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Aids Assistance Program Announces 2014 'Evening Under The Stars' Honorees

Contributions of community heroes to be recognized at 21st annual gala

AIDS Assistance Program announced the honorees to be lauded at the 21st annual Evening Under the Stars gala, which will take place on Saturday, May 3, 2014, at 5:30 PM at the O'Donnell Golf Club in Palm Springs. The honorees include: James Houston and Harold Matzner (Jeanette Rockefeller Humanitarian Award), Dr. John Stansell (Gloria Greene Inspiration Award), Steve Kaufer (Joanna Jakway Community Hero Award), and Rabbi Sally Olins and Joyce Shampeny (Herb Lazenby Community Service Award). For more about this year's honorees, see below.

"Each of these individuals exemplifies the meaning of giving, and they have all been instrumental in helping to shape our organization and allow us to grow over the years," says Mark Anton, CEO/

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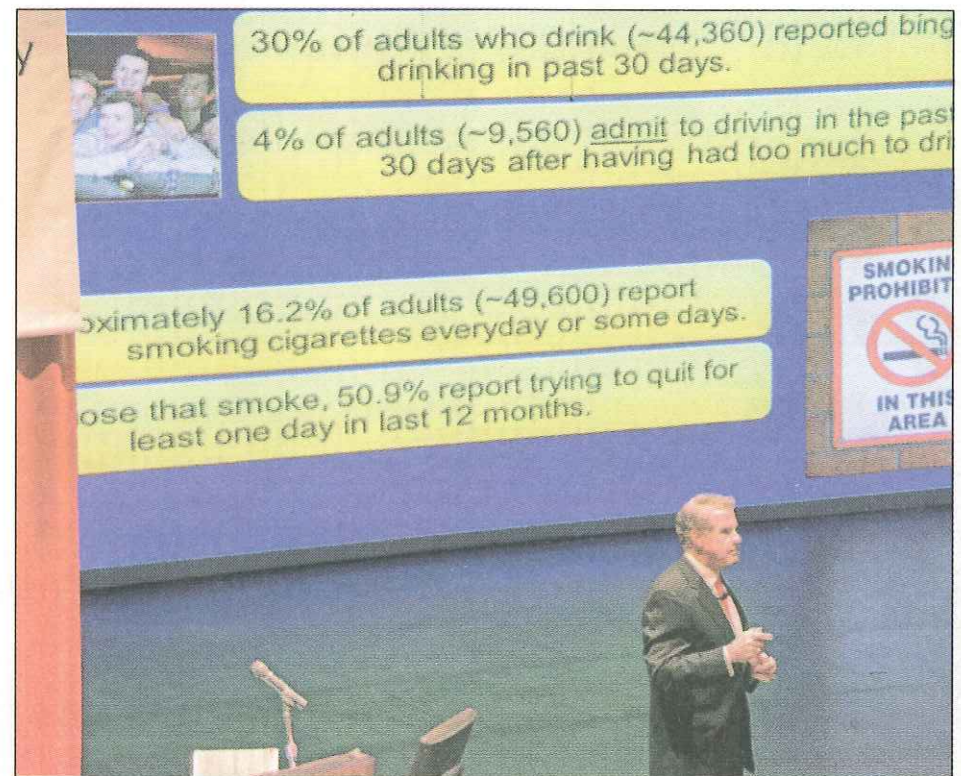
HARC's 2003 Health Monitor survey shows more CV children living in poverty

BY KEN ALAN

The Health Assessment Resource Center's (HARC) third, triennial Coachella Valley Community Health Monitor (CHM) presents some startling results.

Released last month, the detailed 133-page document is used primarily by healthcare, government and nonprofit agencies in their strategic planning and grant writing efforts, according to CEO Eileen Packer. "Within two hours of the data release, we already received notice that one local nonprofit had used the data to bolster a funding request. This accurate, up-to-date information will hopefully help dozens of local organizations to prioritize needs, address gaps in services, and obtain funding to improve the health of the Coachella Valley community," she said.

The detailed survey is unique in California. "The only other similar report is the California Health Interview Survey which is done only on a county-level," she said, noting that the health needs of the Coachella Valley are very different from those in the more urban areas of Riverside County. The report is freely available online at www.HARCdata.org.



Dr. Glen Grayman, president of HARC, on stage at the Indian Wells Theatre on the CalState San Bernardino Palm Desert Campus for the data release event of the Community Health Monitor 2013 Executive Report. The slide behind him shows data gathered on drinking and smoking habits of adults 18 and older who live in the Coachella Valley

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