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World AIDS Day Wellness Fair on Dec. 1

To mark the **23rd Annual World AIDS Day** observance and the **30th year since AIDS was first reported**, the Pinellas HIV/AIDS Community Prevention Planning Partnership will provide free health screenings, flu vaccines and entertainment from noon to 4 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 1 at Williams Park, 350 2nd Ave. N., St. Petersburg. This year's theme for the local event is ***Until There is a Cure, It Takes a Village.***

Free HIV testing will also be available at the five Pinellas County Health Department centers:

- St. Petersburg – 205 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. St. N.
- Largo – 12420 130th Ave. N.
- Pinellas Park – 6350 76th Ave. N.
- Clearwater – 310 N. Myrtle Ave.
- Tarpon Springs – 301 S. Disston Ave.



The event at Williams Park is co-sponsored by the City of St. Petersburg. The Banyan Tree Project, Youth Education Services, ASAP and other agencies from the partnership—including the Pinellas County Health Department—will provide information and education along with the screenings.

This year's observance will pay tribute to the early advocates of the response to HIV/AIDS beginning with the first diagnoses in 1981. AIDS affects people from all walks of life, with a disproportionate impact on women and minorities. World AIDS Day links communities across the globe in an international effort to draw attention to HIV/AIDS. Observance of this day provides an opportunity for governments, national AIDS programs, churches, community organizations and individuals to demonstrate the importance of the fight against HIV/AIDS.

There are many resources available for HIV-infected residents of Pinellas County, including case management, medical care, prescription medications, support groups and more. For more information, call the HIV/AIDS program, (727) 824-6900, extension 4643.

For information about the Pinellas County Health Department, go to www.PinellasHealth.com.

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