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**World AIDS Day Event – HRSA**

Monday, December 1, 2008 marked the 20th Anniversary observance of World AIDS Day.

This year we paused to remember those we have lost to AIDS and to rededicate ourselves to ending this epidemic. The 2008 theme, “The Power of Partnerships,” said it all. For it is only by working together that we will find the power to change the course of AIDS.

Too many people believe that HIV is no longer a serious threat to their lives or health—but new data suggests otherwise. According to the CDC, in 2006, there were an estimated 56,300 new HIV infections—a 40 percent increase over the annual estimates we have used for a decade. The new data did *not* indicate a jump in new infections—they simply showed that the epidemic is, and has been, much worse than we thought.

An event held at Parklawn focused on learning more about how Federal and private partners are working together to fight AIDS. The speakers included an expert panel from the National Association of People with AIDS, the National Library of Medicine, and Unity Health Care, to name a few. A video presentation and musical tribute completed the program followed by a reception and refreshments.

For more information, you can visit [AIDs.gov](http://AIDs.gov), the gateway to Federal domestic HIV/AIDS prevention, testing, treatment, and research information.

**Patient Safety and Clinical Pharmacy Services Collaborative - Learning Session #2**

This month, December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, HRSA will sponsor the second Patient Safety and Clinical Pharmacy Services Collaborative Learning Session at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center in National Harbor, Md.

The Learning Session will bring together 80 teams of leading care providers and pharmacists (representing 230 organizations across 40 states) who are being trained to achieve the collaborative's three goals – improve patient safety, clinical pharmacy services, and health outcomes – at their own care delivery sites. Two additional Learning Sessions are planned for 2009.

**Upcoming Events**

The next HRSA Commissioned Officer's Brown Bag Session will be on Wednesday, December 10, 2008, Room 11A-41 of the Parklawn Building. The scheduled time is 12 noon -1:00 pm Eastern Standard Time. The December topic of discussion is TBA.