

‘I SPEAK LIFE’  
World AIDS Day  
Event Monday

Film about HIV/AIDS and African descendants in the Pacific Northwest premiers.

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In observance of World Aids Day, Chrysalis Ministries in association with other community partners presents “I SPEAK LIFE” on Monday, Dec. 1, 6 to 9 p.m. at the United Way building located at 619 SW 11th Ave., in Portland.

The evening will include a premier showing of “Who Will Speak for Me?” a celebrated documentary profiling activist Pastor Renee’ Ward and other African descendants of the Pacific Northwest whose lives have been impacted directly or indirectly from an HIV/AIDS diagnosis.

Immediately following the film will be a panel discussion of community stakeholders who’ll address

the ongoing advocacy efforts locally and globally to stop the spread of the disease within the medical, spiritual and social context of stigmas attached to HIV/AIDS and the Black community.

Activities scheduled for that evening include a reception/networking at 6 p.m., film at 6:30 p.m.; and a talk back/panel discussion at 7:15 p.m. The event is free.

Tax-deductible donations are welcomed to further support Chrysalis Ministries, a non-profit agency which was founded in 1998 following the death of Ward’s husband who succumbed to an AIDS-related disease and her advocacy work to educate and inform others about the devastating

impact of silence, ignorance and fear of this disease among the African American community.

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ful and non-judgmental conversations generated from the viewing of this film”

be part of the whole rather than apart from the whole

For more information call Pastor Renee’ Ward at 503-

Rescue Mission



Volunteers assembled 500 Thanksgiving Food Baskets at Union Gospel Mission last Saturday. The Thanksgiving Baskets contain all the traditional Thanksgiving fare - mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy mix, vegetables, yams, rolls, and a gift certificate for a turkey — enough food to feed a family of four to six people. Union Gospel Mission and a network of churches and organizations will distribute the Thanksgiving food baskets to individuals and families in need. This is the third year that Union Gospel Mission has supplied Thanksgiving food baskets to families who cannot afford that traditional Thanksgiving meal. Find out more about their work at [www.ugmportland.org](http://www.ugmportland.org).

We honor the many  
accomplishments of African  
Americans.



It is our primary goal as a labor union to better the lives of all people working in the building trades through advocacy, civil demonstration, and the long-held belief that workers deserve a "family wage" - fair pay for an honest day's work.

A family wage, and the benefits that go with it, not only strengthens families, but also allows our communities to become stronger, more cohesive, and more responsive to their citizens' needs.

Our family wage agenda reflects our commitment to people working in the building trades, and to workers everywhere. In this small way, we are doing our part to help people achieve the American Dream. This dream that workers can hold dear regardless of race, color, national origin, gender, creed, or religious beliefs.

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Pastor Ward

film”, stated Pastor Ward. “We as members of this beloved community should

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