

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY SUPERVISOR FEDERAL D. GLOVER DISTRICT FIVE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

What: Health Fair

Why: Commemorating World AIDS Day

When: 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., Dec. 1

Where: Ambrose Park & Recreation Center, 3105 Willow Pass Road, Bay Point

Information: Doris Glasper, 925-439-2-61

Health Fair marks World AIDS Day

A candlelight ceremony when people will speak about their experiences with AIDS and HIV or of their friends and family who have contracted the disease will be the emotional highlight of a free health fair.

"There are 2,500 people living with AIDS in Contra Costa County," said Supervisor Federal Glover. "About 220 of them live in East County."

The health fair on World AIDS Day is organized by the East County HIV/AIDS Task Force. The event, starting at 5 p.m. on Dec. 1 will be held at the Ambrose Park and Recreation Center, 3105 Willow Pass Road in Bay Point. The fair is being hosted by Glover and Frances Greene, executive director of the Pittsburg Pre-School Community Council.

White men make up the bulk of East County' AIDS population, according to the HIV/AIDS Epidemiology Report by the Contra Costa Health Services. A disproportionate number of the people living with AIDS are African Americans and Latinos and women make up the fastest growing segments of those people contracting AIDS and HIV.

The Health Fair at the Ambrose Park and Recreation Center will be 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Dec. 1. It will include food, music, raffles in addition to a number of health oriented booths of caregivers, screening and community organizations.

Around 7:30 p.m., a moving candlelight ceremony will occur when the names of those who have died of AIDS will be read. People with HIV and AIDS, their friends and relatives, will be asked to come forward to describe how these diseases have affected their lives.