

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **“5<sup>th</sup> Annual National Latino AIDS Awareness Day” Community event to raise HIV/AIDS awareness among the Latino community**

The Tucson National Latino AIDS Awareness Day (NLAAD) Committee in collaboration with COPE Community Services, Luz Social Services, the Pima County Health Department, the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF), the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN), and Wingspan will be celebrate the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual National Latino AIDS Awareness Day in Tucson on Monday, October 15, 2007 at the El Rio Neighborhood Center.

Every thirteen minutes someone in the United States is diagnosed with HIV, the virus which causes AIDS. Latinos account for 20% of AIDS cases in the United States, while they represent only 14% of the U.S. population. Strides have been made in treating this disease, but the best approach is one of prevention.

In an effort to increase HIV/AIDS awareness among the Latino population, National AIDS Awareness Day will offer educational classes for adults and teens, free HIV counseling and testing services, and a resource and information fair. A dinner and program featuring community leaders is also planned.

The event will be held on Monday October 15, 2007 from 4pm to 8 pm at the El Rio Neighborhood Center located at 1390 West Speedway Boulevard.

The event is free and open to the public.

Event Info: National Latino AIDS Awareness Day  
Date: Monday October 15, 2007  
Location: El Rio Neighborhood Center, 1390 West Speedway Blvd.  
Time: 4pm to 8pm

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