



MEDIA ADVISORY

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Wichita commemorates 30th anniversary of the AIDS pandemic with events Dec. 1

WICHITA, KAN. – The world’s first case of AIDS was diagnosed and reported 30 years ago. It was also in 1981 that Kansas’ first case of HIV was reported, and it was the year of the first AIDS-related death in the state.

WHAT: Candlelight vigil and walk to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the AIDS pandemic and World AIDS Day 2011 followed by a program, entertainment, and community displays

WHO: **Jackie Carter**, pastor
First Metropolitan Community Church

Cody Patton, executive director
Positive Directions

Teresa Romey, HIV case manager
KU School of Medicine–Wichita

WHERE: Start:
Wichita Art Museum
1400 W. Museum Blvd.

End:
Mid-America All Indian Center

650 N. Seneca St.

WHEN: December 1, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS: The event will acknowledge the local and national history of HIV, celebrate the advances in care, and remember those lost to the disease. World AIDS Day is celebrated worldwide Dec. 1. It is one of the most recognized international health days and serves as a key opportunity to raise awareness. This year's theme, "Getting to Zero," aims to eliminate AIDS-related deaths, end discrimination, and strive for zero new infections. For more information on the candlelight vigil and walk, call (316) 293-3427 or visit wichita.kumc.edu.

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