

Media Advisory

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District to Participate in Local Observance of 16th Annual World AIDS Day Memorial quilt displays and awareness events planned throughout week

WHAT The 16th annual observance of World AIDS Day is December 1, 2004. 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 join Aid for AIDS of Nevada (AFAN) and the Clark County Coalition of HIV/AIDS Service Providers in several events throughout the week of World AIDS Day.

WHEN November 29, 2004 – December 3, 2004 (see attached schedule)

WHERE Various locations (see attached schedule)

WHY This year's theme, "Have You Heard Me Today," focuses on women and girls living with HIV/AIDS. In Clark County, 504 women are currently living with HIV infection and 558 women are known to be living with AIDS.

Local events will observe the progress made in battle against the epidemic, discuss challenges that remain and remember those lost to the disease.

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**World AIDS Day, December 1, 2004
Schedule of Events**

Memorial Quilt/Living Quilt/Artwork Display

Clark County Government Center Rotunda
500 S. Grand Central Parkway
Las Vegas, NV 89106
(702) 759-0726

November 29, 2004 - December 3, 2004
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

The Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt, the Silent Silhouettes, Faces of Courage, AFAN Living Quilt and artwork from local people living with AIDS will be displayed (except as noted by the Liberty High School event).

World AIDS Day Awareness Program

Liberty High School Campus
3700 Liberty Heights Avenue
Henderson, NV 89052
(702) 799-2270 x4074

December 1, 2004
7:00 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

The Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt will be displayed, and a campus-wide educational program will be conducted.

World AIDS Day Candlelight Vigil

AIDS Interfaith Ministries
Second Baptist Church
500 West Madison Avenue
Las Vegas, NV 89106
(702) 648-6155

December 1, 2004
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

World AIDS Day - First Friday

Aquires Complex
300 E. Charleston Boulevard
Las Vegas, NV 89104

December 3, 2004
6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.