

2016 World AIDS Day Events

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

Access Care of Coastal Texas

Nov 28 - Dec 2, 2016 Names Project Quilt Panel
707 23rd Street; Galveston, TX 77550

ACCT will host a quilt panel from the Names Project. The panel reflects our local loved ones and honors those that cared for them, dating back to as early as 1993. The film *The Last One* will also be on display.

December 1, 2016 World AIDS Day Observance

11:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. An Open House to view a history of HIV in the community as well as HIV testing.

5:30 p.m. World AIDS Day Proclamation presented by Galveston public officials, speakers from UTMB and candle light service by our memorial wall, with violinist accompaniment, and refreshments to follow. For more information contact Mark Hinson at (409) 763-2437.

African American State of Emergency Task Force

December 3, 2016 World AIDS Day Gala
6:30 p.m. *Deluxe Theater*
3303 Lyons Avenue; Houston, TX 77020

This year, the theme for World AIDS Day is "Leadership. Commitment. Impact." AASOETF believes that the Houston HIV community embodies this theme by the excellent prevention interventions being conducted within our communities on a daily basis. Therefore, AASOETF will be hosting a World AIDS Day Gala to honor those that work in the trenches of HIV prevention. This will be a celebratory night to show appreciation! Food, awards, entertainment; tickets are \$10. For more information, contact Ella at (903) 357-0385 or go to <http://tinyurl.com/nq7p5t8> to purchase tickets and RSVP.

AIDS Foundation Houston

December 1, 2016 World AIDS Day Luncheon
11:00 a.m. *Hilton Houston Post Oak*
2001 Post Oak Boulevard; Houston, TX 77056

The 2016 World AIDS Day Luncheon co-chairs, Bill Baldwin and Ernie Manouse, invite you to become an ally of our shared vision of the end of HIV: One Life at a Time. Your attendance at the 2016 World AIDS Day Luncheon will bring us closer to that goal. Join us at this year's luncheon generously presented by Chevron and featuring a keynote address by longtime HIV survivor and activist, founder of POZ magazine and director of the Sero Project, Sean Strub. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.aidshelp.org.

Black Lives Matter: Houston

December 1, 2016 World AIDS Day: A Celebration of Life
7:00 p.m. *Discovery Green*
1500 McKinney Street; Houston, TX 77010

Black Lives Matter: Houston hosts this celebration of life as a way to face the harsh reality that HIV and AIDS still affect communities of color and the rest of the nation in ways that must be addressed. These issues center on the lack of knowledge and education on HIV and AIDS, the stigma that comes from that lack of education, and the lack of testing in our communities. If we are to proclaim that #BlackLivesMatter, then we must matter to ourselves and on every level.

Fort Bend County HIV/STD Coalition

December 1, 2016 University of Houston - Sugar Land
1:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. GB Rotunda
14000 University Boulevard; Sugar Land, TX 77479

Free HIV and Syphilis testing in collaboration with Accesshealth, AIDS Foundation Houston, Ft. Bend County HHS, Just a Touch of H.E.L.P., St. Hope Foundation and the Texas Department of State Health Services. The first 200 people will receive a \$15 gift card.

Fundación Latinoamericana de Acción Social, Inc.

December 1, 2016 Consulado General de México en Houston
10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. 4507 San Jacinto Street; Houston, TX 77004

FLAS, Inc. and the Consulate General of Mexico invite you to a candlelight vigil "*Lights of Hope and Celebration of Life*". Join us as we celebrate and honor family, friends and loved ones who have died as well as those who live with this disease. For more information please e-mail Elia Chino, Executive Director: echino@flasinc.org or Kimmy Palacios: kpalacios@flasinc.org or call (713) 772-2366 or (713) 201-1602.

Guava Lamp

December 1, 2016 World AIDS Day Festival and Fundraiser
7:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. 570 Waugh Drive; Houston, TX 77019

Join Guava Lamp in the Official World AIDS Day Festival and Fundraiser benefiting AIDS Foundation Houston. There will be a special appearance by international male model Gabe LaDuke along with food, vendors, and free confidential HIV and free Syphilis testing. No cover, 21+, free on-site parking.

Harris Health System

December 1, 2016 Thomas Street Health Center
1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. 2015 Thomas Street; Houston, TX 77009

The 17th Annual World AIDS Day Observance *Living Beyond HIV/AIDS* will take place at 1:00 p.m. followed by the Tree of Remembrance Ceremony at 2:00 p.m. -- a Christmas tree is placed outside the clinic for clients, clinic staff and the public to place a Christmas ornament in honor of loved ones or friends who have passed away due to AIDS. The tree will remain up throughout the month of December.

Legacy Community Health

December 1, 2016 World AIDS Day Vigil
6:00 p.m. 1415 California Street; Houston, TX 77006

There will be a brief program where Ryan White Planning Council Chair and local HIV activist Steven Vargas will be honored with the L. Joel Martinez Award for his significant contributions to the HIV/AIDS community, followed by a reading of names and a walking candlelight vigil. If you have names you would like to honor and remember, please send them to jleo@legacycommunityhealth.org for the reading. <http://www.legacycommunityhealth.org/worldaidsday/>

Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center

December 1, 2016 HIV Testing and Information for Veterans
9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. 2002 Holcombe Boulevard; Houston, TX 77030

Free, rapid HIV testing available in the main lobby for Veterans as well as a table of HIV information. For more information please contact Chris at (713) 965-4483 or positive713@yahoo.com.

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Montrose Center

December 1, 2016 World AIDS Day Observance
7:00 p.m. *401 Branard Street, Room 106; Houston, TX 77006*

Free movie screening. The doors open at 7:00 p.m. and the movie starts at 7:30 p.m. For more information visit www.montrosecenter.org

Plymouth United Church

December 1, 2016 Service of Remembrance
7:30 p.m. *5927 Louetta Road; Spring, TX 77379*

The purpose of this special service is to remember the passing of those we have lost to HIV/AIDS, as well as to celebrate the strength and courage of those who are living with the disease. The service will include special music and a candlelight vigil. Everyone is welcome to attend this service, regardless of religious affiliation or beliefs. For more information, please call (281) 251-8147.

Resurrection MCC

December 1, 2016 World AIDS Day Prayer Vigil
12:00 p.m. *2025 West 11th Street; Houston, TX 77008*

In solidarity with others around the world, we will come together to remember all of our loved ones who have passed on due to the complications of HIV/AIDS, and provide an opportunity to witness our solidarity with those who are living with HIV/AIDS and their caregivers who extend compassionate care. We will unite in the call and advocacy for "Getting to Zero" with others from around the world. For more information, please call (713) 861-9149.

Rothko Chapel

December 1, 2016 World AIDS Day Twilight Meditation
6:00 p.m. *3900 Yupon Street; Houston, TX 77006*

Offered in partnership with Avenue 360 Health and Wellness, formerly Houston Area Community Services and Bering Omega, the evening will begin with pharmacy technician Robert Munoz of Avenue 360 Health and Wellness, sharing some important facts on the history and current state of the HIV/AIDS pandemic. A guided meditation led by local meditation facilitator Gabriel Clark will follow. The program will end with a reception on the Chapel's plaza. For more information, please visit www.rothkochapel.org.

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