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## AIDS Day recalls those lost

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As millions come together to observe World AIDS Day Monday, Key West will be honoring the memory of those lost with a candlelight parade and evening vigil.

The night will culminate in the reading of more than 1,000 names of people with Key West ties, who have died from the effects of AIDS, at a memorial service at the AIDS Memorial on Higgs Beach.

The theme of this year's local commemoration is "Inspiring Memories – Transforming Lives," and the public is invited to turn out to remember and grieve as a community.

Coordinated by the Friends of the Key West AIDS Memorial, the candlelight march starts at 5 p.m. at Glynn Archer Elementary School at White and United streets, and ends at the beachfront memorial.

The Friends is a volunteer, nonprofit group of locals dedicated to maintaining the memorial as a constant reminder of the impact AIDS has had on the local community and the world.

This year alone, 61 names will be dedicated at the service, including former District V City Commissioner Jeremy Anthony, who died July 1.

Also at the ceremony, musical selections, prayers and speakers will honor those lost and comfort the survivors, and those living with the disease today.

Last weekend, 79 names were sandblasted into the memorial's granite tiles. The memorial itself has already exceeded its designed capacity, with the Friends resorting to engraving names in the margins in the center section this year to include the names of all of those lost.

A list of the names being dedicated this year is available at [www.cyberconch.com/aidskw/WorldAIDSday2003web/index.htm](http://www.cyberconch.com/aidskw/WorldAIDSday2003web/index.htm). For more information, or to sign up to read the names of loved ones aloud at the ceremony, call Michael Epting at 296-3018.



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