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**The Long Island Association for AIDS Care Observes National HIV/AIDS and Aging Awareness Day (NHAAAD)**

**September 18, 2014** Long Island Association for AIDS Care supports efforts to bring awareness to the issues related to HIV/AIDS and the aging population in our country. Through **National HIV/AIDS and Aging Awareness Day (NHAAAD)**, our organization is committed to putting an end to HIV/AIDS related stigma, discrimination, and misinformation about prevention care and treatment for those over the age of 50. National HIV/AIDS and Aging Awareness Day, launched in 2008 by The AIDS Institute, is recognized by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of HIV/AIDS Policy, and [www.aids.gov](http://www.aids.gov).

In 2009, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported persons aged 50 and older accounted for approximately:

- 17% of new HIV/AIDS diagnoses
- 36% of persons living with AIDS
- 24% of all AIDS diagnoses
- 45% of all deaths of persons with AIDS

In New York State, the percentage of newly diagnosed AIDS Cases between January and December of 2010 was 19.4% among 50-59 year olds. As of December 2010, 5,865 individuals in Nassau and Suffolk County were living with HIV and AIDS. In recognition of National HIV/AIDS and Aging Awareness Day 2014, the Long Island Association for AIDS Care will hold an HIV/AIDS education and testing initiative on **September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014** at the **United Healthcare** office (**250 Fulton Avenue, Hempstead NY 11550**) from **10:00 am to 4:00 pm**. Free Rapid HIV testing and Hepatitis C screenings will be offered. Event sponsors include United Healthcare, New York State Department of Health, Walgreens Pharmacy, Island Harvest, Henry Schein and TriCare Systems. For more information on our education and testing events visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/LIAAC.inc/events> or visit our Twitter page at [https://twitter.com/LIAAC\\_inc](https://twitter.com/LIAAC_inc)

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