discussion II: Perspectives on HIV Advocacy in the South

Speakers: Regional Advocates

Jessie Claudio, Latinos in the South
Timothy Santamour, Florida Harm Reduction Collective
Matt Martin, North Carolina AIDS Action Network (NCAAN)
Dr. Nathan Cisneros, The Williams Institute at UCLA School of Law

Audience Questions and Discussion

Summary, Future Outlook, and Upcoming Advocacy Events

Closing Remarks

Meharry Medical College, Cal Turner Family Center, Atrium and Auditorium

Artist Showcase

Friday, August 18

5:00PM - 8:30PM

This event highlights Gilead COMPASS Initiative® partner projects that address the 10-year goals of COMPASS and their dissemination efforts through the arts. Experience the artistic expression of partners who have helped change the public perception of HIV in the South. Heavy hors d'oeuvres and cocktails will be served.

5:30PM - 6:15PM Opening Remarks and Welcome

Darwin Thompson, Director, Public Affairs, Corporate Giving
Gilead Sciences, Inc.

COMPASS Artist Introductions

6:15PM - 8:00PM Auditorium

Video Screenings, Background Intros From Funded Partners, and Artist Talk

6:15PM - 6:40PM Kevin Anderson and John Nickols, The T.R.U.T.H. Project, Inc.

6:45PM - 7:05PM Rev. Dr. Sande Bailey, Foundations for Living

7:10PM - 7:20PM Lauryn Whitney, Authentic Voices Global

7:25PM - 7:45PM You Shall LHiV 2:Zero - Monologue

6:15PM - 8:00PM Atrium (2nd Floor)

6:15PM - 8:00PM Emilio Apontesierra-Paretti

6:15PM - 8:00PM Freda Jones, LOTUS

6:15PM - 6:25PM The Wordmatician, The Arts Advocate

6:30PM - 6:40PM Larry Scott-Walker, Thrive SS

6:45PM - 6:55PM Darren "Levi Thee Great" Cooper, The Mahogany Project

7:00PM - 7:10PM Orisha Bowers, Orixia Healing Arts Wellness & Spiritual Centre

7:15PM - 7:25PM Tyvion Roberts, Thrive SS

7:30PM - 7:40PM Love Latonia, Jackson Medical Mall

Meharry Medical College, Cal Turner Family Center Ballroom

Breakfast and Opening Plenary

Saturday, August 19

9:00AM - 11:30AM

The opening plenary highlights the impact and outcomes of the Gilead COMPASS Initiative's® first 5 years through the lens of the COMPASS Partners, special guests and Coordinating Center staff.

Breakfast

Opening Remarks

Marcus Stanley, Master of Ceremonies
University of Houston Graduate College of Social Work
SUSTAIN Wellbeing COMPASS Coordinating Center

Gilead Welcome

Darwin Thompson, Director, Public Affairs, Corporate Giving
Gilead Sciences, Inc.

Greetings from Gilead

Rashad Burgess, Vice President, Advancing Health and Black Equity
Gilead Sciences, Inc.

COMPASS Highlights

Speaker: HIV in the South

Rev. Edwin Sanders II, Senior Servant and Founder
Metropolitan Interdenominational Church

Video: 5 Years, 5 Voices

Partner Reflections: The Impact of COMPASS

Rev. Dr. Sande Bailey, Foundations for Living
Elias Diaz, Eagle Pass SAFE
Reggie Smith, Reginald and Dionne Smith Foundation
Ian Haddock, The Normal Anomaly
Tatiana Williams, Transinclusive Group

The Impact of COMPASS

COMPASS Initiative® Implementing Partners

Meharry Medical College, Cal Turner Family Center Classrooms

Workshops/Breakout Sessions

Saturday, August 19

11:45AM - 12:45PM

These sessions provide an opportunity for Gilead COMPASS Initiative® Partners to showcase the impact of their work, projects, and share lessons learned through their participation in the initiative.

GLAAD Media Institute | Auditorium

Helping Everyone Receive Ongoing and Effective Support (HEROES) - Columbia, LA | Room 212

Monica Johnson, Executive Director

Helping Everyone Receive Ongoing Effective Support

Fundación Latinoamericana De Acción Social, Inc (FLAS) - Houston, TX | Room 201

Elia Chino, Executive Director

Fundación Latinoamericana De Acción Social, Inc.

