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MEDIA RELEASE

HCHD to Host World AIDS Day Event Dec. 1

HOUSTON (Oct. 27, 2006) – The Harris County Hospital District will recognize the victims of HIV/AIDS through a memorial and dedication ceremony at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 1 at Thomas Street Health Center, in observance of World AIDS Day.

This year also marks the 25th anniversary of the first documented AIDS cases in the United States. For more than 15 years, Thomas Street Health Center, part of the Harris County Hospital District, has offered high-quality medical and social care to those affected by HIV/AIDS.

For more information, contact Jeff Benavides, HIV health educator at Thomas Street, at 713-873-4026.

WHAT: World AIDS Day memorial and dedication ceremony, offering attendees the opportunity to honor friends, family members and loved ones through the unveiling of the clinic's annual "tree of remembrance"

WHEN: 11 a.m.– 12 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1, 2006

WHERE: Thomas Street Health Center's, south lawn
2015 Thomas Street, Houston, Texas 77009

The Harris County Hospital District is the public health care system for the nation's third most populous county. It provides more than 1.1 million health care visits each year to uninsured, underinsured and medically needy residents of Harris County. The district operates Thomas Street Health Center and 11 other community health centers, as well as Ben Taub General Hospital, Lyndon B. Johnson General Hospital, Quentin Mease Community Hospital, a dental center, eight school-based clinics, 13 homeless shelter clinics and four mobile health units.

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