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STATEMENT BY ANTHONY S. FAUCI, DIRECTOR, NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ALLERGY AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH ON NATIONAL LATINO AIDS AWARENESS DAY

October 15th is the 4th Annual National Latino AIDS Awareness Day, a day to focus on the impact of HIV/AIDS in the Latino population and recommit to working together to curb the devastating effects of HIV/AIDS in this and other minority communities in the United States.

It is gratifying to know that national, regional, and local HIV/AIDS community organizations, along with federal agencies, scientists, activists, religious and community leaders, and people living with HIV/AIDS are all working together to raise awareness and curb the devastating effects of HIV/AIDS around the world. Today, we specifically focus on the impact of HIV/AIDS on the Latino community, which has been disproportionately affected by the HIV/AIDS pandemic.

Latinos comprise approximately 14 percent of the United States population, yet from 1981 through 2004 they accounted for 19 percent of all AIDS cases reported to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. By the end of 2004, an estimated 93,000 Latinos with AIDS in the United States had died. AIDS is the third leading cause of death for Latinos ages 35 to 44 and the fourth leading cause of death among Latino women in the same age group. Yet despite these alarming statistics, a recent NIAID survey found that only 11 percent of Latinos cited HIV/AIDS as the most urgent current health problem.

A number of cultural, socioeconomic and health-related factors contribute to the disproportionate burden of HIV/AIDS in the Latino community. In addition to the language barrier, Latinos face a unique set of challenges that can include poverty; immigration issues; a cultural stigma against acknowledging risky behaviors; poor understanding of HIV/AIDS; and lack of access to adequate and culturally relevant healthcare.

To overcome these obstacles, Latinos and people from all walks of life must be encouraged to learn more about HIV/AIDS and to get involved in the fight to end this scourge. There are no easy solutions, but we must not lose hope.

Collectively, we must do more to ensure that Latinos are educated about both prevention and treatment clinical trials so they can make HIV/AIDS research relevant to their community. We can and must do better in this regard, as Latinos are underrepresented among participants in AIDS clinical trials.

In particular, to ensure that an HIV vaccine works for everyone regardless of their race, ethnicity or gender, all populations must participate in the research process.

Unfortunately, the NIAID survey mentioned above found that Latinos had the lowest level of interest in learning more about HIV vaccine research. To increase knowledge among Latinos and others, the NIAID HIV Vaccine Research Education Initiative, a new phase of the HIV Vaccine Communications Campaign, is partnering with nonprofit community-based organizations and the NIAID HIV Vaccine Trials Network to conduct HIV vaccine awareness and education activities in the diverse communities they serve (see <http://www.bethegeneration.org/>).

It is our hope that as more Americans become better informed about HIV/AIDS, they will support HIV vaccine research, and many will volunteer for a trial. Twenty-two clinical trials of HIV vaccines are under way, and to date, approximately 23,000 people have volunteered in NIAID-supported HIV vaccine clinical studies. With another 12 promising vaccine candidates in the pipeline, however, the need for more volunteers, including Latinos, has never been greater. A safe and effective vaccine to prevent HIV infection is our best hope to end the global AIDS pandemic, and I urge Latinos to become involved in the research effort.

As we test new treatment and prevention strategies, we should be proud of the fact that we are making progress through collaboration and partnership with the Latino community. I applaud the hard work and support of the Latino community in fighting HIV/AIDS, and look forward to continuing to work together to address the HIV/AIDS crisis that affects us all.

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STATEMENT OF CRISTINA V. BEATO, MD, FORMER ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF HEALTH, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES, ON NATIONAL LATINO AIDS AWARENESS DAY, OCTOBER 15, 2006

Bethesda, MD - "*Knowledge is power, Get the facts, Get tested for HIV,*" is the message of the fourth annual National Latino AIDS Awareness Day occurring on October 15, 2006. Together with national, regional, and local HIV/AIDS groups, I am proud to be a part of this important day. National Latino AIDS Awareness Day is an opportunity to thank religious and community leaders, people living with HIV/AIDS, scientists, health care workers, educators, advocates and others, who are working to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS. It is a day to encourage Latinos across the country to get tested for HIV and to educate on ways people can protect themselves from becoming infected with HIV. This year marks the 25th anniversary of HIV/AIDS and while we know a lot about HIV/AIDS, we still do not have a cure. Unfortunately, the number of people with HIV/AIDS continues to grow. Even though Latinos only make up about 14% of the U.S. population, they account for 19% of the AIDS cases in the U.S. since the start of the epidemic. In 2004, Latinos accounted for 20% of the new AIDS cases in the U.S.

Two weeks ago, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released new testing guidelines for Americans. These new guidelines recommend that all Americans

aged 13-64 get tested for HIV as part of their routine health care. HIV testing is one of the most important tools we have in the fight against HIV/AIDS. In honor of National Latino AIDS Awareness Day many organizations across the country are offering free, anonymous HIV testing and counseling. I strongly encourage all Latinos to be tested and learn your status.

While testing is one key step in stopping the spread of HIV, we also need to better inform people about ways they can protect themselves from getting HIV/AIDS. One successful approach in preventing HIV is the "ABC" approach. The "A" stands for **ab**stinence and our first priority is to encourage young people to abstain and delay their first sexual activity. The "B" stands for "**b**e faithful." For people who are already involved in a relationship, we encourage them to be monogamous, that is to only be with that one partner. Finally, the "C" stands for condom use—we encourage people who do not practice "A" or "B" to use condoms every time they have sex and to use them correctly. The "ABC" approach offers our best hope for ending the spread of HIV/AIDS.

National Latino AIDS Awareness Day is a call to action to leaders in the Latino community and beyond. As a community and as a nation, we need to continue our efforts to increase HIV/AIDS awareness and testing among Latinos in order to save lives "*Knowledge is power, Get the facts, Get tested for HIV.*"

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CONGRESSMAN PASTOR RECOGNIZES NATIONAL LATINO AIDS AWARENESS DAY LOCAL HEALTH FAIR WILL PROVIDE FREE SCREENINGS SATURDAY

PHOENIX, Ariz. - U.S. Rep. Ed Pastor, D-Ariz., is calling on all Latinos to empower themselves with information on the fight against AIDS during National Latino AIDS Awareness Day activities in Phoenix.

A health fair with free HIV/AIDS and syphilis screenings will be held from 10 am to 4 pm Saturday at 1402 S. Central Ave., Phoenix (Central and Buckeye).

AIDS Awareness Day promotes HIV testing and education among Latinos and mobilizes Latino communities in the fight against AIDS. This year's theme - *Knowledge is Power. Get the Facts. Get Tested for HIV* - is calling on Latinos to confront the stigmas associated with the disease and help stem the spread of AIDS.

"Hispanic Heritage Month is the perfect time of year to empower people to get tested and help address this health issue that is disproportionately affecting the Latino community," Pastor said. "I congratulate the national and local organizations that have joined forces to hold this health fair Saturday."

Latinos continue to be disproportionately affected by HIV, comprising nearly 20 percent of HIV/AIDS cases nationwide but only 14 percent of the national population. Limited access to prevention and care, cultural barriers, language barriers and immigration status have contributed to this disparity.

The National Latino AIDS Awareness Day (NLAAD) was created by the Latino Commission on AIDS and the Hispanic Federation in partnership with community-based organizations, people living with HIV/AIDS, health departments and others to educate, empower and enable the Latino community to confront AIDS.

Organizers of the Phoenix health fair include Concilio Latino de Salud, the Mexican Consulate, and Chicanos Por La Causa, Inc. Screening will be conducted by The Maricopa County Department of Public Health, Ebony House, Terros and Native Health. More than 350 institutions in 250 cities across the continental United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands are participating in NLAAD, which takes place annually on Oct. 15, the last day of Hispanic Heritage Month.

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CONGRESSMAN SOLOMON P. ORTIZ OCTOBER 15 COMMEMORATES 4TH ANNUAL NATIONAL LATINO AIDS AWARENESS DAY

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Solomon P. Ortiz today thanked the social marketing campaign, National Latino AIDS Awareness Day (NLAAD), for their work to promote HIV testing and education among Hispanics and to mobilize Hispanic communities in the fight against AIDS.

"This year's theme: 'Knowledge is Power. Get the Facts. Get Tested for HIV' says it all," Ortiz said. "Understanding - for any disease - is critical for people to fight and prevent the spread of a disease. HIV and AIDS is an enormous challenge in Hispanic communities, precisely because people are fearful of knowing for certain they are HIV positive, and because the testing can be expensive. HIV testing and prevention education plays a pivotal role in stemming the spread of AIDS."

This year, more than 350 institutions in 250 cities across the continental United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands are participating in NLAAD, which takes place annually on October 15, the last day of Hispanic Heritage Month.

"National Latino AIDS Awareness Day is a day to enjoin Latinos, regardless of country of origin, in a national Latino movement to confront the stigmas associated with the disease and prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS in our communities," said Dennis de Leon, President of the Latino Commission of AIDS. "We must empower our communities by educating ourselves and promoting the importance of knowing your HIV status. Through extensive education, training, and testing sites in Latino communities across the country, Latinos are taking a stand against the spread of HIV, as well as celebrating our culture and the preservation of life and hope."

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The National Latino AIDS Awareness Day was created in 2003 by the Latino Commission on AIDS and the Hispanic Federation in partnership with community based organizations, people living with HIV/AIDS, Health Departments and others, to educate, empower and enable the Latino community to confront AIDS. Organizations participating in NLAAD forge partnerships with the media, elected officials, civic and religious leaders, foundations, celebrities and the health care system in order to address this epidemic.

For more information on how you can save a life by getting tested or to find out how you can participate visit <http://www.nlaad.org/>. NLAAD is supported by NBC, Telemundo, Cable Positive, the Kaiser Family Foundation, Viacom, Univision, Orasure Technologies, Abbott Laboratories, the Office of Minority Health Observance Days, the CDC National Prevention Information Network, plus many others.

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CONGRESSWOMAN LINDA SÁNCHEZ COMMEMORATES 4TH ANNUAL NATIONAL LATINO AIDS AWARENESS DAY

Lakewood, CA - Congresswoman Linda Sánchez recently visited AltaMed as part of National Latino AIDS Awareness Day (NLAAD), a national campaign to increase awareness of HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment within the Latino community.

AltaMed organized the AIDS Awareness Walk Around the Block event in downtown Los Angeles on October 15, supporting efforts to promote HIV testing and education among Latinos and mobilizing Latino communities in the fight against AIDS.

This year's NLAAD theme was "Knowledge is Power. Get the Facts. Get Tested for HIV." More than 350 institutions in 250 cities across the United States, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands participated in NLAAD on the last day of Hispanic Heritage Month.

"It is critical that we take a stand against the spread of HIV as Latinos continue to be disproportionately affected by this disease," said Congresswoman Sánchez.

Congresswoman Sánchez was an original cosponsor of a Congressional resolution recognizing the observance of National Latino AIDS Awareness Day. She was also a cosponsor of the Responsible Education about Life Act, which would make grants available to states for family life education, including education on abstinence and contraception, to prevent teenage pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases.

Latinos comprise nearly 20% of HIV/AIDS cases nationwide but only represent 14% of the national population. NLAAD promotes the critical role of HIV testing and prevention education in stemming the spread of AIDS.

