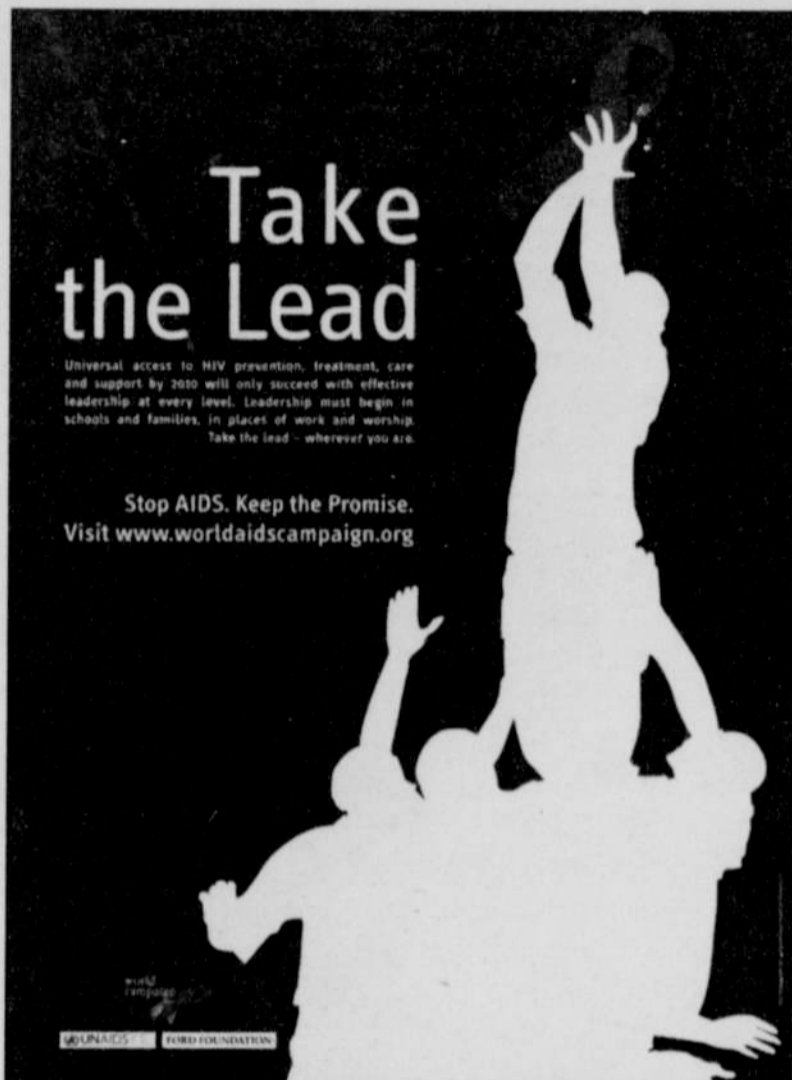


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World AIDS Day in Portland

Several area organizations are holding events in honor of the 20th annual World AIDS Day, traditionally observed Dec. 1. The Joint United Nations Program on HIV and AIDS, along with the World AIDS Campaign, chose "leadership" as this year's theme.



This year's World AIDS Day theme is "leadership."

Africa AIDS Response will celebrate seven years of supporting people in Zimbabwe who are living with HIV/AIDS with an intimate evening 6 p.m. at West Café, 1201 S.W. Jefferson St. Tickets are \$100 for a four-course dinner and beverages. There will also be a silent auction.

Africa AIDS Response is a program of the Portland-Mutare Sister City Association, which provides direct financial support to grassroots AIDS efforts in Zimbabwe in a city-to-city effort. It estimates that 15 million Africans have died of AIDS since the beginning of the epidemic and that more than 25 million are living with the infection. According to the organization, one in four adults in Zimbabwe is infected with the AIDS virus.

This is one reason for the partnership between Portland and the Zimbabwean village of Mutare. Mutare is on the border of Mozambique and serves as Zimbabwe's "gateway to the sea." It has been Portland's sister city since 1991. Through the years, Portlanders have helped supported a much-needed clinic as well as primary and secondary schools in the region and have assisted villagers who want to learn new agricultural techniques. Visit www.africaaidsresponse.org for more information about the organization or the World AIDS Day event.

The Portland Area Global AIDS

Coalition is teaming up with several other organizations for a day of workshops Nov. 30 at Trinity Cathedral, 147 N.W. 19th Ave. which will be followed by a remembrance service. The workshops will address the status of the global AIDS pandemic as well as people's personal stories of struggle and survival. There will be a discussion about strategic planning for faith-based organizations who want to be more politically involved in this issue; a lunch of Kenyan food; and music by Stephanie Schneiderman and friends. Registration is required for the workshops. The suggested donation is \$10. For more information e-mail pxaids@comcast.net.

In rural Oregon, Medford Congregational United Church of Christ will hold a candlelight celebration 7 p.m. Dec. 1 in honor of World AIDS Day at 1801 E. Jackson St. The nondenominational evening will include music from Beth Baker, Kurt Bernhardt and Women with Wings. There will also be speeches and remembrance as part of the candlelight ceremony conducted by the Rev. Kurt Katzmar.

Metropolitan Community Church of Portland will hold a special World AIDS Day worship service 7 p.m. Dec. 1 at 2400 N.E. Broadway called "The Gift of Hope: Women Respond to AIDS."

Check the *Just Out* blog for information about many other upcoming events to mark this important day.



Jean DeMaster was honored for her dedication to helping Portland's poor population.

Advocate Honored for Human Solutions

Jean DeMaster of Human Solutions has spent the past 35 years largely behind the scenes, advocating for Portland's impoverished population. Despite her reluctance to be in the spotlight, she has changed the face of homelessness services in the Rose City. The longtime lesbian activist has made a career of developing programs and services, building housing and advocating for the most marginalized in our community.

At the Community Development Network's annual awards banquet, DeMaster received the

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