

# World AIDS Day 2008

## Twin Cities Metro Area

Minnesota Calendar of Events, Exhibits, Trainings  
and HIV Testing Opportunities  
(As of 11/24/08)

### Events

- **Brown Bag Lunch: "A personal look at HIV" – *St. Paul***  
Sponsored by Minnesota Department of Human Services HIV/AIDS Division  
Monday, December 1, 2008  
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
at  
Elmer Andersen Building  
540 Cedar Street, Room 2370  
St Paul, MN 55101

Program staff members will share their personal stories about living with HIV. Both presenters have been living with the disease for over 20 years and will share their personal and professional insights into the evolution of the HIV epidemic. Both have graciously agreed to recount their personal struggles and challenges in coming to terms with and successfully integrating HIV into their lives. This will be a great opportunity to get your questions answered about what it's like to live with HIV as well as our future challenges for providing care and services to persons living with HIV. We hope that your World AIDS Day observance will include this very personal glimpse into life with HIV.

For more information, contact Andy Ansell, Minnesota Department of Human Services HIV/AIDS Division, (651) 431-2449, or by e-mail at: [andy.ansell@state.mn.us](mailto:andy.ansell@state.mn.us).

- **Global Films on HIV/AIDS – *St. Paul***  
Sponsored by Neighborhood House  
Monday, December 1, 2008  
4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.  
at  
Paul and Sheila Wellstone Center for Community Building  
179 Robie Street East  
St. Paul, MN 55107

Mark your calendar for a series of film showings on the topic of HIV/AIDS on World AIDS Day, December 1<sup>st</sup>. The HBO special docudrama, "Pandemic: Facing AIDS," will begin this unique event. Narrated by Danny Glover, this theatrical version of the HBO series will go beyond the statistics to tell five remarkable stories from across the globe, revealing the heartaches and triumphs of real people coping with stigma and effects of this devastating epidemic. A locally produced film, "La Vida no es Justa (Life is not fair)," will conclude the evening about the story of Juan, a migrant worker from Mexico who has been a "player" with women and who is unsure if he may have contracted HIV after an old flame tells him she is HIV positive. For more information, contact Steve Kean, Neighborhood House, (651) 789-2514, or by e-mail at: [skean@neighb.org](mailto:skean@neighb.org).

- **25 Years of Service Archive Historic Event – *Minneapolis***

Sponsored by the Minnesota AIDS Project

Monday, December 1, 2008

6:15 p.m.

at

Elmer L. Andersen Library

West Bank of the University of Minnesota Program

222 21st Avenue South

Minneapolis, MN 55455

This special World AIDS Day event will commemorate the gift and transfer of MAP's 25-year, historical archive to the Tretter Collection in GLBT Studies—a part of the University Library's Special Collections and Rare Books. The Jean-Nickolaus Tretter Collection houses over 40,000 items, making it one of the largest GLBT history collections in the United States. For more information, call 612-341-2060 or visit the MAP web site at: or visit MAP's web site at:

<http://www.mnaidsproject.org>.

- **World AIDS Day "Block Party" – *Minneapolis***

Sponsored by the Minneapolis Urban League

Monday, December 1, 2008

6:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

at

Minneapolis Urban League

2100 Plymouth Avenue North

Minneapolis, MN 55411

Bring your friends and family to celebrate life and living at the Minneapolis Urban League's World AIDS Day "Block Party." The evening will feature exciting, live entertainment, free food, games including spades and dominos, a silent auction, giveaways, and a lot of HIV/AIDS information. Entertainer CeeCee Russell will emcee the party! The party is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Rob Graham, Minneapolis Urban League, (612) 302-3132, or by e-mail at:

[rgraham@mul.org](mailto:rgraham@mul.org).

