

# County of Yolo

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World AIDS Day Observance Events in Yolo County

Woodland, CA—On December 1, 2008, people all over the world will be observing the 20<sup>th</sup> annual World AIDS Day. World AIDS Day provides the opportunity for everyone to learn more about the disease, how to prevent the spread of the virus, and share the information with others. Whether it is through volunteering for local HIV/AIDS service organizations, getting tested for HIV, talking with a loved one about HIV, or simply wearing a red ribbon in support of the cause, all individuals are encouraged to take action in their community.

There will be local events in recognition of the epidemic and in remembrance of the millions affected by HIV/AIDS:

Davis: **NAMES Project – AIDS Quilt Display** 

Where: Mondavi Center at UC Davis

9399 Old Davis Rd, Davis, CA

When: Monday, November 3 – Wednesday, December 3

Display open to the public during scheduled events

Woodland: What: NAMES Project – AIDS Quilt Display

Where: Erwin Meier Administration Building

625 Court Street

When: Monday, November 24 – Tuesday, December 9

Display up during business hours 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**UC** Davis:

#### Make Your Pledge

Monday, November 24 - Wednesday, November 26 Memorial Union, 11am - 1pm

Stop by World AIDS Day tables located in the Memorial Union (near the Coffee House) and make your pledge to prevent HIV/AIDS and educate yourself and others! Free red ribbons and condoms available.

### **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 <a href="https://www.aidsquilt.org">www.aidsquilt.org</a>.

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 <a href="https://www.unaids.org">www.unaids.org</a>.