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WASHINGTON

WORLD AIDS DAY, 2000

and have an unacceptable high number of new HIV infections every year.

~~Dear~~ Greetings to all those observing the 13th annual World AIDS Day. On this occasion each year, we join with all 191 member countries of the World Health Organization to focus global attention on the HIV/AIDS pandemic. ~~and the lives of those affected by this devastating disease.~~

While we have come a long way in the struggle to overcome ~~this devastating disease~~, the battle is far from over. Last year, 2.6 million deaths from HIV/AIDS were recorded -- the highest global total since the epidemic began. In the United States alone, we are seeing an alarming rise in new HIV infection. Every hour in our nation, two new cases of HIV are reported in young people under the age of 25. Racial and ethnic minority communities, women, and youth are being particularly hard hit.

We do not live in isolation from our global neighbors, and, because the spread of HIV has reached catastrophic proportions in some areas of the globe, I recently declared AIDS to be a national security threat. It is imperative that the United States lead the effort in mobilizing a greatly expanded world response to stem the rising tide of this disease. We must also continue our efforts to make ~~new treatment drugs~~ -- which are increasing the life span of many infected with HIV -- available to all who need them.

This year's World AIDS Day theme, "All Men -- Make a Difference," focuses on men's ability -- and responsibility -- to exert a powerful influence in the struggle against HIV/AIDS. It calls on all men around the world to embrace a new leadership role not only in prevention, but also in the care of their children and other loved ones whose lives are affected by AIDS.

As we observe World AIDS Day 2000, our task must be to work in cooperation and solidarity here in the United States and with our neighbors around the world to stop the spread of this devastating disease. The future of the world's children depends on our ability to achieve this goal together.

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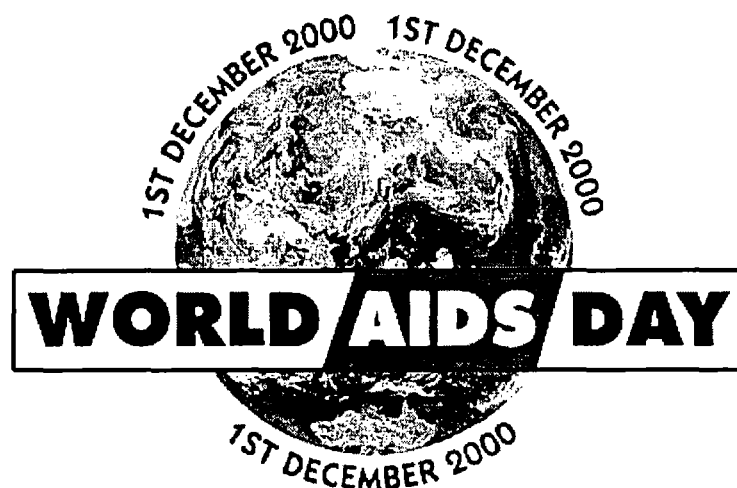
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Thursday, Aug 31, 2000



The theme for the 13th annual World AIDS Day (2000) has not been finalized yet but it has been decided that the focus will be men.

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What is World AIDS Day?

World AIDS Day has a special place in the history of the AIDS pandemic. Since 1988 1st December has been a day bringing messages of compassion, hope, solidarity and understanding about AIDS to every country in the world, North and South, East and West.

What prompted this extraordinary response? World AIDS Day emerged from the call by the World Summit of Ministers of Health on Programmes for AIDS Prevention in January 1988 to open channels of communication, strengthen the exchange of information and experience, and forge a spirit of social tolerance. Since then, World AIDS Day has received the support of the World Health Assembly, the United Nations system, and governments, communities and individuals around the world. Each year, it is the only international day of coordinated action against AIDS.

The Theme For World AIDS Day

Each year there is a particular theme chosen for World AIDS Day, and over the last eleven years the themes have been as follows:

- 1988** Communication
- 1989** Youth
- 1990** Women & AIDS
- 1991** Sharing the Challenge
- 1992** Community Commitment
- 1993** Time to Act
- 1994** AIDS and the Family
- 1995** Shared Rights, Shared Responsibilities
- 1996** One World, One Hope
- 1997** Children Living in a World with AIDS
- 1998** Force For Change: World AIDS Campaign With Young People
- 1999** Listen, Learn, Live: World AIDS Campaign with Children and Young People
- 2000** Exact topic is undecided but the subject will be men.

What is the World AIDS Campaign?

The first World AIDS Campaign took place in 1997 to emphasise that AIDS is not just a cause for concern one day of each year. So the World AIDS Campaign now starts early each year and culminates on World AIDS Day on December 1st.

Other World AIDS Day Pages

Links to other World AIDS Day sites can be found on our [links page](#).