“National Latino AIDS Awareness Day is a day to enjoin Latinos, regardless of country of origin, in a national Latino movement to confront the stigmas associated with the disease and prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS in our communities,” said Dennis de Leon, President of the Latino Commission of AIDS. “We must empower our communities by educating ourselves and promoting the importance of knowing your HIV status. Through extensive education, training, and testing sites in Latino communities across the country, Latinos are taking a stand against the spread of HIV, as well as celebrating our culture and the preservation of life and hope.”

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**CONGRESSIONAL RECORD - REMARKS BY REP. LORETTA SANCHEZ
HONORING THE 4TH ANNUAL NATIONAL LATINO AIDS AWARENESS DAY**

Washington, D.C., - I rise today to honor the fourth annual National Latino AIDS Awareness Day which will be October 15th.

This day is a call to action to all Latinos to protect their lives and the lives of those they love by getting tested and learning about HIV.

Latinos continue to be disproportionately affected by HIV, comprising over 20 percent of HIV/AIDS cases nationwide.

We all must work together to reduce the incidence of HIV/AIDS in our families, communities, cities, states, nation, and around the world.

To do this we must not let differences in language and cultural be barrier to providing access to preventative measures, healthcare and support services.

In my district, the AIDS Services Foundation of Orange County is a critical resource that works to prevent the spread of HIV and improve the lives of men, women, and children affected by HIV/AIDS.

They offer invaluable services to our community by providing food, transportation, housing, emergency financial assistance, kids and family programs, counseling, education and prevention services.

In honor of National Latino AIDS Day all of us need to renew our commitment to the fight to stop the spread of HIV and AIDS.

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ALABAMA

On October 5th, AIDS Action Coalition sponsored a day of free and confidential HIV testing in Albertville. The event was held at the Marshal Family Clinic from 1 to 4 pm. Literature in HIV/AIDS was also disseminated.

The Cooper Green Hospital in partnership with the AIDS Action Coalition sponsored “Dia Binacional de la Salud” at the Cooper Green Hospital in Birmingham on October 7th. Free and confidential HIV testing and counseling was available, and bilingual health information was disseminated. Live music, folkloric dances and food were provided for the whole family.

Radio Fiesta Mexicana along with the AIDS Action Coalition sponsored an afternoon of music and free, confidential HIV testing on October 4th. The HIV testing event was held at 1301 Central Avenue in Decatur. Gifts were provided as incentives for those taking the test.

“Dia Latino” held at the AAC/Davis Clinic on October 18th in Huntsville was sponsored by the AIDS Action Coalition. The event featured free, confidential and bilingual HIV testing from 8:30 am until 4 pm. Health information was available in English and Spanish, and was distributed to members of the community.

On October 21st the AIDS Action Coalition organized the “Hispanic Heritage Health Fair” at Big Springs Park in Huntsville. Bilingual information on HIV and overall health wellness was disseminated. Live music and other forms of entertainment were available for the whole family to enjoy.

Montgomery AIDS Outreach sponsored a day of HIV testing titled “National Latino Day of Awareness.” The event was held on Sunday October 15th at La Azteca in Union Springs. All HIV tests were free and confidential, and bilingual counselors were on hand for those that needed it.

ALASKA

The Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association in partnership with the Hispanic Service Center and the Municipality of Anchorage offered an afternoon of free, confidential and bilingual Rapid HIV testing. The testing took place October 13th in Anchorage at the Hispanic Service Center from 5 pm until 7 pm. All test takers were automatically entered into a raffle for a free pizza, which was raffled at the end of the event. Additional information about the event was published in La Cronica Community Newspaper and in citywide community electronic bulletin boards.

“Fiesta Luncheon” sponsored by the Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association was held October 13th from noon until 1 pm at the United Way Building in Anchorage. The fiesta

luncheon was dedicated to educating Latino community members on HIV/AIDS. Father Paul Scanlon “Padre Pablo” from Holy Family Cathedral Church commemorated NLAAD and Latin American food was provided by the Spanish-speaking congregation of the Holy Family Cathedral Church. HIV testing was available for free from 1 to 3 pm. Bilingual information on HIV/AIDS was disseminated.

ARIZONA

Concilio Latino de Salud, the Mexican Consulate and Chicanos por la Causa hosted a health fair in celebration of both National Latino AIDS Awareness Day and the closure of the Bi-National Health Week as sponsored by the Mexican Consulate. The health fair was held Saturday October 14th on Central Avenue in Phoenix. Free, confidential HIV and syphilis tests were provided by the Maricopa County Department of Public Health, Ebony House, Terros and Native Health. Community agencies from the area provided other types of health screenings as well as bilingual information on HIV/AIDS. Radio Campesina 88.3 broadcast live and Party Down D.J. Services provided live music, food and other entertainment for the whole family.

On October 12th, Concilio Latino de Salud participated in a phone bank at Univision channel 33 from 4:30 pm until 10:30 pm. The public had the opportunity to call and ask questions regarding HIV/AIDS. In addition, 10 live spots were broadcast during the phone banking.

The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation in collaboration with Wingspan, COPE Community Services, Mujer Sana/SIROW, The Pima County Health Department, the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN) and the Luz Southside Coalition celebrated the 4th Annual National Latino AIDS Awareness Day on Sunday October 15th. The celebration took place at El Pueblo Neighborhood Center in Tucson from 1 to 4 pm. HIV counselors offered free HIV tests and counseling services. Various organizations and community centers set up informational booths and disseminated literature on overall health wellness. Music and food was provided.

CALIFORNIA

Grupo Fremont VIP hosted an HIV awareness activity on October 22nd at their offices. The event featured speaker Ruben Gamundi who disseminated important health information for those currently living with HIV/AIDS.

The Fresno County Department of Community Health sponsored the “NLAAD Health Fair.” The event took place October 14, 2006 in Fresno from 10 am until 2 pm at the Dr. Bautista Medical Group location. Free HIV Rapid tests and other health screenings were available. Literature on HIV prevention and voter registration was disseminated. Entertainment for the whole family, including speakers, music and raffles were included.

BANLAAD, in partnership with the The Latino Social Workers de CSUEB sponsored a bilingual HIV/AIDS conference that focused on addressing HIV/AIDS disparities among

Latinas/os. The goals of the conference were to a) create awareness about HIV/ AIDS disparities among Latinas/os, b) provide statistical information about the epidemic, c) discuss risk factors, barriers to prevention, treatment and care, and d) discuss the role of social workers on prevention and treatment. Featured speakers included Maria Aguilar from the Alameda Office of AIDS Administration and BANLAAD, Nora Jaspe from AIDS Community Research Consortium: Living Now and BANLAAD. The Conference took place October 16, 2006 at California State University, East Bay in Hayward.

AltaMed sponsored a “Latino AIDS Awareness Day – Walk Around the Block” on October 16, 2006 from 10 am until 6 pm and 12 pm at the AltaMed Daniel V. Lara Clinic in Los Angeles. Free and confidential HIV Testing was available. An outreach table complete with educational information on HIV/AIDS and overall health.

The Mono County Health Department sponsored an NLAAD community awareness campaign at the Hospital Hispanic Heritage event at the Mammoth Hospital in Mammoth Lakes. The outreach campaign took place October 1, 2006. It included local presentations and the distribution of print materials as well as radio announcements.

Mammoth Hospital in collaboration with the Sierra Park Medica Center, Mono County Health Department, and Wild Iris sponsored a community health fair in commemoration of National Hispanic Heritage Month titled “¡Celebra La Vida Con Salud - Infórmate - Aprende - Actúa!” The event took place on October 11, 2006 at Mammoth Elementary School in Mammoth Lakes. Educational information on health, healthy eating and safety was available as well as free blood pressure checks, and low cost immunizations. Entertainment, music and free-giveaways were provided for the whole family.

Hombres Unidos from the Tri-City Health Center organized the “Modos Machos III - Fashion Show 2006” in commemoration of the National Latino AIDS Awareness Day. The fashion show took place at The Bench & Bar in Oakland on Friday, October 13, 2006 from 7:30 pm until 9 pm. Free and anonymous Rapid HIV testing was available.

BANLAAD/San Mateo County AIDS Program organized a workshop to raise awareness among health workers and community leaders about prejudices against disenfranchised groups and its impact on their work with diverse populations. The workshop took place at Sequoia High School in Redwood City October 12, 2006.

BANLAAD/ El Concilio of San Mateo County sponsored a health fair titled “VI Feria Binacional de Salud: Salud es Alegria” on October 14, 2006. The health fair took place at The Fair Oaks Community Center in Redwood City. Marcos Gutierrez from “La Grande 1010” and the program “Hecho en California” was the program’s master of ceremonies. “Lluvia de Estrellas,” theatrical improvisations, and a special performance by “La Payasita- Promotora” were provided as entertainment for the whole family. In addition, exercise demonstrations, various folkloric dances, face paintings and inflatable games (provided by Elvia’s Boutique) were also available. Multiple health exams – diabetes, blood pressure, anemia, etc were available. The Salvadorian Consulate provided information, the Guatemalan Consulate provided registrations and the Mexican Consulate

provided registration only to those with an appointment. In addition, information about registering for medical insurance was available.

On October 12, 2006, BANLAAD/Center for AIDS Prevention Studies organized a “Research Town Hall on Latino Topics.” The forum featured Sonya Arreola, PhD, MPH from the San Francisco Department of Public Health who spoke on the “Inclusion of Latinos in HIV Vaccine Trials: The importance of Latino representation in HIV Vaccine research.” In addition, María Teresa Hernández, MPH, from the Universitywide AIDS Research Program –UARP at the University of California spoke on the “Environmental Vulnerability to HIV Infection among Mexican Migrants in Common Dwelling and Work Sites.” Maria Teresa Hernandez’ data were the results from the California-Mexico Epidemiological Surveillance Pilot (CMESP) that was conducted in rural California counties and migrant communities in Mexico.

Grupo Fremont VIP organized a session at Radio Station 1010AM in San Francisco on October 24, 2006 from 9 pm until 10 pm. The program contained education and prevention messages as well as the importance of taking the HIV test. Special guests included Jesus Moreno, Antonio Osuna Benito, Singer Gladys Balmas, and Ron Chavez. BANLAAD/San Mateo County AIDS Program organized an inter-religious conference for religious leaders titled “Faith and HIV, A Call for Hope” on September 12, 2006. The conference took place at the Garden Center in San Mateo. The goal of the conference was to provide support to communities of faith in the efforts currently in place to reduce the impact of HIV/AIDS in our communities. In addition, other tools and resources were provided by BANLAAD/San Mateo County AIDS Program to assist religious leaders for their work in dealing with the epidemic and with families that are infected and affected by HIV/AIDS.

“La Salud No Tiene Fronteras” organized by Marin County Health and Human Services was celebrated during Bi-national Health Week in San Rafael on October 14, 2006. The health fair was celebrated at Pickleweed Park on Saturday. Free, anonymous, confidential HIV tests were available for free as were flue shots. Health information on overall wellbeing, HIV/AIDS education, healthy cooking and legal information was disseminated. Entertainment for the whole family was provided.

On October 13, 2006, the Common Ground – The West Side HIV Community Center sponsored a day of HIV/AIDS Awareness at the Common Ground in Santa Monica from 10 am until 1 pm. Free and confidential HIV tests were available without having to draw blood. Educational information on HIV/AIDS was available as well as music and food for the whole family.