- **Allan Spear Forum: Mark Senak—Attorney/Healthcare Policy Expert – *Mpls.***

Sponsored by the Minnesota AIDS Project (MAP)

Monday, December 1, 2008

7:00 p.m.

at

University of Minnesota Law School

Lockhart Auditorium

229 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue South

Minneapolis, MN 55455

This forum is free and open to the public and will feature author Mark Senak who works at the international communications firm of Fleishman-Hillard. Senak brings extensive experience in HIV policy with 14 years combined service with AIDS Project Los Angeles and prior to that with the Gay Men's Health Crisis in New York, the two largest HIV service providers in the nation. While there, Senak worked on campaigns that included advocacy as well as public health, in encouraging people to be tested and treated for HIV, having to target multiple and varied audiences as well as dealing with legal issues surrounding the emergence of HIV. For more information, call MAP at (612) 373-9162 or visit MAP's web site at: <http://www.mnaidsproject.org>.

- **World AIDS Day Service and Resource Fair – *Minneapolis***

Sponsored by TRUST, Inc.

Monday, December 1, 2008

7:00 p.m.

at

Judson Memorial Baptist Church

4101 Harriet Avenue South

Minneapolis, MN 55409

This is an Inter-Faith World AIDS Day Service and Resource Fair to provide a time of remembering those who have died of AIDS, and call to action, and a resource fair providing information to the general public about organizations in the Metro area that work with those directly affected by HIV and AIDS. No cost - an offering will be taken to support various agencies working with HIV and AIDS victims. Last year's offering went to support Bills Pantry in St. Paul, Rural AIDS Action Network in Little Falls, and Rebondo Village in Kenya. For more information, contact Harold Anderson, TRUST, Inc., at (612) 827-6159 or by e-mail at: [trustinc@visi.com](mailto:trustinc@visi.com).

- **Our Wicked, Wicked Ways! – *Minneapolis***

Sponsored by the Minnesota AIDS Project

Monday, December 1, 2008

9:00 p.m.

at

The BOLT Underground

501 Washington Avenue South

Minneapolis, MN 55415

A one night only cabaret performance benefiting the Minnesota AIDS Project and Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS will take place World AIDS Day. Don't miss this 90-minute "wickedly entertaining" evening of songs performed by members of the Broadway National Touring Company of Wicked. The cast will also auction a number of items, including a special opportunity for a "walk on" during one of the remaining performances of the show. Tickets are \$15.00 in advance or \$20.00 at the door. Advance purchase at <http://www.mnaidsproject.org> or call the Wicked Hotline at (612) 373-2407.

- **Listen, Learn, Live: Giving Voice to a Community's Struggle with HIV – Minneapolis and St. Paul (Two presentations)**

Co-sponsored by the African American AIDS Task Force, Minnesota Department of Human Services HIV/AIDS Division, Hennepin County Human Services and Public Health Department, Hennepin County Medical Center Positive Care Center, the Minnesota Ryan White HIV Service Planning Council and the Minnesota Department of Health

Friday, December 5, 2008

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

at

Elmer Andersen Building  
540 Cedar Street, Room 2380  
St Paul, MN 55101

6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

at

Sabathani Community Center  
310 East 38th Street  
Minneapolis, MN 55409

As part of an ongoing effort to observe World AIDS Day and focus attention on the HIV epidemic, a community collaborative, is hosting two presentations by Dr. Robert Fullilove, Associate Dean of the Mailman School of Public Health, to talk about the impact of HIV on communities of color. Dr. Fullilove will talk about the disproportionate impact of HIV on communities of color, the barriers to addressing this growing challenge and what we can do to provide appropriate care and prevention messages to these high risk communities. Dr. Fullilove's presentations are open to anyone who has an interest in any aspect of HIV care or those who are interested in issues pertaining to addressing health disparities experienced by communities of color. These presentations will be an opportunity to bring both providers and consumers together to have an open and honest dialogue about addressing this ongoing challenge.

The evening event will also feature a screening of the DVD "Getting Right with AIDS". This locally produced DVD features HIV+ men and women from the African American community talking about their experiences as persons living with HIV/AIDS. Light refreshments and food will be served.

