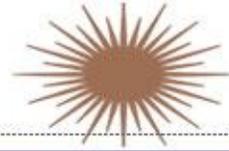


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Arizona Department of Health Services



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## **WORLD AIDS DAY IN PHOENIX**

The Arizona AIDS community is proud to host an inter-faith memorial for a chance to remember and honor our friends and family members and to celebrate their lives through music, theater, stories and prayers. The event will take place at Grace Lutheran Church in Phoenix this Wednesday evening.

The event will feature gifted and inspirational speakers, representatives from different faiths, singers and musicians, as well as youth actors and models whose focus on social justice combines beautifully with this year's World AIDS Day theme of "Universal Access and Human Rights."

We invite anyone in the community to create a panel for the AIDS Memorial Quilt. We will ensure that all panels brought to the event will be sent directly to the NAMES Project where they will become part of the national project. Quilt panels may be brought to the church between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Stand with us, sing with us and pray with us as we celebrate those we've lost, those who are still here among us and all of us who are indeed brothers and sisters in the HIV/AIDS fight for life.

**Where: Grace Lutheran Church**

1124 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Phoenix, AZ

**When: Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM**

5:00 PM to 7:00 PM – Drop off Quilt panels (Courtyard)

6:00 PM to 7:00 PM – Arizona School for the Arts- Theatre for Social Change

1n10's Youth Empowerment Project Runway Team (Courtyard)

Welcome by Phoenix Councilman Tom Simplot

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM – Memorial, Celebration and Candlelight Vigil (Sanctuary)

World AIDS Day started on December 1, 1988 and is now one of the most recognized international health days. It is an opportunity to raise awareness, commemorate those who have passed on, and celebrate victories such as increased access to treatment and prevention services. "Stop AIDS, Keep the Promise". [www.Worldaidscampaign.org](http://www.Worldaidscampaign.org).

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