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PRESS RELEASE

TO: Marquette County Media
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SUBJECT: World AIDS Day

World AIDS Day, designated on December 1 every year since 1988, is dedicated to raising awareness of the AIDS pandemic caused by the spread of HIV infection, and mourning those who have died of the disease.

Please join us in honor of World AIDS Day 2016 - "Leadership. Commitment. Impact." The Marquette County Health Department Continuum of Care Program will host a tree decorating ceremony to commemorate World AIDS Day. The tree decorating will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 1, 2016 at Peter White Public Library. The tree will be on display through the month of December as part of the Winter Wonderland Walk at the library. Red ribbons or red ornaments bearing the names of loved ones whose lives have been lost to AIDS will be placed on the tree. The ceremony will include a short prayer and memorial. Please feel free to bring your own special ornaments to remember your loved one. There are some picture frame ornaments available. If anyone needs a picture frame ornament, or if anyone is interested in decorating an ornament or a ribbon in advance, please contact Laura Fredrickson at [\(906\) 475-7651](tel:9064757651), or lfredrickson@mqtco.org.