COLORADO

“Honoring Individuals and Families Impacted by HIV disease” was sponsored by Familias Lucero, Gurule, and Ortiz in collaboration with Imagio Dei Church. The event took place October 14, 2006 at 915 E 9th Avenue in Denver at 5 pm. Father Frank Quintana gave mass and lead the special blessing for those individuals infected and

affected by HIV/AIDS. Refreshments were provided for attendees by Coloradans for Fairness

La Voz y Fuerza organized a two day health fair on HIV/AIDS awareness in Denver on October 14, 2006. The event, titled “National Latino AIDS Awareness Day Denver” took place at Sloan's Lake Park in Denver. Educational literature on HIV/AIDS was disseminated both days. On Saturday, October 14th, surveys were conducted and all participants received \$5 gift certificates to Chubby’s Mexican Food. On Sunday October 15th, free and confidential HIV tests were available. Entertainment for the whole family was provided on both days and included raffles for the Xbox 360, and iTunes, free BBQ, music by DJ Tatiana, Beto Gaytan y su Disco Chaman, and Aztlán DJ.

Boulder County Public Health organized a health fair titled “National Latino AIDS Awareness Day” in Longmont on Sunday October 15, 2006. The health fair took place at the Twin Peaks Mall where free and confidential HIV testing was available. Literature on HIV/AIDS was distributed and outreach coordinators were present.

CONNECTICUT

Latino Community Services organized an afternoon of HIV/AIDS education and cultural celebration on Sunday October 15, 2006. The “NLAAD 2006 – Faith-Based Event” took place at Iglesia Cristiana Nueva in East Hartford. Free, confidential, painless and rapid HIV testing was available. Literature and educational workshops on HIV/AIDS was available and disseminated. The whole family was able to enjoy an afternoon of HIV/AIDS workshops, games, prizes, food and much more.

Hispanos Unidos organized an open house at their offices to focus on HIV/AIDS education and awareness titled “Knowledge is Power.” The event was held October 10, 2006 in New Haven. Free, confidential, and painless HIV testing was available. Literature on HIV/AIDS education was disseminated and music as well as food was provided.

D.C.

On October 13, 2006, the DC NLAAD Coalition / La Clínica Del Pueblo organized street outreach in Washington, DC. Outreach workers disseminated HIV/AIDS literature and health services information in Columbia Heights, Mount Pleasant and Adams Morgan from 6 pm until 9 pm.

The DC NLAAD Coalition / La Clínica Del Pueblo organized a community health fair in the Pine Ridge Community Center in Washington, D.C., on October 15, 2006. The health fair took place from noon until 4 pm. Outreach counseling and free HIV testing was provided. In addition, educational information on HIV/AIDS was disseminated.

El “Día Nacional de la Concientización del SIDA” was organized by the DC NLAAD Coalition / La Clínica Del Pueblo on October 15, 2006. The event took place at the

offices of La Clínica Del Pueblo and included the designing of a tapiz (manta) in memory of those who have lost the battle against HIV/AIDS and for those who are still fighting.

A health fair honoring National Latino AIDS Awareness Day was organized by the DC NLAAD Coalition / La Clínica Del Pueblo on October 15, 2006. The health fair took place from 11 am until 3 pm at Unity Park. Health information on overall health wellness and HIV/AIDS was disseminated. Entertainment for the whole family was provided.

Free, rapid, painless and confidential HIV testing was provided at the Andromeda Health Center from 9 am to 6 pm on Sunday October 15th. Each test took 20 minutes and was accompanied by pre and post-test counseling. Safe sex kits and educational literature on HIV/AIDS were distributed throughout the day. The HIV testing event was organized by The Early Intervention Services at the Andromeda Health Center in Washington, D.C.

DELAWARE

La Red Health Center in partnership with the Sussex County, DE-NLAAD coalition organized a day of HIV testing and counseling. The event took place at Georgetown Trail Park in Georgetown on October 15, 2006. Along with free, confidential and painless HIV testing, literature on HIV/AIDS was also disseminated

FLORIDA

On October 21, 2006, Comprehensive AIDS Program sponsored a health fair at Caridad Health Clinic in Boynton Beach. Free, painless and quick OraQuick and OraSure HIV testing as well as other health screenings were available. All test takers were given incentives. Bilingual literature on HIV/AIDS, provided by Minority Network, was disseminated and Voices group sessions were available. Music, food, and give-aways were provided for the whole family.

The Volusia County Health Department organized a day of free HIV testing event at their offices in Daytona, Deland and Deltona on October 16, 2006. Literature on HIV/AIDS was disseminated and all tests were free of charge, confidential and painless.

The United States Conference on AIDS (USCA) South Florida Host committee organized a "Fiesta Latina" on September 23, 2006. The event took part of the International Fishing Hall of Fame in Fort Lauderdale. The event was part of the 2006 USCA and served as the kick off to NLAAD events in Broward County. Several Latino/Minorities HIV Prevention initiatives of Broward and Miami-Dade counties were showcased. Attendees also enjoyed the showing of "Positivo Soy", a powerful prevention for positives educational video created in South Florida, followed by Latino cultural groups, such as "Los Doctores - HIV Prevention with Latin Music". A consumer's fashion show closed the night, with the participation of local talent. More than 700 people attended, making this grass-roots event a total success.

Hispanic Unity of Florida in collaboration with Gay and Lesbian Community Center, Red Hispana Florida, Care Resource Broward, Children's Diagnostics & Treatment Center and the Broward County Health Department sponsored a week of HIV testing. The HIV Testing Week began Monday October 16 and ended Friday October 20, 2006 in Fort Lauderdale. Several community based organizations hosted free testing events at their offices where bilingual counselors were available for Spanish speaking clients.

The Columbia County Health Department provided free HIV Testing at their offices during the week of October 16, 2006. The testing was free, confidential and bilingual counselors were on hand for Spanish-speaking clients. The testing was available Monday through Friday from 8 am until 5 pm at the Columbia County Health Department.

Free and anonymous HIV testing was sponsored by the Putnam County Health Department from 8 am to 5 pm in Palatka on October 16, 2006. Bilingual counselors were on hand for Spanish-speaking clients.

On October 16, 2006, the Sumner County Health Department held an anonymous, confidential and free HIV Testing event on October 16, 2006. Testing was available from 8 am to 5 pm in Bushnell.

Dicie County Health Department sponsored a week of free HIV Testing at their offices in Cross City. Free, confidential, painless and anonymous testing was available Monday to Friday from 8 am to 11 am and 1 to 3:30 pm.

A week of free HIV testing was sponsored by the Bradford County Health Department beginning Monday October 16, 2006. HIV Testing was available Monday to Friday from 8 am to 5 pm at the Bradford County Health Department offices in Starke. All tests were free of charge and Spanish-speaking counselors were available.

Union County Health Department organized a week of HIV Testing at their offices in Butler. HIV testing was administered Monday to Friday, 8 am to 5 pm HIV tests were confidential, free of charge and Spanish-speaking counselors were on hand.

The Marion County Health Department provided free HIV testing at the health fair in Marion County. All tests were confidential, anonymous, free and painless. Bilingual counselors were on hand and literature was disseminated.

Free HIV testing was provided by the Levy County Health Department during the week of October 16, 2006 in Bronson. Testing was available Monday thru Friday from 8 am to 5 pm It was free to the public and

On October 16, 2006, the Gilchrist Health Department sponsored a week of HIV testing in commemoration of NLAAD. Testing was available Monday thru Friday from 8 am to 5 pm at the Gilchrist Health Department offices in Trenton. All tests were free, quick, easy and painless. Bilingual counselors were available for Spanish-speaking clients.

On October 16, 2006, the Alachua County Health Department sponsored a day of health screenings and HIV testing at their offices in Gainesville. OraQuick Advance Rapid HIV testing was used, which took only 20 minutes to complete. Testing for syphilis and hepatitis was also included. All health screenings and HIV tests were free and bilingual counselors were on hand for Spanish-speaking clients.

The Latin Women's League featured their Second Annual Gainesville Latino Film Festival at the Hippodrome Theater in Gainesville, from September 16th until October 21, 2006. HIV testing was offered.

Miami-Dade County Schools, HIV/AIDS Education Program in collaboration with Community Health of South Dade, Inc. held an HIV Youth/Leadership Summit at the Homestead Campus at Miami-Dade College on October 16, 2006. Students from Miami-Dade County Public Schools, who attend schools in the South Dade area, participated in educational activities designed to prevent HIV infection. A total of 350 students interacted with community leaders to discuss, act-out, and join-in ways in which students can prevent the spread of this virus.

The Miami-Dade County Health Department - Office of HIV/AIDS premiered their new Latino social marketing and HIV prevention tools in commemoration of NLAAD. The tools were intended to supplement the existing local and statewide initiatives targeting Latino communities in Florida. The NLAAD breakfast took place at the Rusty Pelican in Key Biscayne on October 10, 2006.

Free HIV Testing was made possible by the Citrus County Health Department on Sunday October 16, 2006. Appointments were requested for all those wishing to take the HIV test. All tests were free of charge and were conducted at the Citrus County Health Department offices in Lecarito.

In commemoration of National Latino AIDS Awareness Day, the Lake County Health Department sponsored a day of HIV testing and syphilis screenings. The HIV testing event took place October 14, 2006 at La Primera Iglesia Bautista de Mascotte in Mascotte, Florida. All tests were free to the public.

The Hispanic AIDS Awareness Program (HAAP), Miami Dade County Health Department and the acclaimed TV/Theater producer Miguel Ferro presented "25 Mitos / 25 Realidades" (25 Myths / 25 Realities): An HIV/AIDS Latino Public Service Awareness (PSA) Campaign. This statewide Campaign secured the support of 25 Latino celebrities who through their image and voices recorded 25 PSA's that address the truth about HIV/AIDS myths. The year-long campaign's official launch was on Wednesday, October 25th, 2006 as one of many activities in support of the National Latino AIDS Awareness Day. The main goal of this Campaign is to increase AIDS awareness, promote HIV prevention, counseling and testing and linkage to care and reduce the myths, stigma and fears surrounding the disease through the power of celebrity influence. In the Latino community there are still many HIV/AIDS myths that continue to fuel stigma and

ignorance which create barriers to preventing HIV infection and linkage to care and treatment. This event was by invitation only.

"Block Out With A Beat" is an annual University of Central Florida event aimed at increasing awareness of the need for HIV testing among minority members of the UCF community and surrounding area. A variety of music, poetry, rap and educational games were provided as entertainment. The event took place October 11, 2006 at the University of Central Florida in Orlando.

The Cafe Latino Coalition of Orlando organized a health fair "Despierta El Poder de Nuestra Gente" on October 14, 2006. The health fair took place at the Engelwood Neighborhood Center in Orlando. Health screenings such as blood pressure, HIV rapid test, and diabetes/glucose test were available for free, and educational literature was disseminated. Lunch, clowns for kids, dancers and music was offered as entertainment for the whole family.

The Cafe Latino Coalition of Orlando organized the second in a series of events in commemoration of National Latino AIDS Awareness Day 2006. The first NLAAD commemoration event was a strategic planning forum of community based organizations to develop a one year plan of HIV/AIDS Awareness within the Latino Community. The second part of the event is planned as an HIV/AIDS Health Fair, with music, food, children's play, and on site testing. The community forum took place the Engelwood Community Center in Orlando on October 14, 2006.

A basic Spanish class for Health & Human Services Providers was organized by the Comprehensive AIDS Program in Palm Springs, Florida on October 12, 2006. The class focused on teaching Health and Human Services Providers tools with which to communicate with clients in Spanish for simple greetings. In addition, students were also given an introduction on giving and taking messages. Other information about Testing/Counseling was also included.