Vision Community Foundation - Atlanta, GA | Room 307

Bishop OC Allen, III, Chief Executive Officer

Tonyka McKinney, DrPH, MPH, Chief Business Officer and Director of Programs

Vision Community Foundation

Central Alabama Alliance Resource and Advocacy Center (CAARAC) - Wetumpka, AL | Room 203

Shakita B. Jones, MPA, MSW

Meharry Medical College, Cal Turner Ballroom

Awards Luncheon and Journal Release

Saturday, August 19

1:00PM - 3:00PM

This event will celebrate the release of the 5th Year of the Gilead COMPASS Initiative® Supplement Issue, **The Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved (JHCPU)**, and to highlight the impact, successes and wins of the initiative archived in history. Participants will hear from select featured authors who will discuss their publication.

Welcome

Mardrequis Harris, Deputy Director
Southern AIDS Coalition

President's Welcome

Paul Juarez, Ph.D., Professor of Family & Community Medicine
Meharry Medical College School of Medicine

Introduction of Speaker

Mardrequis Harris, Deputy Director
Southern AIDS Coalition

Keynote Speaker

CAPT John Oguntomilade, BDS, MPH, Ph.D., National Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) Initiative Coordination Lead
U.S. DHHS, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH) Office of Infectious Disease and HIV/AIDS Policy (OIDP)

Journal Reveal: The Gilead COMPASS Initiative®: Transforming HIV in the U.S. South by Building Capacity & Bridging Gaps

Dr. Allison Mathews, Executive Director
Wake Forest University School of Divinity
COMPASS Initiative® Faith Coordinating Center

Journal Highlights: Community Partner Briefings

Charles Stephens, Counter Narrative Project
Ivy Hill, Gender Benders
Larry Walker-Scott, Thrive SS
Dr. Latrice Pichon and Daniel Thompson, University of Memphis School of Public Health

Awards Ceremony

Mardrequis Harris, Deputy Director
Southern AIDS Coalition

"In Memoriam"

Proclamation from City of Nashville

Sharon Hurt, Council Member At Large
Nashville City Council

Closing Affirmation

Meharry Medical College, Cal Turner Ballroom

Cocktail Hour and COMPASS "Change Makers" Gala

Saturday, August 19

6:00PM - 10:00PM

The "Change Makers" Gala will celebrate the success of the first 5 years of the Gilead COMPASS Initiative®. Participants will share reflections about addressing HIV in the south and the impact of the COMPASS Initiative®, while enjoying food, entertainment and fellowship with our community.

Welcome

Candis Cox, , Emory COMPASS Advisory Board Chair

Invocation

Dr. Shonda Jones, Principal Investigator
Wake Forest University School of Divinity
COMPASS Initiative® Faith Coordinating Center

Dinner

Performance

Nykema Childs
Ki'Ari Chiles

COMPASS Reflections by COMPASS Partners and Friends

Performance

Kyla Jade
3rd Place Finalist, The Voice 2018

Closing Comments

Candis Cox, , Emory COMPASS Advisory Board Chair

After Party

Music by DJ Trap
Nashville, TN

Meharry Medical College, Cal Turner Ballroom

Inspirational Brunch

Sunday, August 20

10:00AM - 1:00PM

A closeout celebration centering the first 5 years, a time for reflection, and an inspirational charge of commitment for the next 5 years.

Welcome	Chris Mathews, Capacity Building & Technical Assistance Manager Emory University COMPASS Coordinating Center
Opening Remarks	Dr. Shonda Jones, Principal Investigator Wake Forest University School of Divinity COMPASS Initiative Faith Coordinating Center
Invocation	Dr. Raja G. Bhattar, Wake Forest Faith Advisory Council Bhattar Coaching and Consulting Group
Brunch	
Musical Performance	Michelle Prather / Nate Bean and 4Given
Introduction of Speaker	Justin Lofton, Training Manager Southern AIDS Coalition
Proclamation	Bishop Dr. Darnell Gooch, Jr. Pastor/CEO Cathedral of Praise Church of Memphis, Inc.
Musical Performance	Michelle Prather / Nate Bean and 4Given
You Shall LHiV 2 ZERO	<i>A theatrical production that gives voice to the most vulnerable within the LGBTQ community through song, dance, and monologues. ZERO educates and empowers LGBTQ individuals and their allies with the knowledge of biomedical advancements that help stop the spread of HIV regardless of race, sex, or socio-economic status - we can get to ZERO HIV transmissions and STOP the STIGMA of HIV.</i>
Musical Performance	Nate Bean and 4Given
Closing/Benediction	Rev. Dr. Sande Bailey, Founder and Executive Director Foundations for Living