



Indianapolis's Damien Center Opens New Headquarters for HIV Wellness

Damien Center in Indianapolis unveiled a three-story facility that will expand its HIV and supportive services.

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The Damien Center, the largest [HIV](#) and [AIDS](#) service organization in Indiana, expanded its lifesaving HIV services with a new three-floor headquarters located in the Near East Side of Indianapolis.

The Damien Center was established in 1987 in response to the local AIDS crisis. Today, the center continues to offer quality health care for thousands of [Indiana](#) residents affected by HIV and their families.

“Last year, our staff across all of our programs served more than 11,000 unique people. It’s crazy that we had that many people come in and out of that small building. So in this building, we will be able to serve, we think, 25,000 unique people,” Damien Center president and CEO [Alan Witchey said at a press conference, according to WFYI.org](#). “That is extraordinary.”

The three-floor headquarters, known as the Mosaic building, spans nearly a whole city block in the Near Eastside. The Mosaic building will help expand the Damien Center’s supportive services, including HIV [prevention](#) and [testing](#), [mental health](#) services, [pharmacy](#) and medical clinic access, housing assistance, legal services and more.

“All of these things we really couldn’t do in the early years because people were not surviving for very long,” Witchey told WRTV.

Thanks to effective HIV treatment and care, there are more long-term HIV survivors than ever. In fact, more than half of people living with HIV in the United States [are ages 50 and older](#).

Still, there were approximately 12,781 people living with HIV in Indiana in 2022, according to

[AIDSVu data](#). That same year, more than [600 people were diagnosed](#) with HIV, and 100 people were diagnosed with AIDS.

Witchey said the center represents the progress made to ensure people living with HIV can live long lives.

Like many other leaders of HIV health care centers and nonprofits in the United States, Witchey and his colleagues are concerned about the potential impact of President Donald Trump's proposed funding cuts for [HIV research](#), prevention and intervention services.

Witchey expressed gratitude for the donors, funders, crews and board and committee members who made the new headquarters possible.

"We are not backing down. We are going forward. We are expanding the work we're doing. We are here for the community to support and prop up, to end HIV and to eliminate health disparities for LGBTQ+ communities," Witchey said.