Utilizing this year's NLAAD theme: "Knowledge is Power. Get the Facts. Get tested," the Bay County Health Department distributed NLAAD laminated posters throughout Latino communities in Panama City. Clear Channel Radio broadcast a PSA on six radio stations: WPAP, WFSY, WFBX, WEBC, WPBH, WDIZ. Local TV station WMBB Channel 13 had a PSA on the local community calendar, as well as a PSA on the WMBB web site Community Calendar from October 1st through the 15th of October (marking the last day of Hispanic Heritage Month). During the local Friday noon show on local TV station WJHG, NLAAD PSAs were broadcast during the breaks until October 15th. Faith Based Organizations in Latino Communities disseminated HIV/AIDS information and provided other outreach services such as testing sites and times.

In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month in October and in commemoration of NLAAD, the Bay County Health Department organized free HIV Testing at their offices in Panama City. HIV testing was available Monday through Friday, 8 am to 4 pm from October 1st through October 15th.

The Community Information Network collaborated with Hispanic Student Union Campus and together, they sponsored a table complete with literature on HIV/AIDS, a video tape with important HIV information. The HIV educational table was set up at the offices of Community Information Network in Pensacola on October 16, 2006.

“Festival Del Día De La Raza” sponsored by the Monroe County Health Department took place October 14, 2006. Food, games for the kids, salsa and merengue dancing contests (with fabulous prizes) for the winners were provided as entertainment. In addition, free, quick, confidential and painless OraQuick Advance Rapid HIV Testing was available to all participants. All of the food has been donated by local restaurants and about 200 people were expected to participate. The event was promoted by a local Spanish radio station and TV station. The cultural fair was held at Bernstein Park in Stock Island.

A half day event honoring National Latino AIDS Awareness Day 2006 was sponsored by the Hillborough Health Department. The event began with a strategic planning forum of community based organizations to develop a one year plan of HIV/AIDS Awareness within West Central Florida's Latino Community. Representative Bob "Coach," Henriquez was the keynote speaker. NLAAD was celebrated October 15, 2006 at Lios Eye Institute for Transplant & Research, Inc in Tampa.

“With Latin Flavor” – “Con Sabor Latino” was celebrated in recognition of National Latino AIDS Awareness Day in Broward County. The Broward County Health Department partnered with the city of Wilton Manors, to host a this community cultural event that featured information on HIV/AIDS community resources, live music by community groups and the presentation of the 2nd Hispanic HIV/AIDS Leadership Awards. The event was created by the Hispanic/Latino Committee of the HIV/AIDS Minority Network to reach the target population through cultural expressions, a strategy that has been proven successful when targeting Hispanic/Latinos. The Miami Office of AID FOR AIDS participated in “Con Sabor Latino” by providing HIV information, and literature. “Con Sabor Latino” was celebrated at Hagen Park in Wilton Manors from 6 pm to 10 pm October 13, 2006.

Free HIV testing and bilingual HIV counselors were on-site for the 3 day HIV testing event in Athens. AIDS Athens sponsored the 3 day HIV testing event that took place at the Athen's Nurse's Clinic from October 24th through the 26th.

The 3-day HIV testing event at Mercy Health Center in Athens was sponsored by AIDS Athens. Beginning on October 24th, free HIV testing was available and bilingual HIV counselors were on hand until October 26th.

AIDS Athens organized a 3-day free HIV testing event at their offices in Athens. Free HIV testing was available from October 24 through October 2006. In addition, bilingual HIV counselors were on hand.

In memory of all those affected and infected by HIV/AIDS, a conference call with the theme "Saving Fuel At The Pump" was conducted by Reggie Dunbar II. The purpose of the call was to provide people living with HIV/AIDS with tools to save money; beginning at the pump. The conference call was FREE as the dial in number was an 800 number and it was conducted in Spanish. The call was held October 3, 2006 at 9 pm.

Volunteers and staff from AIDGwinnett conducted outreach at the "El Imperio" nightclub on Jimmy Carter Blvd in Atlanta, Georgia. The outreach was conducted on October 12, 2006 and information on HIV/AIDS was disseminated.

Bar outreach at "El Chaparral" gay Latin club on Buford Hwy in Atlanta, Georgia was conducted by volunteers and staff from AIDGwinnett. The outreach was completed October 13, 2006 and information on HIV/AIDS was distributed to club goers.

HAWAII

"National Latino AIDS Awareness Day" Hawaiian style was celebrated October 15, 2006. The Hawaii State Department of Health organized the celebration, which took place at Luquin's Restaurant in the Pahoia Village from 12 pm until 4 pm. It focused on celebrating the Latino culture by bringing all Latinos together, regardless of country to unite to prevent new HIV/AIDS cases from occurring. Food was provided.

ILLINOIS

The "Quaker Oats Health and Wellness Fair" organized by PepsiCo Beverages and Foods took place October 23, 2006. Approximately 200 employees were expected to attend the health fair that took place at their offices in Bridgeview. Information on overall health wellness including HIV/AIDS was available and distributed.

The City of Chicago Department of Health in collaboration with VIDA SIDA organized an afternoon of free STD and HIV testing. HIV tests were fast, easy, painless and confidential, and were available from 3 to 6 pm at the offices of the Youth Service Project on October 12th.

"En Tus Manos" is the result of a collaborative with Self Help Graphics in Los Angeles, CA; The Institute for Latino Studies, The University of Notre Dame; and the Mexican Fine Arts Center Museum, to address the issue of AIDS in the Latino community. The objective was to work with a group of local artists in a two-day workshop where they received training in a new medium. The result can be seen in this unique selection of silkscreen monoprints that explore the present reality of Latinos and AIDS. The art was displayed at the Mexican Fine Arts Center Museum on October 12th in Chicago.

The Chicago Mexican Consulate and the City of Chicago Department of Health sponsored a day of Free STD and HIV testing. The Mexican Consulate opened their

offices on Ashland Avenue for testing on October 13th from 9:30 am to 2 pm. All tests were fast, easy, painless and confidential.

All residents of Chicago were invited to the National Latino AIDS Awareness Day HIV testing celebration organized by the City of Chicago Department of Health. The event featured free STD and HIV testing that was fast, easy, painless and confidential. HIV 101 workshops were available, guest speakers were present, a rally took place, and free giveaways were distributed to the public. This day of celebration took place October 14th at the Benito Juarez Community Academy in Chicago from 10 am until 3 pm.

INDIANA

Latinos Contra el SIDA celebrated NLAAD with a free HIV testing health fair. The health fair was held October 15th at La Ley 1590 in Indianapolis from 2 to 7 pm. Free and confidential HIV testing was provided, guest speakers presented information on HIV/AIDS, health care facilities disseminated literature, and ID cards were available for children. Food and games for the family were provided.

IOWA

NLAAD was commemorated in Des Moines by the AIDS Project of Central Iowa. This organization sponsored a community forum at their offices in Des Moines on October 26th. The forum featured Ernesto Perez from the Border Health Foundation. He spoke on the state of the Latino community and HIV/AIDS.

KANSAS

El Centro, Inc., sponsored a community awareness event on Thursday, October 12th in honor of National Latino AIDS Awareness Day. The Good Samaritan Project provided free, confidential, painless and quick HIV testing. Educational pamphlets on health wellness and HIV/AIDS were distributed. The NLAAD fair took place at the Argentine Community Center in Kansas City.

In remembrance of those who passed away due to HIV/AIDS, the weekend of October 14th was dedicated to making flowers and signs that would be displayed in Emerson Park. The Emerson Park AIDS Memorial was sponsored and organized by the Planned Parenthood of Kansas and Mid-Missouri.

KENTUCKY

The Owensboro Area HIV/AIDS Task Force, Inc., in conjunction with Heartland Cares of Paducah provided free, anonymous and confidential HIV rapid testing at La Plaza (aka Misas) in Owensboro from 12 pm to 5 pm. Incentives were provided to those who took the test. Literature on health wellness and HIV/AIDS was disseminated. Food and entertainment was provided.

LOUISIANA

HIV/AIDS information, counseling and HIV testing was made available by Brotherhood Task Force of NWLa at Flamingo Sports. All HIV tests were free, confidential and painless. The HIV/AIDS outreach took place October 12, 2006 at Flamingo Sports in Bossier City.

The Louisiana Latino Health Coalition sponsored a week of HIV/AIDS awareness throughout the New Orleans metro area beginning October 15th. The first in a series of events provided counseling, testing, HIV/AIDS education and outreach in 3 different locations throughout New Orleans in the Medical Mobil Unit provided by The Elizabeth Taylor AIDS Foundation. In addition, free HIV testing and counseling were available at 2601 Tulane Ave, suite 500 on Monday, October 16 through Saturday October 21, from 3 pm to 7 pm. Outreach and HIV testing in gay bars and the bath house in the French Quarter was available Wednesday October 18, Friday October 20th, and Saturday October 21st. All HIV tests were free, painless and confidential.

The Brotherhood Task Force of NWLa sponsored an NLAAD event at Trejo's. Educational information was available as well as HIV testing and counseling. All services were free of charge and took place in Shreveport in Louisiana on October 11, 2006.

“Take The Test. Take Control. Know Now.” – was sponsored by the Brotherhood Task Force of NWLa. OraQuick Rapid HIV testing was available for free October 14, 2006 at 838 Hope Street in Shreveport. All test results were available in as little as 20 minutes. Pre and post-test counselors were available.

In commemoration of NLAAD, the “Cultural Competency Training, sponsored by the Brotherhood Task Force of NWLa took place on October 15, 2006. The goal of the training was to gain the basic understanding of the facets of culture that can influence the response to and delivery of HIV prevention services. In addition, an illustration on the cultural variables needed for a provider to consider to define and implement a culturally competent HIV prevention service for any given target population. The capacity building training took place at 1050 Bert Kouns Industrial in Shreveport.

MARYLAND

HIV/AIDS street outreach and HIV Testing in Langley Park, Maryland was made possible by La Clínica del Pueblo in partnership with the DC NLAAD Coalition. The street outreach took place October 12th where educational information and literature as well as condoms were disseminated. In addition, HIV testing was available on-site for free. All HIV tests were confidential, quick, and painless.

In collaboration with Casa Maryland, the DC NLAAD Coalition and La Clínica del Pueblo organized a day of HIV testing, outreach and counseling at La Union Mall in Langley Park. This day of HIV awareness and testing took place October 15th from 2 pm to 6 pm. All tests were free, quick, painless and confidential.

La Clínica Del Pueblo in partnership with the DC NLAAD Coalition organized an evening of HIV outreach at De Lounge Night Club in Wheaton, Maryland. Volunteers, counselors and staff members were on hand at the club providing guests with information on HIV/AIDS and other services from 9 pm until 12 am on October 12, 2006.

MASSACHUSETTS

In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month in beginning in September and continuing until October, the Latin American Health Institute in Brockton, MA, sponsored the “Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month/ Kick Off Event.” The event took place September 16th and included samples of dishes from various Latin American cultures, as well as music and art. Information on services available for Spanish-speaking Latino Communities as well as information about the events commemorating Hispanic Heritage Month events in Brockton from September 5th until October 15th were available to the public. This event took place at the Buena Vista Restaurant in Brockton. In addition, 1,800 flyers in English and Spanish were distributed. The event was publicized by local radio stations, and information about the events was disseminated to churches in the city and surrounding colleges.

“Encuentro Cultural Comunitario” was celebrated October 13th by the community of Chelsea and Centro Latino de Chelsea in commemoration of NLAAD and in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. This annual gathering featured the work of a local Puerto Rican artist. Live music, food and public health information on HIV/AIDS was provided. This health fair was open to the community from 3 pm until 7 pm at Centro Latino de Chelsea located at 267 Broadway in Chelsea.

