

World AIDS Day



Candlelight Vigil
December 1st, 2008

Lead. Empower. Deliver.

“Our opportunity is historic. For when the history of AIDS and the global response is written, our most precious contribution may well be that at a time of plague we did not flee, we did not hide, we did not separate ourselves.”

Jonathan Mann (1947-1998)

Welcome

Cheryl Tucker, Positive Prevention Worker,
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Lighting of the Three Candles

Rainbow Chorus:
You've Got A Friend

Reading:
Circles of Stone by Shoshanna Jey Adley

Rainbow Chorus:
How Could Anyone

Reading:
Dirge without Music by Edna St. Vincent Millay

Rainbow Chorus:
The Greatest Love of All

Reading:
We Remember Them, by Author unknown

Lighting of the Candles / Reading of Names

Moment of Silence

Please join us in the church hall following the moment of silence for some light refreshments.

Some recent statistics:

- ◆ 33 million people are currently living with HIV and AIDS
- ◆ Last year, 2.7 million people were newly infected while 2 million people died of AIDS
- ◆ For every 2 people we are able to put on anti-HIV medicines, 5 people are newly infected
- ◆ 62,000 Canadians are living with HIV and AIDS, and over 21,000 have already died
- ◆ Between 2500-4500 Canadians were infected last year
- ◆ More than 30% of Canadians living with HIV are unaware they are infected
- ◆ The rate of new HIV infections has fallen in several countries, but globally these favourable trends are at least partially offset by increases in new infections in other countries



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