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**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN
LEE CELEBRATES WORLD AIDS DAY –
DECEMBER 1, 2018**



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On December 1st, the Florida Department of Health in Lee County, in partnership with AIDS Healthcare Foundation, McGregor Clinic, Lee County Department of Human and Veteran Services, and Source of Light and Hope, will be hosting a community event in observance of World AIDS Day 2018 with its local theme "Rethink HIV, Play Your Part, Take a Stand." Free HIV testing and other health screenings will be provided to all. The event will feature educational materials and various community health resources. Family entertainment, including a basketball shootout, food trucks, and door prizes will be provided.

WHEN: Saturday, December 1, 2018 from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM

WHERE: ROBERTO CLEMENTE PARK
Dr. Martin Luther King Boulevard
Fort Myers, FL 33916

World AIDS Day is celebrated on December 1st each year around the world. The 2018 national theme is "Know your Status." World AIDS Day provides an opportunity for people worldwide to unite in the fight against HIV and to address HIV/AIDS disparities and HIV related stigmas and blame, while sparking dialogue towards stopping the spread of HIV/AIDS among all populations. The observance of World AIDS Day has become one of the most recognized health awareness days worldwide. It provides a key opportunity to raise awareness, commemorate those who have passed on, and celebrate victories such as increased access to treatment and prevention services. Started in 1988, World AIDS Day was the first ever global health day.

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