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December 1st is World AIDS Day!

World AIDS Day is held on the 1st of December each year and a chance for people worldwide to unite in the fight against HIV, show their support for people living with HIV and to honor those people who have died.



What is AIDS?

AIDS stands for acquired immunodeficiency syndrome. AIDS is the most advanced stage of infection caused by HIV. The names HIV and AIDS can be confusing because both terms describe the same disease. Most people who are HIV positive do not have AIDS. An HIV-positive person is said to have AIDS when his or her immune system becomes so weak it can't fight off certain kinds of infections and cancers. It can take between 2 to 10 years, or longer, for an HIV-positive person to develop AIDS, even without treatment.

For more information: <http://www.hiv.va.gov/patient/basics/what-is-AIDS.asp>

Did you know?

Did you know that the Portage County Health Department offered free HIV testing?

FREE HIV TESTING

KNOW YOUR STATUS!

**For more information about
how you can get tested:**

Call Kat at 330-296-9919 x 107
or Becky at 330-296.9919 x 137
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Questions or Comments?

Contact Us!

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