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## World AIDS Day Celebration Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> 6pm Rainbow Cattle Company

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Location: 16220 Main St, Guerneville

Times: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Staff from the Russian River Health Center will be there with information on their services as well as HIV/AIDS information. 10% of the sales for that day and money raised for the raffle prizes that will be given out that evening, will be donated to Food for Thought/AIDS Emergency Fund. In addition, any money that is donated directly by the community, whether it be to make the train go round, or money placed in donation jars will also go to the HIV/AIDS organization. This event is coordinated by the Sonoma County Commission on AIDS and a coalition of HIV Prevention Agencies.

West County Health Centers, Inc. provides medical and dental care for 200 patients living with HIV/AIDS; this is approximately 20% of the HIV/AIDS population in Sonoma County. Our Agency Medical Director, Dr. Steve Bromer, is a commissioner with the Sonoma County Commission on AIDS and has dedicated his medical career as a physician and educator to fighting the AIDS epidemic. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend HIV testing as part of every person's health regimen, similar to routine cholesterol or blood pressure checks. Like many other diseases, early detection and treatment can greatly extend the length, and improve the quality, of a person's life. Please join our staff from the Russian River Health Center in supporting this event to increase awareness and educate the community about HIV and AIDS.

West County Health Centers envisions a community where all residents have a medical home where patients and staff are empowered to build healthy lives and communities. We are a cohesive team of health care providers, support staff, and volunteers dedicated to wellness, compassion, affordability and excellence of care. We believe in non-judgmental and equal care for all members of our diverse community. Our mission is to provide comprehensive, quality and accessible health care services to the communities of West Sonoma County. For more information see <a href="https://www.wchealth.org">www.wchealth.org</a>.

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