For more information, contact Andy Ansell, Minnesota Department of Human Services HIV/AIDS Division, (651) 431-2449, or by e-mail at: [andy.ansell@state.mn.us](mailto:andy.ansell@state.mn.us).

- **District 202 and MPS Out4Good World AIDS Day Event – Minneapolis**

Sponsored by District 202 and MPS Out4Good

Friday, December 5, 2008

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

at

District 202  
1601 Nicollet Avenue  
Minneapolis, MN 55403

Join District 202 and MPS Out4Good in observing World AIDS Day, an annual campaign to raise awareness about the AIDS pandemic. Hosted by Jeffrey Lusiak, there will be free anonymous HIV testing, free food, dancing, an open mike, and performances by Empowered Expressions. For more information, call District 202 at (612) 871-5559 or by e-mail at: [youth@dist202](mailto:youth@dist202).

- **Many Lives, One Song: Hope for a World Beyond AIDS concerts – Hopkins**  
Sponsored by the One Voice Mixed Chorus in collaboration with the African American AIDS Task Force, The Aliveness Project, Bridge Builders 4 Life, Minnesota AIDS Project and the Rural AIDS Action Network  
Friday and Saturday, December 5 and 6, 2008  
7:30 p.m.

at  
Hopkins High School Auditorium  
2400 Lindberg Drive  
Minnetonka, MN 55305

One Voice Mixed Chorus honors the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of World AIDS Day with a special concert on December 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Presented jointly by One Voice and the Minnesota Philharmonic Orchestra, the concerts feature a wide range of musical styles, ranging from choral and orchestral to gospel and folk. Both One Voice and the Philharmonic perform on their own, in addition to performing several large works for chorus and orchestra together. Ticket prices for each concert range from \$18 to \$25, or \$10 for students and seniors; tickets are available on the chorus' website, [www.ovmc.org](http://www.ovmc.org). For more information, contact Scott Chamberlain, One Voice Mixed Chorus, (651) 298-1954, or by e-mail at: [DevPR@ovmc.org](mailto:DevPR@ovmc.org).

- **African World AIDS Day Event (AWAD) – Minneapolis**  
Sponsored by the African World AIDS Day Planning Committee  
Saturday, December 6, 2008  
1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

at  
South High School Auditorium  
3131 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55407

The African World AIDS Day Planning Committee is hosting its fifth annual event in observance of World AIDS Day. African residents representing several African nations will be enjoined in a unified World AIDS Day commemoration to raise awareness about the impact HIV and AIDS has had on Africans living here and in their respective countries. African physicians, community leaders and survivors will provide educational presentations. Performers, exhibitors and culturally specific foods will also be a part of the observance including a performance by Munnah LIB Princess. Munnah is a Liberian War Refugee who is a R&B/HipHop singer songwriter. She speaks of her journey from Africa, the challenges she faces and the importance of making good decisions. The event is free and open to the general public. For more information, contact Frederick Ndip, Chair, AWAD Planning Committee, (612) 207-8566, or by e-mail at: [fdnip@ppmns.org](mailto:fdnip@ppmns.org). Or, contact Monica Yugu, AWAD Planning Committee, (952) 212-0584, or by e-mail at: [pitamonica@yahoo.com](mailto:pitamonica@yahoo.com).

- **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Deaf World AIDS Day Event – St. Paul**  
Sponsored by Communication Service for Deaf of Minnesota  
Saturday, December 6, 2008  
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

at  
CSD of Minnesota  
2055 Rice Street  
St. Paul, MN 55113

CSD of Minnesota will host its 3<sup>rd</sup> annual World AIDS Day event with a memorial service honoring those who have died of AIDS and through an Art Gallery display of art pieces from the Deaf and Signing community. The event is free and open to every one of all ages. Ribbon cookies, drinks and activities for children will be included. For more information, contact Katy Kelley, CSD of Minnesota, by e-mail at: [worldaidsdeaf@yahoo.com](mailto:worldaidsdeaf@yahoo.com).

