

World AIDS Day March and Rally

Monday, December 1

Memorial Union Patio

11:30am March begins at Flagpole at the Memorial Union (MU) Patio Noon Rally with keynote speaker Dennis Fleming and live music on the MU Patio

In the United States, up to 25% of the estimated HIV infected individuals are undiagnosed and not aware of their HIV status. In California there have been almost 180,000 cases since reporting began, and over 280 cases in Yolo County.

National efforts to increase awareness include the NAMES Project—AIDS Quilt. Since 1987, the NAMES Project Foundation has been actively working to increase public awareness of HIV/AIDS. In order to portray the enormity of the disease, the foundation has created a memorial quilt as a powerful visual reminder of those who have fallen to AIDS. The quilt is composed of more than 44,000 3-by-6-foot panels created by loved ones. Each panel recognizes the life of someone who has died from AIDS. For more information about the quilt, see www.aidsquilt.org.

For further information on the Quilt display or HIV/AIDS education, prevention, testing and treatment, contact the Yolo County Health Department HIV/AIDS Program at (530) 666-8645. For further information about World AIDS Day see www.unaids.org.