The Red Ribbon



The Red Ribbon is an international symbol of AIDS awareness that is increasingly being worn by people all year round to demonstrate their care and concern about HIV and AIDS, and to remind others of the need for their support and commitment.

Please Support World AIDS Day on the web by:

Providing information on your site about World AIDS Day, and about any events taking place in your community. Asking your school, college or employer to provide information on their site. Providing a link to AVERT's site either to this World AIDS Day page, or some other page providing AIDS and HIV information. If you would like a graphic on your site, the please do use the one below.



Whilst remembering the young people around the world, we also need to think of the many adults who are continuing to try to combat the epidemic, as well as those living with HIV. Alongside the delight at the new treatments available in some countries, there must also be caution as we remember the previous optimism for AZT and the resulting enormous disappointment. We must also think of those living in countries where these drugs are unlikely to be made available in the foreseeable future. Education in its many forms must continue in all countries, and take into account the diverse range of people affected.

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SCHEDULING PROPOSAL

Date: 6/21/00

☐ ACCEPT

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TO: Stephanie Streett
Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of Scheduling

FROM: Sandra Thurman, Director, Office of National AIDS Policy 

REQUEST: Presidential Activities for World AIDS Day 2000

PURPOSE: To participate in World AIDS Day 2000 events which will focus on the important role of communities of faith in the fight against AIDS.

BACKGROUND: On World AIDS Day 1998 the President highlighted the growing tragedy of children orphaned by AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa. Since that time, the Administration has become a leader in responding to the AIDS pandemic in Africa and around the world. July 19, 1999 marked the culmination of the Administration's efforts with the announcement of the President's Leadership and Investment in Fighting an Epidemic (LIFE) Initiative. This global AIDS initiative doubled our funding for the battle against AIDS and committed the U.S. Government to building partnerships with other key stakeholders to maximize our impact on this rapidly escalating epidemic.

As outlined in the LIFE Initiative, the Administration committed to facilitate a meeting of African, American and other key religious leaders to promote the vitally important leadership and attention of the faith community in responding to AIDS. This Summit has been scheduled to coincide with World AIDS Day 2000.

These events would provide the President with the opportunity to reaffirm the Administration's commitment to fighting AIDS both here at home and around the world, and to highlight the importance of building community and united partnerships across all sectors.

PREVIOUS
PARTICIPATION: The President has been actively involved in AIDS events throughout his tenure including previous World AIDS Day activities.

DATE AND TIME: Friday, December 1 (8:00 AM)
DURATION: 1.5 hours

LOCATION: Washington, DC (specific locations listed below)

PARTICIPANTS: Invited: The President
Secretary Albright
Secretary Summers
Sandra Thurman
Archbishop Desmond Tutu
Rev. Jesse Jackson
Other U.S. and international religious leaders

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A short press conference will follow.

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MEDIA: Open for East Room event

FIRST LADY: No

VICE PRESIDENT: No

SECOND LADY: No

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Dear Secretary:

Two years ago, I asked each federal Department, agency or office to provide a message about the importance of World AIDS Day to all of its employees. I am pleased to say that to the best of our knowledge, all Federal employees received such a message – the first time such a thing has happened.

I am once again asking that you provide a similar message for this year's World AIDS Day 2000, scheduled for December 1. This year's theme is "Men Make a Difference," which focuses on encouraging men to take a greater role in HIV prevention and care for those already infected.

Everyday, some 40,000 individuals in the U.S. become infected with HIV. Approximately 10,000 of these individuals are under the age of 21. More than one-half of all new infections are in racial and ethnic minorities communities, and a large percentage are in young women.

Globally, some 16,000 individuals become infected with HIV everyday, or one person every 8 seconds. By 2005, more than 100 million people will have become HIV positive worldwide.

This year we are asking that all Federal employees receive this message:

"Some 300,000 Americans with HIV do not know they are infected. Have you placed yourself at risk? Call 1-800-458-5231 to find an HIV counseling and testing site near you."

We would appreciate it tremendously if your Department would ensure that this message is provided to your employees as close to December 1 as possible. In addition, I would appreciate your returning the enclosed form to confirm your Department's participation in this important event.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sandra L. Thurman
Presidential Envoy for AIDS Cooperation
Director, Office of National AIDS Policy

Enclosure

**WORLD AIDS DAY
FEDERAL EMPLOYEE MESSAGE
AGENCY PARTICIPATION FORM**

DEPARTMENT/AGENCY NAME: _____

Contact Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

_____ **YES**, we will be able to post or send this message to all of our employees.

_____ **No**, we will not be able to post or send this message to all of our employees.

We will send this message by:

_____ posting it on all employee pay stubs for the pay period closest to, but not after, December 1, World AIDS Day.

_____ sending an electronic mail message to all employees on or before December 1, World AIDS Day.

_____ another mechanism: _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO:

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OFFICE OF NATIONAL AIDS POLICY
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