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WORLD AIDS DAY MAGAZINE

#StrengthInUnity

December 2, 2024



The theme for WAD 2024 is Strength in Unity. We all know that a single stick is easy to break, but a group of sticks tied together is very difficult to break. Each of us has a unique talent, expertise, fund of knowledge and perspective. By joining all our unique strengths together through teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved. We have certainly learned that in our fight against HIV/AIDS. In the early years we fell behind, then scientists, public health officials, health care providers started to collect the tools needed to contain the virus, but it wasn't until we listened to the people impacted by HIV that we have truly been able to work together to achieve the great strides we are now making. We must all row in the same direction, and we can see the shore approaching. We dedicate ourselves this WAD to reach the shore safely together and one day celebrate a world without AIDS.



Dr. McGowan

MD, FACP, FIDSA
Medical Director



Jolene Birrer

MHA
Operations Director

Every day I am inspired by our team's dedication to our patients. I am constantly in awe of the amazing work that our team does, and all they are able to accomplish. We offer so many services and unique opportunities to our patients, all in the hopes of enriching their lives. The team uses their individual talents – gardening, art, music, and cooking (just to name a few!) to not only educate our patients but offer entertainment and enjoyment too. We are stronger together and our team is excited to celebrate World AIDS Day with all of you!

This is our first year cochairing World AIDS Day and when we started planning in December 2023, we knew we had some big ideas! Putting those ideas into motion with our Planning Committee has been a privilege and an honor! We want to thank our Planning Committee and Senior Leadership for working with us to have all of our visions come to life and to all of you for attending this year's WAD Celebration! We hope you feel that we've remembered, honored and celebrated those who this day is meant to commemorate.

CART Planning Committee Cochairs



Lisa Mignone
Project Manager

Eliana Montalvo
Project Manager

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HONORING WORLD AIDS DAY HISTORY



World AIDS Day is on December 1st of every year since 1988. This international day of solidarity was started by two World Health Organization (WHO) members.

This day is meant to be a day where those affected by HIV around the world can unite by sharing their experiences, remembering and honoring those they've lost, stand together to fight HIV and stigma and reflect on how far medical advancements and treatment have come.

The first known cases of AIDS were reported in 1981 and though that was over 40 years go, HIV/AIDS still remains a public health challenge.

For more information on the progression of the fight on HIV/AIDS throughout the years, take a look at HIV: 40 Years of Progress an online exhibition developed by David J. Sencer CDC Museum in association with the Smithsonian Institution.





Throughout the years, CART's dedicated team of clinical, non-clinical staff and peers, have worked together to host a World AIDS Day Event annually for several years now.

From humble beginnings where we hosted events in our waiting area, decorating offices and joining together in our conference room, creating a World AIDS Day video during COVID when we couldn't be together, to seeing this event grow in size and vision to what it is today.

Though we continue to change aspects of this event, the agenda and the theme, we continue to stick to our roots, with the reason this event is so important, ensuring that our patients and those impacted stay our main focus and to keep certain elements from years past that mean so much to those attending with us through the years.

Take a look at CART's Engagement Activities in 2024



Take a look at CART's most PRIDEful Moments in 2024





Evelyn L.

Watch Here



June T.

Watch Here



William D.

Watch Here



Watch Here



The Nursing Team

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The Health Education Team

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The Outreach Team

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This year's World AIDS Day celebration could not have happened without thanking and acknowledging the follow people:

World AIDS Day Planning Comittee Cochairs
World AIDS Day Planning Committee
CART Senior Leadership
CART Peers
CART Management
CART Finance Team
CART Digital and Marketing Team
CART Staff
Keynote Speaker
CART Patients

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2024 Together We Are Stronger

"At Northwell Health, we find strength in unity - coming together to support, care, and uplift one another. This World AIDS Day, we celebrate the power of community."

-Dr. McGowan, CART Medical Director

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