The Consulate General of Mexico in Boston and the Latin American Health Institute joined by the AIDS Action Committee of Massachusetts, AstraZeneca, Fenway Community Health, Bank of America, Silvia Ponce Dentist and the organizing committee hosted a health fair - “A Tu Salud.” The health fair was organized as part of the series of events to celebrate the Sixth Binational Health Week (BHW) 2006, which is held across the United States and Mexico from October 7th to the 15th.

In conjunction with “A Tu Salud” and NLAAD, the Latin American Health Institute, the Consulate General of Mexico in Boston, the AIDS Action Committee of Massachusetts and health fair was held at the East Boston Social Center in East Boston on October 7th, 2006 from 9:30 am until 3 pm. Approximately 30 AIDS Service and Community Based organizations participated. The Latin American Health Institute provided an HIV counseling and testing van and the Prostate Cancer screening van. Free doctor consultations, dental consultations, blood pressure screening, and cholesterol were provided. Each agency provided literature and other health information (verbal and

written) in Spanish. All activities throughout the day were conducted in Spanish. Mayor of the City of Boston - Thomas M. Menino was invited along with several other city and state officials, and sponsors and co-sponsors of the event.

An official Press Conference announcing “A Tu Salud” was held on Tuesday September 26, 2006 at 10 am at the Latin American Health Institute in Boston. This press conference marked the kick-off of the Latin American Health Institute events that would be taking place during the Sixth Binational Health Week 2006.

The Holyoke Health Center sponsored a day of HIV counseling and testing on October 16, 2006. HIV testing was available for free at their offices in Holyoke. Refreshments were provided and \$10 K-mart gift certificates were distributed to persons who returned for their tests results 2 weeks later.

The Gandara Center AIDS vigil was organized in commemoration of NLAAD as a way to raise awareness on the impact of HIV/AIDS in Latino communities and to remember those who have passed due to AIDS in the Springfield area. The vigil took place October 12, 2006 at the Gandara Center in Springfield between Main and Bancroft Street.

MICHIGAN

As a way to “Close the Gap on Latino Health Disparities and celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month”, the Wayne County Health Department of Public Health organized a health fair on September 28, 2006. The fair took place at UAW Local 22 in Detroit. The event featured speakers, a display by health providers where information on the services they offer and HIV/AIDS education were disseminated. In addition, literature on HIV/AIDS and STDs as well as posters, were also distributed.

The Wayne County Health Department of Public Health supplied an HIV testing mobile van for their HIV testing event that was held October 20, 2006. The event took place in the parking lot of St. Francis Xavier Church located at 4250 W. Jefferson in Ecrose. In addition, free HIV testing was also available October 20, 2006 at the Wayne County Department of Public Health offices from 10 am until 2 pm. All tests were confidential, quick and painless. HIV counselors were also on hand for those that took the test.

The Macomb County Health Department organized a day of HIV counseling and testing. The OraQuick Rapid HIV test was available October 19, 2006 at the Macomb County Health Department in Mt. Clemens. Testing was available for free and only by appointment. Spanish interpreters and bilingual counselors were on hand for those that needed Spanish translation. All tests were quick, painless and the test results were available within 20 minutes of taking the test.

MINNESOTA

The Minnesota Department of Health in partnership with the Sabathani Community Center sponsored an HIV/AIDS Starter Facts Course in Spanish on October 15, 2006.

The 4-hour Starter Facts course was designed to provide the basic facts about HIV/AIDS and related sexually transmitted diseases, and to increase knowledge and ability to respond to questions about HIV/AIDS. As a requirement for those wishing to become certified HIV/AIDS instructors for the American Red Cross, a course fee of \$20.00 was applied and CEUs were available. Scholarships were also offered. The course was available at the Sabathani Community Center in Minneapolis.

The Southside Community Health Service Dental Program offered free OraSure HIV testing in conjunction with their regularly scheduled dental program days. All HIV tests were free, confidential, quick, and painless. Test results were available within 20 minutes of taking the test. The Minnesota Department of Health and the Southside Community Health Service Dental Program sponsored this event on October 11, 2006 at the Southside Dental Clinic in Minneapolis.

Southside Community Health Service partnered with the Southside Dental Office in Minneapolis to offer a day of free HIV testing. Condoms and literature on HIV/AIDS and health wellness were disseminated. All tests were conducted at the South Side Dental Office in Minneapolis from 1 pm until 3 pm on October 11, 2006. All HIV tests were quick, painless and confidential.

As a tribute to NLAAD, the NLAAD Planning Committee organized a Free HIV Testing day at Centro in Minneapolis. OraQuick HIV testing was offered for free. All tests were painless, quick and test takers received their results 20 minutes after the test was administered. Tests were available October 13, 2006.

An HIV/AIDS Starter Facts Course in Spanish was offered by the Minnesota Department of Health on October 13, 2006. The 4-hour Starter Facts course provided the basic facts about HIV/AIDS and related sexually transmitted diseases. It focused on increasing knowledge and the ability to respond to questions about HIV/AIDS. For those wishing to become certified HIV/AIDS instructors for the American Red Cross, the course fee was \$20.00. CEU's were available as well as scholarships. The course was offered at Centro located at 1915 Chicago Avenue South in Minneapolis.

The Minnesota Department of Health in conjunction with the American Red Cross offered a 4-hour Starter Facts course in Spanish. The purpose of the course was to provide basic facts about HIV/AIDS and related sexually transmitted diseases. It also focused on increasing people's knowledge and ability to respond to questions about HIV/AIDS. The course was a requirement for those who wish to become certified HIV/AIDS instructors for the American Red Cross and as a result a \$20.00 course fee was applied. CEUs were available as well as scholarships. This course was offered October 17, 2006 at the American Red Cross - West Metro Office in Minneapolis.

The NLAAD Planning Committee in partnership with the Planned Parenthood of Minneapolis organized a day of outreach at El Colegio in Minneapolis on October 26, 2006. Literature and other HIV/AIDS educational materials were disseminated. A film on HIV prevention and care was available along with Free HIV OraSure testing. All HIV tests were quick, easy and painless.

Free HIV OraSure Testing was available at Southside Dental Clinic on October 25, 2006. The NLAAD Planning Committee, in conjunction with the Minnesota Department of Health and the Southside Community Health Services sponsored this testing day. The Southside Community Health Services Dental Program offered free HIV OraSure testing with their regularly scheduled dental program days.

An HIV/AIDS Starter Facts course was available in Spanish on October 28, 2006 for all of those individuals wishing to become certified HIV/AIDS instructors for the American Red Cross. The 4-hour Starter Facts course was sponsored and organized by the Minnesota Department of Health and the American Red Cross – West Metro Office. The course focused on providing the basic facts about HIV/AIDS and related sexually transmitted diseases. It also focused on increasing knowledge and ability to respond to questions about HIV/AIDS. A course fee of \$20.00 was applied, CEUs were available and scholarships were offered. The course was offered at the American Red Cross – West Metro Offices in Minneapolis.

The Neighborhood House and the Minnesota Department of Health organized an HIV/AIDS Awareness Exhibit. Literature such as fact sheets, posters and other HIV/AIDS related health information was disseminated in English and Spanish. Other free giveaways were also distributed. The exhibit was on display from October 9 through October 20, 2006 at Our Lady of Guadalupe in St. Paul.

“NLAAD Exhibit” at 625 Robert Street North in St. Paul was on display October 9th through October 16th. Bilingual literature on HIV/AIDS as well as overall health wellness was disseminated. Posters, pens and other giveaways were distributed. The exhibit was opened during business hours and was organized by the Minnesota Department of Health.

The NLAAD Planning Committee organized a community health fair titled “YWCA Health Fair” in commemoration of NLAAD. The fair was held October 14th at the YWCA in St. Paul. Literature and other educational materials on HIV/AIDS were disseminated by several community agencies, governmental agencies, and participating clinics. Health care and social service providers were also available for discussions on various health topics. HIV OraSure testing was also offered for free.

The NLAAD Planning Committee sponsored the “NLAAD at La Familia Latino Family Festival” on October 14, 2006. The family festival took place at River Center in St. Paul where literature and educational materials on HIV/AIDS were disseminated. Information on the Southside Community Health Services and the services they offer was distributed at a booth at the fair.

In commemoration of NLAAD, the NLAAD Planning Committee and the Minnesota Department of Health organized the “West Side Community Health Services Outreach Day.” Literature, educational information and other resources on HIV/AIDS prevention and care were distributed. Free, confidential, and quick OraSure HIV tests were available

at the offices of the West Side Community Health Services in St. Paul on October 17, 2006.

“Uniendo Fronteras Youth Conference” held October 20, 2006 at the Paul and Sheila Wellston Center in St. Paul was organized by the NLAAD Planning Committee. The conference was conducted in English and Spanish and as such all materials on HIV education, prevention, and other HIV/AIDS resources were also bilingual.

MISSOURI

An alter dedicated to NLAAD was on display at the “Dia de Los Muertos” gallery at the Mattie Rhodes Art Gallery in Kansas City. The alter was on display from October 6 through November 17. The gallery depicting NLAAD’s theme was organized by the Planned Parenthood of Kansas and Mid-Missouri.

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“Family Day at Northeast Public Library in Kansas City” in commemoration of NLAAD was organized by Planned Parenthood of Kansas and Mid-Missouri. Family day took place October 15th. HIV testing was available for free, activities for youth were organized and HIV education was available for all families.

The American Red Cross of St. Louis organized a day of outreach on NLAAD, October 15th. The outreach was concentrated in Latino neighborhoods and different Mexican markets in St. Louis.

NEBRASKA

The Nebraska AIDS Project in partnership with the Mexican Consulate and other local agencies celebrated La Semana Binacional de Salud at Respect Clinic in Omaha. This health festival took place October 14th from 10 am until 2 pm. The Nebraska AIDS Project provided and conducted free HIV testing. All tests were confidential and results were available within 20 minutes of taking the HIV test. 10 – 2.

In the spirit of NLAAD, the Nebraska AIDS Project organized an annual AIDS Walk Nebraska. The AIDS Walk took place October 15th from 11 am until 1 pm in Omaha, Lincoln and Scottsbluff. The AIDS Walk began at 139 South 40th Street in Omaha.

Along with its AIDS Walk Nebraska, the Nebraska AIDS Project hosted a cultural activity at the AIDS Walk Nebraska. The walk took place on NLAAD – October 15th in Omaha.

NEW JERSEY

“Saber Es Poder - Feria de La Salud” sponsored by Spanish Community Center was held October 16, 2006 at 3900 Ventnor Avenue in Atlantic City. Information on HIV/AIDS was disseminated as well as other health related information.

The Hope House of New Jersey celebrated NLAAD with a health fair titled “Saber Es Poder. Infórmate. Hazte la Prueba del VIH.” The fair was held October 15, 2006 at St. John’s Episcopal Church in Dover. HIV testing and counseling was available for FREE. All tests were quick, easy, confidential and painless. Results were available within 20 minutes of taking the OraQuick Rapid Test. Other health related information was also available for free.

PROCEED’s National Latino AIDS Awareness Day activities featured a feria de salud titled “¡Celebra la Vida...Busca Tu Salud!” The health fair took place at the PROCEED Offices in Elizabeth, NJ on October 16th from 10 am until 4 pm. Free Rapid HIV testing was available and results were available within 20 minutes of taking the test. Information on HIV/AIDS, substance and alcohol abuse, tobacco prevention and other information regarding available community services were disseminated. Sandwiches and refreshments were provided.

