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Recognize World AIDS Day at MCC on Dec 1

Muskegon, MI – December 1 is World AIDS Day, an annual opportunity for people worldwide to unite in the fight against HIV, show their support for people living with HIV and to commemorate people who have died. HIV is the human immunodeficiency virus. It is the virus that can lead to acquired immune deficiency syndrome, or AIDS. The theme for this year's World AIDS Day is 'Getting to Zero.' Zero new infections. Zero discrimination. Zero AIDS related deaths.

The Muskegon Coalition for HIV Awareness and Prevention will recognize World AIDS Day on Thursday, December 1 at Muskegon Community College in Collegiate Hall with a health fair from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm and a memorial event from 5:30 until 7:00 pm.

Health fair activities include free and confidential HIV testing (with results in 15-20 minutes), sexually transmitted disease testing, as well as educational materials and HIV awareness support merchandise. In addition, various community organizations will be displaying information about the services they provide.

Memorial event activities include educational and award presentations, artistic performances, a moment of silence for those affected by HIV/AIDS, and a closing presentation about HIV/AIDS stigma. For more information, please contact the Muskegon Coalition for HIV Awareness and Prevention by emailing mchapmuskegon@yahoo.com or calling (231) 672-3201.

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Editorial Note: Partners for this event include Public Health – Muskegon County, Mercy Health McClees Clinic, Muskegon Community Health Project, Muskegon Community College, and Benson Drug Company