

# 2018 World AIDS Day Events

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## Access Care of Coastal Texas

**November 30, 2018** World AIDS Day Observance  
**5:30 p.m.** 707 23<sup>rd</sup> Street; Galveston, TX 77550

Join us for a memorial service, "Galveston Remembers". We will have speakers to talk about the history of HIV in the Galveston area and city officials will read a proclamation declaring World AIDS Day for the City of Galveston. A candlelight vigil will be held at our HIV Memorial. Light refreshments will be served. ACCT will host a quilt panel representing some past Galveston residents, November 26 thru November 30. For more information contact Mark Hinson at (409) 763-2437.

## African American State of Emergency Task Force

**December 1, 2018** World AIDS Day Gala and Leadership Awards Dinner  
**6:00 p.m.** Ashford Oaks, 2022 Wilcrest Drive; Houston, TX 77042

The theme for this year's event is "Shades of Red", in recognition of individual, community, and agency leaders who are working to serve the community through their response to health inequities and commitment to improving health outcomes through future program development. Mayor Sylvester Turner will be the recipient of this year's Person of the Year Award. Tickets: [www.eventbrite.com/o/african-american-state-of-emergency-task-force-16630733896](http://www.eventbrite.com/o/african-american-state-of-emergency-task-force-16630733896)

## AIDS Foundation Houston

**November 30, 2018** World AIDS Day Luncheon  
**11:30 a.m.** The Ballroom at Bayou Place, 500 Texas Street; Houston, TX 77002

Luncheon co-chairs Jacob Sudhoff and Jerry Hooker invite you to the 2018 World AIDS Day Luncheon, jointly hosted by and benefitting AIDS Foundation Houston and Avenue 360 Health & Wellness. This year's luncheon is generously presented by Chevron and features a keynote address by Emmy and SAG nominated actor, musician, and writer Tituss Burgess. The University of Houston Honors College Community Health Worker Initiative is the 2018 Shelby Hodge Vision Award Honoree for their groundbreaking outreach work in communities with high HIV rates. [www.aidshelp.org](http://www.aidshelp.org)

## Change Happens

**December 1, 2018** 2018 World AIDS Day Block Party  
**12:00 p.m.** Cuney Homes Apartments 3260 Truxillo; Houston, TX 77004

The Change Happens HIV Prevention Program will host the 2nd Annual World AIDS Day Block Party from 12pm-4pm. Food, games, entertainment, resources, free health screenings, prizes and giveaways. Free and open to the public.

## City of Houston

**December 2, 2018** Black Queer Magic Empowerment Brunch  
**12:00 p.m.** Julia Ideson Library 500 McKinney Street; Houston, TX 77002

The Empowerment Brunch serves to honor Houston area Black LGBTQ community leaders that are empowering at the intersections of their identities. For more information, contact Rhys Caraway: [rhys.caraway@houstontx.gov](mailto:rhys.caraway@houstontx.gov) or 713 515-7704.

## **Fundación Latinoamericana de Acción Social, Inc.**

**November 30, 2018** Consulado General de México en Houston  
**10 a.m.-1:00 p.m.** 4507 San Jacinto Street; Houston, TX 77004

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

## **Harris Health System**

**November 30, 2018** Thomas Street Health Center  
**10:00-11:00 a.m.** 2015 Thomas Street; Houston, TX 77009

The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual World AIDS Day Observance will take place at 10:00 a.m. followed by the Tree of Remembrance Ceremony at 11:00 a.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. The tree will remain up throughout the month of December.

## **Rothko Chapel**

**December 1, 2018** Twilight Moments: World AIDS Day Observation  
**8:00 a.m.** 3900 Yupon Street; Houston, TX 77006

In commemoration of World AIDS Day, the Rothko Chapel will host a morning observance to show support and solidarity with the millions of people living with and impacted by HIV/AIDS. This program is offered in partnership with The oH Project: Oral Histories of HIV/AIDS in Houston, Harris County, and Southeast Texas.

The morning program will include live music, personal testimonials, and guided reflection. Gregory Hamilton, a community educator and advocate working at ASP Cares Pharmacy will share information on the state of the battle against HIV in Houston and Texas. Isis Torrente, member of the Latino HIV Task Force, Greater Houston chapter of the Positive Women's Network, and Ryan White Planning Council will speak on her experience within the HIV community in Houston. Moments of reflection will be led by Reverend Diane McGehee, Senior Pastor of Bering Memorial UMC, and music will be performed throughout by John Edward Ross on acoustic guitar.

There will be a light breakfast and coffee outside on the plaza from 8-8:30am, followed by meditation inside the chapel from 8:30-9:30am. For more information, please visit <http://rothkochapel.org/experience/events/register/1576>

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