VNACJ’s celebration of National Latino AIDS Awareness Day included a health fair dedicated to women and children living in Hunterdon County. The fair, titled “Feria de la Salud para Mujeres y Niños” took place October 22, 2006 at 170 Main Street in Flemington. Resources such as individual and group intervention were provided to educate participants on HIV/AIDS.

NLAAD at Rutgers University was organized by the collaboration of the National Latina Health Network, Rutgers University Center for Latino Arts and Culture, and the Robert Wood Johnson AIDS Program. NLAAD at Rutgers was celebrated October 12th from 11 am until 3:30 pm at the College Avenue Student Center at Rutgers University in New Bursnwick. Free, anonymous and confidential HIV testing was available along with other educational materials on HIV/AIDS.

The “First Annual Latino Health and Fun Day (NLAAD 2006)” in Elwood Park Newark was organized by the NLAAD Planning Committee of Newark. Free Health screenings: HIV/AIDS, Cholesterol, hemoglobin, blood pressure, Diabetes, Skin Cancer etc were provided. Entertainment included an appearance by Batman, Clowns, free face painting, and music. Mayor Cory Booker publicly took the OraQuick HIV test and spoke briefly on the importance of taking the tests. Food was provided by local restaurants and local CBO's, ASO's and others set up tables where information and free giveaways were available to the public. The health fair took place October 14, 2006 from 10 until 2 pm.

In honor of “La Semana Binacional de Salud” and NLAAD, AID for AIDS International of Passaic organized an HIV conference and HIV testing. Educational literature on HIV/AIDS as well as substance abuse was distributed. The health fair took place October 14th at Casa Puebla New Jersey in Passaic.

NEW YORK

Bronx AIDS Services (BAS) and HOLA (Hombres Latinos de Ambiente) collaborated in organizing “Noches de Cine Latino” on October 14th. Latino movie productions with LGBT themes were shown in commemoration of NLAAD at the Bronx AIDS Services Prevention Center in the Bronx. More information about the event and about BAS was available through their website at: www.basnyc.org .

The Bronx AIDS Services Go Girl! Program hosted an “HIV/AIDS Awareness Family Workshop” on October 10th. The workshop was designed to assist families in developing ways on how to talk to their children about sex, HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases. The workshop took place at the Bronx AIDS Services Go Girl! Program offices in the Bronx. More information about the event and the organization was available at www.basnyc.org.

“Noches de Cine Latino” presented by Bronx AIDS Services and HOLA (Hombres Latinos de Ambiente) took place October 11th at the Bronx AIDS Services Prevention Center. Latino movie productions with LGBT themes were shown in commemoration of NLAAD. More information was available at www.basnyc.org .

“National Latino AIDS Awareness Day” in the Bronx, as organized by the Freedom Community Center was celebrated October 13th at the Freedom Community Center offices from 11 am till 5 pm. HIV testing was provided for free and in a confidential manner. Workshops on the proper use of Female Condoms and another focusing on youth and HIV/AIDS took place at 1 pm and 3 pm respectively. Female condoms were distributed throughout the day.

“Noches de Cine Latino” in the Bronx was sponsored by the Bronx AIDS Services and HOLA (Hombres Latinos de Ambiente). Latino productions with LGBT themes were shown in commemoration of NLAAD on October 13th at the offices of the BAS. More information was available on their website: www.basnyc.org

An “HIV Counseling and Testing Fair” took place at Fordham Plaza in the Bronx on October 15th. All HIV tests were free of charge and were accompanied by pre and post-test counseling. Bronx AIDS Services organized this event. More information about the event was available at www.basnyc.org

“Celebración Cultural” organized in commemoration of National Latino AIDS Awareness Day by Mujeres en Fe took place October 15th. “Celebración Cultural” took place at Iglesia Cristo Rey in the Bronx. Free, confidential and private HIV testing was available. Food and folkloric dances from Ecuador and Mexico were provided as entertainment for the whole family.

A Sunday service dedicated to National Latino AIDS Awareness Day took place at Templo Del Dios Viviente Church in the Bronx. This denominational service was organized by Mujeres En and took place October 15th.

Bronx AIDS Services organized an HIV testing day at Msgr. Rodolfo Del Valle Plaza in the Bronx, titled “HIV Counseling and Testing Fair II.” Free HIV testing along with pre and post-test counseling was available at the Plaza. This event was organized in commemoration of NLAAD on October 15th. More information was available at www.basnyc.org.

Housing Works, Inc., of Brooklyn and the Project Wave organized a National Latino AIDS Awareness Day on October 15th at Fulton and Norstand Avenues in Brooklyn. Outreach was available from 10am until 9pm. Free movie tickets, t-shirts and metro cards were given out as testing incentives. Rapid HIV counseling and testing, HIV prevention education, and referral services were available. Transgender friendly services and referrals for need-exchange program services as well as referrals for deaf and hard of hearing services were available. In addition, substance abuse assessments and referrals, as well as condoms and safe sex kits were available and distributed.

The SCIS de Lutheran Medical Center hosted a National Latino AIDS Awareness Day testing event at their site at 514 49th Street in Brooklyn on October 16th. The event was organized by Mexicanos Unidos. Free and confidential HIV tests were available for those wishing to take an HIV test. Bilingual HIV counselors were on hand to provide pre and post-test counseling services.

“CHEQUEATE – Knowledge is Power” took place October 20th at Teatro El Puente in Brooklyn. Organized in honor of National Latino AIDS Awareness Day, this event was a night of theater, dance, poetry and unity. The organization El Puente organized this night of AIDS awareness.

The Addiction Research and Treatment Corporation organized “Latino Cultural Awareness Event” in celebration of National Latino AIDS Awareness Day on October 15th. The Latino celebration took place October 24th at the offices of the Addiction Research and Treatment Corporation in Brooklyn. Live music performed by Alfredo de la Fe and his Salsa Orchestra was available along with hot, delicious Latin American food. Health information on Hepatitis C, HIV/AIDS, Treatment Adherence, Safer sex, and Substance Abuse was disseminated. Condoms were also distributed.

The 4th Annual National Latino AIDS Awareness Day was celebrated by the Buffalo Latino HIV/AIDS Awareness Committee on October 12th at The Salvation Army on Grant Street. The celebration took place between 5 pm through 8 pm and included HIV testing and a health fair. All HIV tests were free of charge, confidential and quick. The Praise Dance group performed, guest speakers were invited, and a Proclamation was presented. Dinner was also available.

The LGBT Center at Ithaca College sponsored a health fair in honor of National Latino AIDS Awareness Day on October 9th. In advance of the event a press release was published and a campus wide publicity campaign took place. Health resources and information were disseminated. Forums for discussion on HIV/AIDS were available as

well as information on other health topics. The event took place at the Hammond Health Center on the campus of Ithaca College in Ithaca, NY.

“Knowledge is Power. Get the Facts. Get Tested” was celebrated in Jamaica, Queens on October 1st in commemoration of NLAAD. The event was organized by J-CAP Living Proof and featured guest speakers discussing HIV/AIDS and prevention in Latino communities. Several Latino human service providers were on hand to discuss the benefits of testing. In addition, HIV testing was available for free at the Thomas and Marie White Health Center on Sutphin Boulevard in Jamaica, Queens.

Mujeres en Fe and Iglesia La Presentacion sponsored “Celebración Cultural” in honor of National Latino AIDS Awareness Day on October 15th. The event took place at Iglesia La Presentacion in Jamaica, Queens. Free, confidential and quick HIV tests were available. As entertainment, folkloric dances and music was available and snacks were also provided.

National Latino AIDS Awareness Day as celebrated by NYC's #1 hip-hop station Hot 97.1 FM on the radio included a discussion by NLAAD National Director, Wesley Tahsir-Rodriguez. The discussion on NLAAD took place during Miss Jones' Morning Show at 9 am at the 97.1 FM studios in New York City on October 11, 2006.

The Prevention, Education & Outreach Department at the Ryan-NENA Community Health Center sponsored a day of HIV/AIDS awareness activities on October 11th at the Ryan-NENA Community Health Center on Third Street in New York City. The HIV/AIDS event included free, confidential and quick HIV Rapid testing. In addition, video presentations, Spanish-language workshops on HIV/AIDS, and educational mini-sessions were also available. Entertainment, raffles, gift baskets and prizes were provided.

The Lower East Side Harm Reduction Center celebrated NLAAD with an afternoon of HIV/AIDS awareness activities on October 13th. The health awareness event took place at the offices of the Lower East Side Harm Reduction Center on Allen Street in New York City. Educational literature on HIV/AIDS was disseminated and free HIV testing was available. Participating agencies provided entertainment and food.

Gay Men's Health Crisis celebrated NLAAD with “Latino HIV/AIDS Awareness Testing Events” on October 13th. Free and confidential HIV testing as well as HIV counseling was available. All those wishing to take the test were able to take the test so long as they registered. All testing was conducted at the offices of the Gay Men's Health Crisis on 24th Street in New York City.

The “Fourth Annual National Latino AIDS Awareness Day” as organized by the William F. Ryan Community Health Center took place October 13th at their offices on 97th Street in New York City. A guest speaker followed by a panel presentation by staff and consumers focused on the importance of HIV/AIDS awareness. Music and a poetry reading were provided as entertainment.

Free HIV testing was available at the Gay Men's Health Crisis on 24th Street in New York City on October 14th. Walk-ins were welcomed by registration and on a first come, first serve basis. Registration began at 11 am and HIV tests were available until capacity was reached.

Miss Universe, Zuleyka Rivera from Puerto Rico, got tested publicly on National Latino AIDS Awareness Day which is October 15th. Before taking the HIV test, Miss Universe spoke at a press conference on encouraging youth to get tested. The press conference and the HIV test took place at the offices of La Alianza Dominicana on Amsterdam Avenue in New York City at 1 pm. This event was organized through the partnership of the Latino Commission on AIDS and La Alianza Dominicana. NEW YORK, 10/15/2006
Sunday Service

Iglesia San Romero de las Americas in partnership with Mujeres en Fe held a special Sunday service at the Church on Amsterdam Avenue in New York City. This service was dedicated to National Latino AIDS Awareness Day on Sunday October 15, 2006. As part of a celebration of our Hispanic Heritage and NLAAD, the Latino Commission on AIDS and the Hispanic Federation held a reception and featured a play by Saulo Garcia at Repertorio Español in New York City on October 15, 2006. "Insomnio Americano" a tragi-comedy about the arrival of thousands of immigrants from all over Latin America in the United States was featured. With his ingenious comedy, Saulo García, played several funny characters portraying the lives of these immigrants who come to United States to discover the harsh reality of the American Dream. The show began at 6 pm and was in Spanish.

The Center for Comprehensive Care at St. Luke's Hospital provided free and confidential education, counseling and Rapid HIV testing services to staff, patients, their families, and guests. Information tables were also set up at the main outpatient entrance. This testing and counseling day took place October 16th at St. Luke's Hospital in New York City.

The National Latino AIDS Awareness Day, organized by The H.O.P.E. Program in La took place Monday October 16, 2006. Rapid HIV testing was available and outreach counselors were on hand from 9 am to 6 pm at La Alianza Dominicana on Amsterdam Avenue in NYC. Refreshments were provided and incentives were given to those who got tested. Educational literature on HIV/AIDS and condoms were distributed.

