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Noble, Pat on behalf of Mayor Van Bynen

Sent:

November-16-16 2:41 PM

To:

Brouwer, Andrew

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Moor, Linda

Subject:

FW: World AIDS Day

Attachments:

WADInvitationLINK.pdf

Please place on an upcoming agenda - thanks

Pat

From: Mark Koning

Sent: November-16-16 2:37 PM **Subject:** World AIDS Day

Hello,

This a follow up to a formal letter that was sent out in the mail a couple of weeks ago and I wanted to make sure that the notice was received. In summery, our letter requested that you:

- Issue a proclamation declaring December 1 as World AIDS Day.
- Share a photo of you wearing a red ribbon for our social media campaign Red for Change: Wear It, Hold It, Show It. We will widely share this photo on our Facebook page and Twitter feeds during World AIDS Awareness Week (November 23-30) and on World AIDS Day. This will showcase your solidarity with people living with this chronic illness in your constituency. (A ribbon and request letter have been mailed to your office)
- Participate in our World AIDS Day vigil on Thursday, December 1 (please see invitation attached). We would greatly welcome your presence if available.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Thank you,

Mark

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WORLD AIDS DAY 2016

PLEDGE TO BUILD A COMMUNITY OF SUPPORT & CARE IN YORK REGION

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2016, 6 – 8 PM

MARKHAM VILLAGE COMMUNITY CENTRE & LIBRARY 6031 HIGHWAY 7, MARKHAM ONTARIO L3P 3A7

2016 marks the 20th year since the transformative antiretroviral therapy to treat HIV was introduced. Treatment advances over the years have changed the course of HIV/AIDS care. People impacted by the virus can now lead long and healthy lives. But they need access to timely and regular HIV treatment. And they need access to dignified care and support.

2016 also marks the 20th year since the AIDS Committee of York Region (ACYR) became formally incorporated as the only registered charitable organization dedicated to the delivery of dignified support and care to those living with and affected by HIV/AIDS in this region. We have made great strides in challenging HIV stigma and discrimination and opened many doors. But much remains to be done to make our communities, agencies, and networks of care become truly inclusive and stigma-free.

This World AIDS Day, we ask our community members, partners, supporters, and friends to pledge to build a community of support and care for those impacted by HIV/AIDS in York Region. Join us on December 1 to sign The Ontario Accord, a commitment to GIPA/MIPA (Greater & Meaningful Involvement of People Living with HIV/AIDS) in our communities of practice. Together, we can build an inclusive, safe, and healthy community in York Region.

- Speakers from Toronto People With AIDS Foundation & Ontario AIDS Network
 - Poetry reading & musical performance
 - Art display by ACYR service users
 - Signing of The Ontario Accord
 - Candlelight vigil
 - Light snacks & refreshments will be served

Please RSVP by Monday, November 21, 2016 mkoning@acyr.org or 416-553-5650



