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TODAY IS WORLD AIDS DAY *KNOW YOUR STATUS. GET TESTED.*

MEMPHIS, TN – Today marks the 28th Annual World AIDS Day, and local health officials continue to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS, including testing, prevention, treatment and remembering those who lost their lives to the illness.

As of 2016, more than 6,300 are currently living with HIV and/ or AIDS in Shelby County.

The Shelby County Health Department, Shelby County Schools and other partnering organizations are hosting the annual World AIDS Day Program today at 9:30 a.m. at G.W. Carver High School, 1591 Pennsylvania St., 38109. The event will include a proclamation presented by Shelby County Mayor Mark H. Luttrell, Jr. and the Light of Hope Awards Ceremony to recognize a business, individual and organization who have consistently exhibited a strong desire to assist and/or support HIV/AIDS care, education and prevention efforts in Shelby County.

Free confidential HIV counseling and rapid testing is available at the following locations between 8:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. daily (preliminary results provided in one hour):

Packer Clinic
814 Jefferson Ave., Room 221
Memphis, TN 38105

Cawthon Public Health Clinic
1000 Haynes Street
Memphis, TN 38114

The first World AIDS Day was held in 1988 as the result of a call by the World Summit of Ministers of Health on Programs for AIDS Prevention to improve a dialogue about the disease and to fight discrimination of those with HIV/AIDS. Since then, World AIDS Day has received the support of the World Health Assembly and the United Nations. Not only does World AIDS Day honor the millions of individuals affected by and infected with HIV/AIDS, but it also promotes HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention in the United States and globally.

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Mission

To promote, protect and improve the health and environment of all Shelby County residents.

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