

## **MAUI AIDS FOUNDATION TO RECOGNIZE WORLD AIDS DAY WITH ANNUAL EVENT AT 'IAO UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1**

*Wailuku, HI (November 15, 2018)* — Maui AIDS Foundation will recognize World AIDS Day 2018 on Saturday, December 1, at 'Iao United Church of Christ ('Iao Congregational Church), 2371 W. Vineyard Street in Wailuku. The event will begin at 3:00pm and will be free for the general public. Parking is free, and appetizers and refreshments will be provided.

This year marks the 30th anniversary of World AIDS Day (#WAD2018), which takes place on the first day of December each year worldwide. The day is recognized as the first ever global health day for people to unite in the fight against HIV, to show support for people living with HIV and to commemorate those who have died from AIDS-related illnesses.

Established in 1987 as Maui County's only AIDS Service Organization, Maui AIDS Foundation provides services for individuals living with HIV/AIDS along with outreach, education and screening for local communities at risk for HIV and other sexually transmitted infections.

"This year's World AIDS Day theme is #KnowYourStatus," said Maui AIDS Foundation Executive Director Mark Anderson. "Getting tested for HIV and other sexually transmitted infections gives you the knowledge to protect yourself and your partners. We urge everyone in Maui County to join the initiative and learn their HIV status. Now is the time to take the test, take control and #KnowYourStatus."

As a 501(c)(3) non-profit, Maui AIDS Foundation provides Federally-funded case management services for individuals living with HIV/AIDS as well as confidential and free testing for HIV, hepatitis C and syphilis on an appointment basis at (808) 242-4900. Office hours are from 8:30am to 4:30pm, Monday to Friday.

For more information on World AIDS Day and Maui AIDS Foundation, please visit [www.MauiAIDS.org](http://www.MauiAIDS.org).

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