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World AIDS Day is December 1, 2011

MEMPHIS, TN – On Thursday, December 1, 2011, the Shelby County Health Department is collaborating with a number of community partners to observe **World AIDS Day 2011**.

As of 2009, 23,020 Tennessee residents were reported to have been infected with HIV; 7,305 have already died; and an estimated 15,715 people are living with HIV/AIDS. As of 2009, 9,250 Shelby County residents were reported to have been infected with HIV; 2,918 have already died; and in estimated 6,304 people are living with HIV/AIDS.

The only way to know if you have HIV is to be tested. In recognition of World AIDS Day, On Thursday, December 1st, 2011, the Shelby County Health Department will offer **free** confidential HIV counseling and rapid testing for the month of December. We will also offer **free** STD treatments for the month of December at the following locations:

Packer Clinic
814 Jefferson Avenue, Room 221
Memphis, TN 38105
And
Cawthon Public Health Clinic
1000 Haynes Street
Memphis, TN 38114
Between the hours of 8a.m. and 2:30 p.m.
Preliminary results available in one hour

The Shelby County Health Department in collaboration with Memphis City Schools and Well Child Incorporated will conduct STD Screenings for students attending the schools listed below:

Tuesday, November 29, 2011	East High School	12:00PM – 4:00PM
Wednesday, November 30, 2011	Sheffield Career & Technology	8:00AM – 1:45 PM
Thursday, December 1, 2011	Northside High School	8:00AM – 11:30 AM
Friday, December 2, 2011	Northside High School	8:00AM – 11:30AM

Also in observance of **World AIDS Day 2011**, the Shelby County Health Department in collaboration with Memphis City Schools, will host its annual World AIDS Day Program:

Thursday, December 1, 2011
12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Northside High School Auditorium
1212 Vollintine Avenue, Memphis, TN 38107

This annual World AIDS Day event is a unique opportunity for local community based HIV/AIDS service groups and organizations to increase public awareness about HIV/AIDS and reinforce the need for HIV prevention activities and programs. The media is invited to attend.

The Health Department will also announce its "Light of Hope" Award winners at the ceremony. The Light of Hope Awards are given to an individual, an organization, and a business that have consistently exhibited a strong desire to support HIV/AIDS education, prevention and care efforts in Shelby County.

For more information about planned World AIDS Day activities, call the Shelby County Health Department's Infectious Disease Section at (901) 222-9343, Monday through Friday during normal business hours.

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