Hepatitis Testing Day: Caring Ambassadors Hepatitis C Program

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In observance of Hepatitis Awareness Month, I am posting to this blog daily, highlighting websites and organizations that are doing remarkable work educating the public, raising awareness, and making a difference in the lives of those affected by viral hepatitis. I suggest you visit each site, and find out what they are doing, how you can stay informed, and possibly help with their efforts.

When thinking about blogging every day for Hepatitis Awareness Month, I wrestled with what organizations to begin with, and most importantly, who to feature on Hepatitis Testing Day, which is today. I chose the Caring Ambassadors Hepatitis C Program because this organization embodies action, and in particular hepatitis C testing. For instance, they provide a map of hepatitis C testing sites. It's wonderful to see all those dots on their map.

Want to host a hepatitis C testing event in your area? The Caring Ambassadors Hepatitis C Program provides information to help with that. Want some advocacy tools? Click here for a hepatitis C advocacy toolkit.

There is so much more, such as other cool maps and tools on their site. Be sure to check out S.H.A.P.E. They provided me with literature and liver awareness coffee sleeves so I could conduct a hepatitis awareness campaign in my community. I had no money in my budget, and they provided everything.

Randy Dietrich established the Hepatitis C Program, but in my mind, Lorren Sandt is the hub of the organization. Jill Wolf came onboard in the past few years, and these two women are doing amazing work, along with the rest of the staff. If you do nothing else today, visit this site and admire their work. Then roll up your sleeves and get involved.

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