The Gay Men's Health Crisis on 24th Street in New York City organized an HIV testing day focusing on women. The event, titled "Women's Latino HIV/AIDS Awareness Testing Day" took place October 18th beginning at 12:30 pm. Walk-ins were accepted on the condition that test takers register and all tests were free of charge.

The Rays of Hope Committee in collaboration with AIDS Rochester, Inc. organized a community health fair in honor of National Latino AIDS Awareness Day on October 5th. The community Health Fair took place at the Damon City Campus of Monroe Community College in Rochester from 11 am until 2 pm. Free, confidential Rapid HIV

Testing and free health screenings were available. Giveaways and snacks were provided, and condoms were distributed.

Free, confidential HIV testing was made possible by the collaboration of PRYD and Action for a Better Community. HIV testing was available at 30 Hart Street in Rochester on October 13th from 1 pm until 6 pm.

The Ray's of Hope Committee in collaboration with AIDS Rochester, Inc organized a press conference to announce National Latino AIDS Awareness Day in city of Rochester. The press conference took place October 13, 2006 at 2 pm at Holy Apostle's School Hall at the corner of Lyell Avenue and Austin Street. A Proclamation was presented at the press conference and Honorary José A. Cruz, representative of District 29 from the Monroe County Legislature, Dr. Amneris Luque from Strong Memorial Hospital and Dr. Roberto Corales from AIDS Community Health Center were featured at the press conference.

The Holy Apostle School Hall at the corner of Lyell Ave and Austin Street was the sight of the celebration of National Latino AIDS Awareness Day. A community health fair was held here on October 13th from 1 pm until 4 pm. Free, confidential Rapid HIV Testing as well as health screenings were available. Prizes were raffled, giveaways were distributed and snacks were provided. The Rays of Hope Committee and AIDS Rochester, Inc. organized this event in Rochester.

Project Hospitality of Staten Island organized the "Latino AIDS Awareness Community Resources Fair" at Immaculate Conception R.C. Church on October 15th. Service providers from around the community disseminated HIV/AIDS information and other educational health literature. HIV testing was available on site and incentives were given to those who took the test. Food was provided along with activities for the children and other forms of entertainment.

NORTH CAROLINA

The HIV Latino Task Force of Mecklenburg County promoted National Latino AIDS Awareness Day October 15th by sponsoring and organizing a series of events on October 12th. A press conference was held at the First United Methodist Church on Tryon Street in Charlotte. The press conference premiered a 5 minute video titled "USING ALL OPPORTUNITIES FOR TESTING" - The Impact of HIV/AIDS in the Latino Population in Mecklenburg County". The video was tailored for health care providers and was intended to raise awareness on the number of missed opportunities for HIV/STD screenings in the Latino community. The video highlighted important messages from key community leaders and interviews with infected Latinos in Charlotte. This production was disseminated around Mecklenburg County to private clinics, hospitals, social service agencies, churches, and non-profits serving the Latino population. It was also available on tape, DVD, over the Internet, and "video on demand" through Time Warner Cable.

The HIV Latino Task Force of Mecklenburg County, which is comprised of the Metrolina AIDS Project, the Latino Task force, and the Health Communication program of the Mecklenburg County Health Department, celebrated National Latino AIDS Awareness Day in Charlotte the week of October 12th. Together, they wrote and distributed a series of articles to major newspapers.

The Metrolina AIDS Project offered a day of testing at their offices on Scaleybark Road in Charlotte on October 13th as a tribute to National Latino AIDS Awareness Day. Free and confidential HIV and syphilis testing was available from 4 pm until 8 pm.

The Fist Foundation Clinic located on Central Avenue in Charlotte, sponsored a testing day as their contribution to disseminating NLAAD's message of HIV testing and education. Free and confidential HIV, Clamidia, HPV and Syphilis screenings were available with the support of the Metrolina AIDS Project. In addition, community outreach was conducted in the vicinity of the Eastland Mall where approximately 500 people were expected. Radio Lider was live on location and the event took place between 11 am and 3 pm on October 14, 2006.

An evening dedicated to National Latino AIDS Awareness Day and to fighting AIDS was organized by the Metrolina AIDS Project. This evening took place at LeColour's Dance Club on Independence Boulevard in Charlotte on October 15, 2006 from 10 pm until 1 am. The evening featured a colorful talent show and included free, confidential HIV and Syphilis testing.

The Solomon House on Main Street in Charlotte was the sight of a testing event organized by Metrolina AIDS Project. Free and confidential HIV and Syphilis Testing were offered Thursday October 12th from 4 pm until 8 pm.

Health screenings, activities for children, and a soccer tournament were organized by NC HIV/STD Prevention & Care Branch. These activities were planned in honor of National Latino AIDS Awareness Day at Diana's Park on Coleridge Road on November 4, 2006. All activities were free of charge to the public.

OHIO

The Tobias Project organized a testing event on October 15, 2006 titled "Testing- Know your Status." This testing event provided counseling and testing for HIV and Syphilis. Other information on STI was also available. This event took place at Viva Zapata located on Georgesville Road in Columbus.

Various local organizations offered educational information on sexual health, drug abuse, and HIV/AIDS at Westland Mall and at La Coalicion Hispana de Ohio in Columbus. HIV and syphilis testing comprised a major portion of the health fair on October 21st from 10 am until 2 pm, which was organized by the Columbus AIDS Task Force. More information was available at www.catf.net.

OREGON

"Y la Vida Sigue" was organized by Cascade AIDS Project on October 14, 2006. This event was organized in remembrance of National Latino AIDS Awareness Day as the focus of the event was to educate the Latino community of Oregon about this important public health issue and to inform the general audience about the impact of HIV/AIDS in the Latino community. The event was held at Centro Milagro on Sixth Avenue in Portland.

PENNSYLVANIA

The Bethlehem Health Bureau provided free and confidential HIV testing on October 13th as a tribute to National Latino AIDS Awareness Day. HIV testing was free and confidential and was offered from 9 am until 3:30 pm the Bethlehem Health Bureau on Church Street.

Esfuerzo and GALAEI hosted a kick off event at Fairhill Square Park, at 4th and Lehigh Avenue in Philadelphia from 3 pm until 8 pm on Friday, October 13, 2006. GALAEI provided free and confidential/anonymous HIV Rapid testing. Congresso provided educational information and literature on HIV/AIDS. Refreshments were provided for all those in attendance and for those who took the test, special incentives were offered. In addition live music was available thanks to a local DJ and entertainment was also provided.

Esfuerzo, GALAEI, and Congresso organized a National Latino AIDS Awareness Day march and rally. The event began at 5:15 pm on the corner of 6th and Erie and ended at Fairhill Square Park. The area of North Philadelphia was targeted and more specifically, the zip codes 19140, 19121, 19133 and 19134 were the main focus of outreach.

PUERTO RICO

The Territory-Wide Second Annual National Latino AIDS Awareness Day was organized by the National Latino AIDS Awareness Day Committee. This second annual celebration in honor of NLAAD, titled "VI-Puerto Rico Friendship Day" took place at Agricultural Fairgrounds in Estate Upper Love. An informational table with educational literature on HIV/AIDS, treatment options and resources such as care services was available. Free HIV testing was provided and condoms were distributed. This health fair took place October 13, 2006 from 9 am until 5 pm at the V.I. Care office in Christiansted .

TENNESSEE

In observance of National Latino AIDS Awareness Day, the Community HIV Network organized a Latino outreach event on Saturday, October 21, 2006. The event took place at "El Mercadito de Memphis" on Ridgeway Road from 10 am until 3pm. The purpose of

the event was to provide health education, medical screenings, rapid HIV testing, and information for the Hispanic Community in the greater Memphis area.

TEXAS

The 2nd Annual Magic Mile 10k/5k Run, 1mile Walk as organized by the Coastal Bend AIDS Foundation (CBAF) took place Saturday October 21, 2006. This 2nd Annual Magic Mile was organized in commemoration of National Latino AIDS Awareness Day as a day set aside to renew the commitment to ending the spread of HIV. Registration began at 6:30 am and 7 am for the 10K Run, the 5K Run, and for the 1 Mile Walk. The run began at Cole Park Amphitheatre and continued down Ocean Drive to Ennis Joslin and finished at Cole Park. Schools, local organizations and businesses were asked to obtain sponsors for the Magic Mile 10k/5k Run/Walk by having community and family members make a financial commitment for every kilometer an individual ran/walked. Race packets were available at the offices of the CBAF in Corpus Christi, and they were also available on line at www.fleetfeetcorpus.com; www.rogersoler.com; and www.corpusroadrunners.com.

“Noche en la Comunidad” was organized in honor of Latino AIDS Awareness Day by the Resource Center of Dallas. This evening of community outreach took place October 15, 2006 at the parking lot of Kaliente on Maple Avenue in Dallas from 7 pm until 11 pm. Free HIV, syphilis, gonorrhea, and chlamydia screenings were available as well as literature on HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases.

Valiente DFW LGBT Latino/a Alliance paid tribute to those in the fight against AIDS by organizing “Right Now! Get Tested For HIV, Free!” This day of free HIV testing took place October 15, 2006 at Bachman Lake in Dallas from 10 am until 2 pm. HIV testing was available for free and results were available in 20 minutes. A simple oral fluid sample is all it took with a greater than 99% accuracy rate! Gifts, prizes, and food were available to participants!

“Dia Nacional De La Conciencia Hispana contra el VIH/SIDA” in Dallas took place at the Mexican Consulate on October 16, 2006. Manos Unidas of AIDS Interfaith Network collaborated in sponsoring and organizing this event. Manos Unidas offered HIV/AIDS education as well as bilingual literature. All those present were encouraged to take the HIV test.

Centro de Salud Familiar La Fe, Inc. (La Fe) hosted the 3rd Annual NLAAD HIV Testing event along the US-Mexico Border. La Fe's HIV counselors and testers partnered with HIV outreach workers from other area HIV/AIDS agencies to offer free testing and prevention education. This event took place at a public square adjacent to the US-Mexico Border and the Downtown El Paso residential and commercial sector, which is known for its heavy pedestrian traffic, shoppers, and travelers. The marathon testing session ran from mid-day into late in the evening on October 15, 2006. La Fe's mobile HIV testing and education unit was expected to test more than 125 people in a day.

Planned Parenthood Center of El Paso hosted an informational, HIV testing fair at El Paso Community College Valle Verde Campus. Texas Senator Elliot Shapleigh and representatives from the Mexican Consulate were featured as guest speakers. In commemoration of NLAAD, this Latino HIV/AIDS Awareness fair was held October 16, 2006.

Free Confidential HIV Screenings along with information on HIV, STD's and Hepatitis A, B, C were available at the Socorro Ramirez Community Center (Sparks Center) in El Paso from 9 to 11 am on October 27, 2006. Aliviane, Inc. organized this event with the goal of educating people to "Get the Facts, [and] Get Tested for HIV."

As a tribute to Bi-National Health Week and National Latino AIDS Awareness Day, the Tarrant County Public Health-Adult Health Services organized a health fair. The health fair took place October 14, 2006 at La La Gran Plaza & OK Corral in Fort Worth. Literature, education and information on services regarding HIV/AIDS and health wellness were disseminated.

Fundación Latino Americana Contra El Sida., Inc sponsored an HIV/AIDS Awareness event on October 15, 2006 at their offices on Harwin Drive in Houston. Literature and other information on HIV/AIDS and services available were disseminated.

HIV awareness education along with referrals to free testing was disseminated at La Michoacana Hispanic Market on Green Street in Longview. This HIV/AIDS education event was organized by the Special Health Resources for Texas, Inc on October 16, 2006 as a tribute to NLAAD.

