

ticipant, will host a dinner, panel discussion and live performances in the campus' Smith Memorial Union. Additionally, HIV testing will be provided throughout the day by the school's Queer Resource Center.

Putting the "world" in World AIDS Day is another local partner, the Portland Mutare Sister City Association. The group is dedicated to connecting Portland with its Humanitarian Sister City in Zimbabwe—a country long and profoundly impacted by the epidemic, with 14 percent of the population over 15 years old infected. PMSCA's Daniel Wasil calls the fight against HIV/AIDS "a neighbor-to-neighbor effort," crediting Portland's "generosity and love." He adds, "This World AIDS Day is one of renewed hope: Wonderful new leadership in Zimbabwe has given us all a new sense of purpose and optimism."

While the international theme of "Getting to Zero" may seem ambitious, according to Ann Pickar, chair of the Portland Area Global AIDS Coalition, "Here in Portland we have a perhaps more realistic theme: 'Time for Action.' We are hoping for 40-50 events

[overall]—enough to get everyone involved.

"[It's] a time to look back, to see how far we have come in addressing the devastation caused by AIDS, and to realize how much still needs to be done," she says.

Although the new research is a cause for optimism in the fight against HIV/AIDS, present realities bring with them huge obstacles. "It is also a time to be aware how many people are at risk because the current world financial climate means it will be difficult to maintain programs which are saving millions of lives," adds Pickar.

—MICHAEL KAPLAN,  
EXEC. DIRECTOR, CAP

Indeed, for organizers and participants alike, the key to "Getting to Zero" is awareness—of one's status, of local resources, of the global community, of past challenges and future triumphs, and of people like Daniel Leary. A resident of Our House since August 2010, Leary, 49, was diagnosed with AIDS two years ago but believes he has been living with the disease for five years.

"To me World AIDS Day is a moment of complete awareness," he shares, "unifying and bringing into light a form of freedom for all who bear the torch of struggle." ☐

## AT A GLANCE World AIDS Day Events: December 1

### 7:20-8:30 A.M.

Fundraising Breakfast for Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon's HIV Services

Concordia University, Hagen Center, 2811 NE Holman, free, donations welcomed; reserve by Nov. 23 at 503-221-1054 or [emo@emoregon.org](mailto:emo@emoregon.org).

### 8:00 A.M.—5:00 P.M.

#### Lobby Display

View a timeline of the last 30 years of HIV in Oregon as culled from the State Library Archives, and add your own memory. There will be a Silent Vigil at noon.

Oregon Health Authority, 800 NE Oregon St., 971-673-0150 or [cessa.karson@state.or.us](mailto:cessa.karson@state.or.us)

### 11:30 A.M.—2:00 P.M.

#### HIV/AIDS: Connecting The Dots

PCC's Cascade Health Department, Women's Resource Center and the Portland Area Global AIDS Coalition, CARE and the OHSU Global Health Center co-sponsor this resource fair with guest speakers, displays, informational tables and a global market to benefit women impacted by AIDS.

PCC Cascade Campus, 705 N. Killingsworth, [apickar@cs.com](mailto:apickar@cs.com) or [srochell@pcc.edu](mailto:srochell@pcc.edu)

### 2-3:00 P.M.

#### Community Art Project and Celebration

The Quest Center for Integrative Health and Partnership Project present "Reflecting on 30 Years of AIDS: A World AIDS Day Community Art Project," a collection of decorated ceramic tiles assembled into a mosaic mirror, to be displayed at various HIV/AIDS-related organizations.

Quest Center, 2927 E. Burnside, 971-533-9136, [quest-center.org](http://quest-center.org) or [ohsu.edu/partnership](http://ohsu.edu/partnership)

### 5-7:00 P.M.

#### "What's New in HIV?" Community Symposium presented by CAP

Paul Kawata, executive director of the National Minority AIDS Council, leads this town hall-style program on the latest information on HIV/AIDS prevention, care and treatment.

Mercy Corps Action Center Event Space, 28 SW First; RSVP at 503-278-3801 or [whatsnew@cascadeaids.org](mailto:whatsnew@cascadeaids.org).

### 5:30-6:30 P.M.

#### WAZI: Living with Hope screening

Presentation of a documentary on HIV in rural Tanzania, with filmmakers present and a discussion to follow.

OHSU Student Center, Campus Drive, 775-240-9000 or [erickmeg@ohsu.edu](mailto:erickmeg@ohsu.edu)

### 6-9:00 P.M.

#### Portland Mutare Sister City Association/Africa AIDS Response Fundraiser

An auction, dinner and dancing to celebrate over a decade of collaboration with Mutare, Zimbabwe and the local organization's ongoing work to combat HIV/AIDS.

Village Ballroom, 700 NE Dekum; sign up by calling 503-936-7321, [africaaidsresponse.org](http://africaaidsresponse.org)

### 7-10:00 P.M.

#### Fundraiser/"Friendraiser" for CAP

A benefit with drag queen bingo, a live auction, raffle, cocktails and more.

Hotel Monaco, 10th floor, 506 SW Washington, 503-756-2314 or [msorensen@cascadeaids.org](mailto:msorensen@cascadeaids.org)

For an up-to-date schedule of events, or to create your own event, visit [worldaidsdaynw.org](http://worldaidsdaynw.org). More information can be found at [oregonaids hotline.com](http://oregonaids hotline.com).

  
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