

Media Advisory

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Health District to Participate in 15th Annual World AIDS Day

WHAT

The 15th annual observance of World AIDS Day, December 1, 2003. Conceived and adopted in 1988 by representatives of 140 countries at the World Summit of Ministers of Health on AIDS, World AIDS Day serves as an opportunity for governments, non-governmental and local organizations, AIDS programs and individuals to demonstrate solidarity in the fight against AIDS.

The Clark County Health District will mark the day with comments from Dr. Donald Kwalick, chief health officer for the health district, Dr. Josh Valdez, the Region IX director of the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services and Rick Reich, supervisor of the health district Office of AIDS. Topics will include the global fund to fight HIV and AIDS, President Bush's emergency plan for AIDS relief, HIV/AIDS funding, the Mother and Child HIV Prevention Initiative and a history of the health district Office of AIDS

WHEN

Monday, December 1, 2003 (see attached schedule)

WHERE

Clark County Health District
625 Shadow Lane
Las Vegas, NV 89106

... and at other locations (see attached schedule)

WHY

This year's theme, "Live and Let Live," continues the focus on lessening the HIV and AIDS related prejudice. Recognized as major factors fueling the global HIV epidemic, stigma and discrimination create a climate of fear and a reluctance to confront rising infection rates.

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**World AIDS Day, December 1, 2003
Schedule of Events**

Clark County Health District, Clemens Room

Welcome

Dr. Donald Kwalick, Chief Health Officer
Topic: World AIDS Day history
9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

Speaker

Dr. Josh Valdez, Region IX Director, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Topics: Global fund to fight HIV/AIDS
President Bush's emergency plan for AIDS relief
HIV/AIDS funding
Mother and child HIV Prevention Initiative
9:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Speaker

Rick Reich, Clark County Health District Office of AIDS Supervisor
Topic: Office of AIDS history
10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

Questions

10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Other Locations

UNLV Campus

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Names Project Quilt Display
Living Quilt Display
Faces of Courage
Silent Silhouettes
HIV Testing
Art Exhibit by Local Artists Living With HIV/AIDS
HIV/AIDS Community Health Fair

UNLV Campus, Pida Plaza

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Candlelight Vigil

Christ the King Catholic Community Church (4925 S. Torrey Pines Drive)

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Candlelight Vigil - AIDS Interfaith Ministries

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