- **African Health Action Corporation's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Holiday Event – Minneapolis**

Sponsored by African Health Action Corporation (AHA)

Saturday, December 13, 2008

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

at

Center for Families Services

3333 North 4<sup>th</sup> Street

Minneapolis, MN 55412

AHA will host their 3<sup>rd</sup> annual holiday event this year and will once again organize a special holiday tree evening program for children between the ages of 0 and 14 years. Attending children will receive free toys, gifts and a full assortment of foods and desserts. Reservations are required to attend by calling AHA at (612) 216-3886 or by e-mail at: [africanhealthaction@yahoo.com](mailto:africanhealthaction@yahoo.com).

### Trainings

- **African Wellness Program: HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis & Substance Abuse Community Training and Free HIV and Hepatitis Testing – Minneapolis**

Sponsored by the Minneapolis Urban League

Saturday, December 6, 2008 (Male group)

1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

And

Thursday, December 18, 2008 (Female group)

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

at

Abubakar Sadik Mosque Center

2824 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue South

Minneapolis, MN

For more information, contact Abdullahi Sheikh, Minneapolis Urban League, (612) 302-3118, or by e-mail at: [asheikh@mul.org](mailto:asheikh@mul.org).

### HIV Testing

- **HIV Testing Opportunities - Statewide**

Note: several clinics offer HIV testing throughout the year and have bilingual staff or can arrange for Spanish interpreters. Examples of these clinics are: Centro de Salud, Hennepin County Public Health Clinic with Red Door Services, Room 111, West Side Community Health Services, Teenage Medical Service (TAMS), Face-to-Face Health and Counseling Service, Family Tree, Open Door Clinic in Mankato, etc.

In addition, the Rural AIDS Action Network (RAAN) offers free ongoing HIV testing in many rural and other Greater Minnesota locations. For the nearest location, call 1-800-966-9735.

Also, contact the Minnesota AIDS Project AIDSLine for clinic locations and office hours at: Metro: (612) 373-AIDS; (612) 373-2465 TTY; and Statewide: 1-800-248-AIDS; 1-888-820-2437 TTY; or online at: [www.mnaidsproject.org](http://www.mnaidsproject.org).

## Exhibits

- **World AIDS Day Exhibit – *St. Paul***

Sponsored by the Minnesota Department of Health  
Monday – Friday, November 24 – December 5, 2008  
8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. each day

at

Minnesota Department of Health  
First Floor Lobby – Pod B  
625 Robert Street North  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Free posters, buttons, red ribbon labels, pens and key chains will be available in observance of World AIDS Day. A statewide calendar of World AIDS Day events will also be provided. For more information, contact Roy Nelson, Minnesota Department of Health, (651) 201-4027 or email at: [roy.nelson@health.state.mn.us](mailto:roy.nelson@health.state.mn.us).

- **AIDS Memorial Quilt on Display – *St. Paul (Two locations)***

Sponsored by Minnesota Department of Human Services HIV/AIDS Division  
Monday, December 1 – Friday, December 5, 2008

at

Elmer Andersen Building  
540 Cedar Street, Room 2370  
St Paul, MN 55101

Department of Human Services  
444 Lafayette Road North  
St Paul, MN 55101

The AIDS Memorial Quilt will be on display at two locations in St. Paul in commemoration of World AIDS Day. The Quilt features hand made quilt sections commemorating the lives of persons who have died from HIV/AIDS. The panels that will be on display will be of Minnesotans who lost their fight with HIV. You can find more information about the AIDS Memorial Quilt by visiting the Name Project website at: <http://www.aidsquilt.org/>. For more information about the local displays, contact Andy Ansell, Minnesota Department of Human Services HIV/AIDS Division, (651) 431-2449, or by e-mail at: [andy.ansell@state.mn.us](mailto:andy.ansell@state.mn.us).