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NATIONAL LATINO HIV/AIDS AWARENESS DAY IS OCTOBER 15

SACRAMENTO, CA — SACRAMENTO, CA — Since 1988 World AIDS Day has been observed each year on Dec. 1 and is an opportunity for people worldwide to unite in the fight against HIV, show their support for people living with HIV, and remember those who have lost their lives.

In 2016, 39,782 people received an HIV diagnosis. An estimated 1,122,900 adults and adolescents were living with HIV at the end of 2015. Of those, 162,500 (15%) had not received a diagnosis. Young people were the most likely to be unaware of their infection. Among people aged 13-24 with HIV, an estimated 51% didn't know. The annual number of HIV diagnoses declined 5% between 2011 and 2015. Yet, among African American gay and bisexual men, diagnoses increased 4%, and among Hispanic/Latino gay and bisexual men, diagnoses increased 14%. (Current CDC statistics as of August 2018.)

For 19 years, Golden Rule Services has successfully provided a variety of award-winning HIV and STD education, prevention, risk reduction and other important services among people of color, youth, gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender, and low income community members.

Golden Rule Services encourages everyone to learn more about HIV/AIDS, obtain a free rapid HIV antibody test, enter treatment as soon as possible if HIV positive. Call 916-427-4653 to set up an appointment with us to get your FREE HIV screening test.

Join GRS on for a free testing event on Dec. 1 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 2324 L. St., Sacramento.

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