



Since 1988, HIV/AIDS Regional Services (HARS) has been a leader in providing service user advocacy and innovative, high quality services for people living with, at risk of or affected by HIV/AIDS.

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HARS is participating in the 2020 Queen's SGPS referendum process and needs 25 signatures to be eligible to participate.

Please show your support of SouthEastern Ontario's leader in HIV/AIDS support and Harm Reduction services.

HARS has enjoyed a long relationship with the Queen's community over the past thirty years.

Student fees from the SGPS and AMS notwithstanding, HARS still maintains close ties with Queen's. Our 2019-2020 board includes two Queen's students (one undergrad, one graduate student), as well as a Queen's staff members. We also employed a Queen's Graduate Student this year to coordinate our M4M Sexual Health programming on a contract basis.

HARS has partnered with various University departments and groups over the past year. Our staff are regular presenters at the School of Medicine, School of Kinesiology, and other departments presenting content related to HIV/AIDS, Social Determinants of Health, Harm Reduction, Sexual Health, as well as Gender and Sexuality.

In addition, HARS has enjoyed a long relationship with the Sexual Health Resource Centre (SHRC)

Together we have hosted the Kinkston Carnival fundraising event committee for the past ten years. We enjoy opportunities to collaborate with the SHRC as our work is very complimentary.

HARS regularly welcomes Queen's students for educational placements as well as for research studies.

In 2019-2020, HARS has undertaken a new, multi-year initiative on "Re-defining Sex Positivity in the Era of #MeToo and #TimesUp" which will serve to assist organizations who do sexual health education and who provide support to individuals as well as individuals who want to build their confidence in contracting healthier sexual interactions. This initiative, while led by HARS staff, has been dependent on the great work of students and faculty from a number of departments at Queen's.

SGPS contributions:

Funds collected from student fees within the Society of Graduate and Professional Students Council (SGPS) directly assist those living with HIV/AIDS through various programs such as assistance with treatment, nutrition, medical devices, travel to appointments, child care, dental care etc. Most of our service users live below the poverty line so we try to assist them in their day to day living so that they can focus on living as well as possible with HIV. SGPS fees also assist in covering the costs of the many drop in services we have for individuals.

HARS has been grateful for the SGPS ongoing contributions to support our agency's work for the Queen's community and the community -at-large.