NLAAD at The Bermuda Triangle in San Antonio was organized by Mujeres Unidas Contra el SIDA. This evening of outreach took place October 12, 2006 from 9:30 pm until 11:30 pm and included free HIV testing and counseling, prevention education and other prizes.

"2nd Annual Calle Guadalupe de Noche" took place on Saturday, October 14, 2006 as a tribute to National Latino AIDS Awareness Day. Hope Action Care in partnership with San Antonio Metropolitan Health District organized this evening of outreach at the Stewart Center from 7 pm until midnight. HIV screenings, testing, referrals, and education on the Hepatitis alphabet soup were disseminated. High risk individuals were targeted, but all were welcomed.

The Hope Action Care Procession of Hope is dedicated to bridge the gap between disease and prayer, and this year marked the 17th annual procession. The procession took place October 12, 2006 and began at the Main Plaza across from San Fernando Cathedral at 6:45 pm. Candles were lit at 6:55 pm at which time the Procession to SFC began. The Interfaith Service began 7 pm with a welcome by Mon. Jake Emperor and George Perez of the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District as the host. The 2006 Procession of Hope was dedicated to all individuals fighting to stop HIV/AIDS and service providers

who chose to be a beacon of light rather than curse the darkness for those in need of HIV prevention or HIV services.

Mujeres Contra el SIDA partnered with Hope Action Care and other HIV/AIDS area service providers in organizing a non-denominational candle light vigil and memorial service that took place before the Procession of Hope. The candle light vigil took place at the Main Plaza of the San Fernando Cathedral on October 12, 2006.

The FFACTS Clinic was the sight of a celebration in honor of National Latino AIDS Awareness Day, which was organized by Mujeres Contral el SIDA in San Antonio. This health awareness event took place October 13, 2006 from 8:30 am until 10:30 am. Free HIV testing and counseling was available as well as other information on HIV/AIDS. Food was also provided as well as other door prizes.

Pozitive South Texas organized a day of HIV testing and counseling at the Olmos Park medical Associates. Free and confidential HIV testing was available October 13, 2006 in San Antonio.

HIV testing and counseling as well as other health screenings were available for FREE at the Good Samaritan Center in San Antonio. This testing and counseling day was organized by Mujeres Contra el SIDA on October 14, 2006 from 10 am until 2 pm. HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention education was disseminated, and music, food and door prizes were distributed.

Stewart Center, a high risk area in San Antonio was the sight of HIV testing and counseling on October 14, 2006 from 7:30 pm until 11:30 pm. Mujeres Unidas Contra el SIDA organized this evening as a tribute to National Latino AIDS Awareness Day. In addition to FREE HIV testing and counseling, literature on HIV/AIDS was disseminated and snacks as well as door prizes were distributed.

Mujeres Unidas Contra el SIDA celebrated the last day of Hispanic Heritage Month and NLAAD by participating in the 9th Annual Festival Hispano de la Salud on October 15th. This community wide Hispanic health fair included HIV counseling and testing, food, door prizes, giveaways, and other general health screenings. The health fair took place at the Alamodome in San Antonio from noon until 4 pm.

The San Antonio AIDS Foundation offered free HIV testing in support of National Latino AIDS Awareness Day on October 16, 2006. HIV testing was available at their offices on Grayston Street all day beginning at 8 am until 6 pm. More information was available at www.txsaaf.org.

Special Health Resources for Texas, Inc. sponsored a day of HIV/AIDS Awareness and outreach in commemoration of National Latino AIDS Awareness Day. Outreach was available at La Michoacana Hispanic Market in Tyler on October 15, 2006.

UTAH

HIV counseling and testing was available at the offices of the Northern Utah Coalition in Ogden on October 10, 2006. This day of free HIV testing and counseling focused on educating the Hispanic population on HIV/AIDS.

VIRGINIA

The Tenants and Workers United of Alexandria showed their solidarity with NLAAD's message of Educating Latinos on HIV/AIDS by organizing a "Feria de la Salud". This health fair took place September 16, 2006 at the Cora Kelley Recreation Center on Reed Avenue in Alexandria. Free HIV testing as well as other free health screenings such as cholesterol, blood sugar, blood pressure, skin cancer and eye exams were available. In addition, information on breast cancer, weight control, domestic violence, teen pregnancy, substance abuse, mental health, dental health, and alternative medicine was disseminated.

K.I. Services, Inc of Alexandria organized "NLAAD Alexandria Testing Day" on October 14, 2006. Outreach was conducted in Latino communities around Four Mile Park on Bruno Street. This park was the sight of FREE HIV testing where a mobile HIV testing mobile unit was on sight to provide confidentiality.

The Northern Virginia AIDS Ministry celebrated National Latino AIDS Awareness Day on October 14, 2006. Peer educators were transported by the Pur Mobile unit to Latino Communities in the City of Alexandria to conduct HIV education prevention classes, free HIV Testing, and outreach. A mobile HIV testing unit was parked at the Four Mile Run Park on Bruce Street in Alexandria where HIV tests were available for free all day long.

Free and confidential HIV testing was available at the Whitman-Walker Clinic of Northern Virginia located on Lee Highway on October 12, 2006. Free HIV Rapid testing was available all day long and test results were available within 20 minutes of taking the test. This day of free HIV testing was organized by the staff of the Whitman-Walker Clinic.

The NLAAD Planning Committee comprised of K.I. Services, Inc., Tenants and Workers United and Whitman-Walker Clinic of Northern Virginia organized an event honoring National Latino AIDS Awareness Day in Northern Virginia on October 13, 2006. A press conference at the Tenants and Workers United offices in Falls Church, VA served as the kick-off to a series of NLAAD events that would take place that week. Following the press conference, HIV/AIDS outreach was conducted on-site that targeted Latino communities.

The celebration of National Latino AIDS Awareness Day in Northern Virginia included a presentation on HIV/AIDS by members of the Latino community. This presentation took place at the Tenants and Workers United offices in Falls Church on October 13, 2006. In addition, free and confidential HIV Testing was available. The Whitman-Walker Clinic organized these events.

“Conferencia de Enfermedades de Transmision Sexual y HIV” took place October 17, 2006 at Elden Street in Rendon. This conference was organized by the Reston Interfaith Organization as a way to reach out to the Hispanic/Latino population from the Herndon area.

In recognition of National Latino AIDS Awareness Day, the Tidewater AIDS Community Taskforce sponsored a day of HIV/AIDS education along with free HIV at various locations throughout Norfolk, VA. Latin American food and music was provided. One of the locations was “Latin American Bodega” located on First View Street. This awareness day took place October 13, 2006.

VIRGIN ISLANDS

VI-Puerto Rico Friendship Day marked the celebration of the Territory-Wide Second Annual National Latino AIDS Awareness Day on October 13, 2006. This friendship day was organized by the partnership between the American Red Cross of the Virgin Islands and V.I. Care. The health fair took place at the Agricultural Fairgrounds in Estate Upper Love from 9 am until 5 pm. An informational table, set up by V.I. Care was available with information on HIV prevention, HIV treatment and care services as well as condoms. Free HIV testing was available at the V.I.Care office located at the Vitracco Mall in Christiansted.

The American Red Cross of the Virgin Islands organized HIV prevention events in Cruz Bay and various towns throughout the Island of St. John on Tuesday, October 10, 2006 from 10 am until 2 pm. Literature on HIV Prevention was disseminated in English and Spanish and a video in Spanish on HIV was shown. The Health Department of the Virgin Islands provided FREE HIV testing.

The Methodist Training and Outreach Center on the Island of St. Thomas was the sight of an HIV outreach event organized by the American Red Cross of the Virgin Islands in honor of the 2nd Territory-Wide NLAAD. This outreach event took place October 11, 2006 from 2 pm until 6 pm. Educational information on HIV Prevention was disseminated in English and Spanish. Free HIV testing was available and administered by the Virgin Islands Department of Health.

“Alcance Comunitario en Brookman Road” was organized by the American Red Cross of the Virgin Islands along Brookman Road in St. Thomas on October 13, 2006. Outreach workers conducted outreach from 6 pm until 9 pm and disseminated bilingual literature. The Virgin Islands Department of Health provided free HIV testing.

H.O.P.E., Inc. organized a mini health fair in Cruz Bay (in St. Thomas) on October 13, 2006 from 11:30 am to 4:30 pm. Free Rapid HIV testing with results in 20 minutes were offered. Other health screenings such as diabetes, glucose and blood pressure were also offered for FREE. Gifts such as teddy bears, phone cards and a chance to win a DVD player were given to those who got tested.

The 2nd Annual Two Mile Fun Walk/Run was held October 15, 2006 from 4 pm until 6 pm at the waterfront cross Vendors Plaza in St. Thomas. A donation of \$10 for adults and \$5 for children was requested at the time of registration. Lots of prizes for children and families of all ages were provided as well as trophies for male and female categories and various age groups. The Virgin Islands Department of Health provided free HIV testing. The American Red Cross of the Virgin Islands organized this event as a tribute to

WASHINGTON

The Burien Community Center was the site of the Latino AIDS Awareness Day event held October 14, 2006 from 12:00 pm until 4:00 pm. This event was organized as a tribute to National Latino AIDS Awareness Day by Entre Hermanos Agency, Latino Providers Group, and Public Health Seattle/King County. Various agencies from the area set up informational tables where literature and pamphlets were disseminated. HIV testing and counseling was available for free and two experts on HIV/AIDS spoke at the health fair. Entertainment, food, prizes and childcare were provided for free.

The Tacoma Pierce County Health Department organized a National Latino AIDS Awareness health fair at the Portland Avenue Community Center in Tacoma on October 13, 2006. Various agencies set up informational tables and disseminated information on HIV/AIDS. HIV testing and counseling was available for free and two presentations on HIV/AIDS were given. Music and food was provided as entertainment.

A community health fair focusing on HIV/AIDS and Latinos was organized by the Pierce County AIDS Foundation. Participating organizations disseminated bilingual health literature and there were a few presentations on the importance of HIV testing. Free, Rapid and confidential HIV testing was provided by the local health department. All activities took place at the Portland Ave Community Center on Portland Avenue in Tacoma on October 13, 2006.

WISCONSIN

“National Hispanic HIV Testing Day” was organized by UMOS as an outdoor HIV Display. The display was available October 13, 2006 in front of UMOS’ office on 8th and Mitchell in Milwaukee from 10 through 11:30 am and again from 1 to 4 pm. Literature on HIV/AIDS and information on key community resources were disseminated. HIV testing was available for FREE and for all those who took the test and brought their partner to get tested received a gift card. Refreshments were also provided.

As a tribute to National Latino AIDS Awareness Day, the 16th St. Community Health Center organized the “HIV Educational Event: HIV From a Patient’s Perspective”. The focus of event was to build a bridge between HIV patients and primary care givers. This event took place October 24, 2006 at the 16th St. Community Health Center in a predominantly Hispanic neighborhood in Milwaukee

La Casa de Esperanza Inc., organized a film viewing followed by a discussion in honor of National Latino AIDS Awareness Day on October 16, 2006. The film 'RENT' was shown for its storyline on HIV/AIDS. 'RENT' is a film set in New York City's gritty east Village, telling the story of a group of friends struggling to live and pay their RENT. While these starving artists strive for success, they also endure multiple obstacles – poverty, drug addiction, social stigma based upon sexual status, and the AIDS epidemic. The film was shown October 16, 2006 at noon at La Casa de Esperanza located on Arcadian Avenue in Waukesha.