

2011 World AIDS Day Events

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For questions concerning any of the events listed, please contact the event host.

Events are listed alphabetically in order of the date they are scheduled to occur.

NOVEMBER

Bering Omega Community Services

November 1 thru December 10, 2011 Salutations for a Cause Yogathon
Various Locations

Participating studios donate the proceeds of designated classes to Bering Omega and/or have collection boxes available for donations. Call 713-341-3763 for more information or go to www.beringomega.org or www.facebook.com/beringomega for a list of participating yoga studios.

World AIDS Day Proclamation

November 22, 2011 Harris County Commissioner's Court
9:30 a.m. 1001 Preston Avenue, 9th Floor, Houston, TX 77002

Harris County Judge Ed Emmett presents a World AIDS Day Proclamation to the Ryan White Planning Council. For more information call the Office of Support for the Ryan White Planning Council: 713 572-3724.

University of Houston

November 28, 2011 The Normal Heart
7:30 p.m. Stages Repertory Theater
3201 Allen Parkway Houston, TX 77019

To commemorate World Aids Day, Theatre New West will present a Staged Reading of *The Normal Heart* - Larry Kramer's explosive drama about the early days of the AIDS crisis, one of the best-known works to deal with the AIDS epidemic. The play will be followed by a discussion with Dr. Joseph Gathe, Legacy Community Health Services' Amy Leonard and U of H students. Tickets are \$25 each and proceeds benefit University of Houston LGBT Resource Center. For reservations, call Theatre New West at 713 522-2204.

DECEMBER 1

AIDS Foundation Houston

December 1, 2011 World AIDS Day Luncheon
11:00 a.m. Hilton-Americas Houston
1600 Lamar Street, Houston, TX 77010

AFH's 14th annual World AIDS Day Luncheon to honor and celebrate the lives of the men, women, and children living with HIV/AIDS. 2011 marks the 30th anniversary since the first published reports of the virus that we now know to be HIV/AIDS. Honoring Mayor Annise Parker, this year's luncheon is chaired by fashion designer Cesar Galindo and architects Fred Smith and Ken Newberry. Sponsored by Chevron Corporation.

For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact the Development Office at 713 623-6796 ext. 278, or visit www.aidshelp.org/WorldAIDSDay2011.

AAMA (Association for the Advancement of Mexican Americans)

December 1, 2011
8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. 204 Clifton Street, Houston, TX 77011

AAMA is offering free rapid HIV testing for World AIDS Day. For more information, please call 713 926-9491.

En observación de Día Mundial Del SIDA, AAMA estará ofreciendo pruebas de VIH gratis. Pruebas rápidas con resultados en 20 minutos. Para más información, por favor de hablar 713 926-9491.

City of Houston

December 1, 2011 Citywide Candlelight Observance
5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Tranquility Park, Downtown Houston
(or City Hall Rotunda, in case of inclement weather)

Houston Mayor Annise Parker, State Representative Garnet Coleman, musical performers, local celebrities and others participate in the city's Candlelight Observance, sponsored by multiple local AIDS service organizations. Candles will be provided by organizers, please do not bring your own.

Harris County Hospital District

December 1, 2011 Thomas Street Health Center
2015 Thomas Street, Houston, TX 77009

11:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Information Fair

12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. Tree of Remembrance: (weather permitting) A Christmas tree is placed outside the clinic and clients, clinic staff and the general public are asked to bring a Christmas ornament in honor of personal loved ones or friends who have passed away due to AIDS. Ornaments are placed on the tree and the tree remains standing through the end of December. Ornaments may be picked-up after the New Year in the Volunteer Office.

2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. 12th Annual World AIDS Day Program, 3rd Floor Conference Room

Houston Area Community Services (HACS)

December 1, 2011 Houston Area Community Services
9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. 2150 West 18th Street, Suite 300 Houston, TX 77018

Free rapid HIV testing. For more information, call 713 426-0027.

Houston GLBT Community Center

December 2011 Houston GLBT Community Center
1900 Kane Street Houston, TX 77007

The Center will display a selection of HIV/AIDS activism-themed quilts created by Mike Kelley through the month December. The Center is open Monday-Friday 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Legacy Community Health Services

December 1, 2011 Free HIV Testing
9:00 a.m.-6:30 p.m. 1415 California Houston, TX 77006

Free, confidential rapid HIV testing with results available in about 20 minutes. Health Educators are available to answer questions about risk factors for HIV and how to protect yourself and others. Referrals to services and counseling also available for anyone who tests positive for HIV.

Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center

December 1, 2011 HIV Testing for Veterans
9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. 2002 Holcombe Boulevard Houston, TX 77030

They take care of our country; now it's time to take care of them. There will be an information booth in the lobby with oral rapid HIV Testing available to veterans. www.houston.va.gov; 713 791-1411.

Montrose Counseling Center

December 1-31, 2011 Paper Chain of Remembrance
401 Branard Street, 2nd Floor Houston, TX 77006

A colorful art project to honor those affected/infected with HIV/AIDS, the Paper Chain of Remembrance will decorate Montrose Counseling Center's 2nd floor lobbies throughout December. Everyone is welcome to decorate a link with an inspiring message or in memory of someone we've lost to the disease. Each year, the chain grows as people give tribute to those who have been affected by HIV/AIDS.

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Montrose Counseling Center

December 1, 2011 Free HIV Testing
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. *3300 Montrose Blvd. Houston, TX 77006*

HIV testing via oral rapid HIV Testing, requiring no drawing of blood, at the recently remodeled “Disco Kroger.”

Transgender Foundation of America

December 1, 2011 Free HIV Testing
1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. *604 Pacific Street Houston, TX 77006*

Free HIV testing. www.tgctr.org

University of Houston

December 1, 2011
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. *4800 Calhoun (Entrance #1) Houston, TX 77004*

University of Houston’s Wellness Center and its student group, Cougar Peer Educators, are joining together for World AIDS Day. A display of two 12’ x 12’ sections of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt will be displayed in the UH Campus Recreation and Wellness Center as an artful reminder of those lost to HIV/AIDS. Other activities include health and wellness information booths and balloons with messages of students honoring those who have lost their lives to the disease. The event provides the UH community with the necessary resources to engage in effective prevention efforts and encourage students to utilize campus and community resources with regards to HIV/AIDS