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WORLD AIDS DAY 2018 *Know Your Status*

MEMPHIS –December 1st marks the 30th Annual World AIDS Day. World AIDS Day was established in 1988 and was the very first international health day. It serves to focus global attention on the devastating impact of the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Local health officials continue to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS, including testing, prevention, treatment and remembering those who lost their lives to the illness.

As of 2017, more than 6,600 are currently living with HIV and/or AIDS in Shelby County.

On Friday, November 30th the Shelby County Health Department (SCHD), Shelby County Schools and other partnering organizations will be hosting the annual World AIDS Day Program at 1:30 p.m. at Westwood High School, 4480 Westmont Rd, 38109. The event will include a proclamation presented by Shelby County Health Director Alisa Haushalter and the Light of Hope Awards Ceremony to recognize a business, individual and organization who have consistently exhibited a strong desire to assist and/or support HIV/AIDS care as well as education and prevention efforts in Shelby County.

Free confidential HIV counseling and rapid testing is available at the following locations between 8:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. daily (preliminary results are provided within one hour):

Packer Clinic
814 Jefferson Ave., Room 221
Memphis, TN 38105

Cawthon Public Health Clinic
1000 Haynes Street
Memphis, TN 38114

Additionally, to honor those affected by and infected with HIV/AIDS, as well as promote HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention, the SCHD Ryan White Program will host its annual World AIDS Day Lighting of Lanterns Ceremony at 5:30pm at The Pipkin Building, Tiger Lane, 940 Early Maxwell Blvd, 38104.

For more information about other World AIDS Day activities, call the SCHD Infectious Disease Section at (901) 222-9428 during normal business hours Monday through Friday.

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