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## ADAP Advocacy Association Recognizes World AIDS Day

### *Urges People Living with HIV/AIDS to Speak Out for Patients Denied Access to Care under the AIDS Drug Assistance Programs*

WASHINGTON, D.C. (December 1, 2014) – The [ADAP Advocacy Association](http://www.adapadvocacyassociation.org), also known as **aaa+**®, today reflected on the approximately 648,459<sup>1</sup> people in the United States who lost their lives to the struggle against HIV/AIDS. World AIDS Day is an opportunity for people worldwide to unite in the fight against HIV, show their support for people living with HIV and to commemorate people who have died.

Every year, as part of the World AIDS Day recognition, **aaa+**® calls attention to patients being denied access to care under the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP), which provides life-saving medications to people living with HIV/AIDS who are uninsured or under-insured. As of July 28, 2014, there were 35 patients on ADAP waiting lists and eleven ADAPs have had cost-containment measures in place since April 1, 2013.<sup>2</sup>

The **2014 theme** for **World AIDS Day** is “Focus, Partner, Achieve: An AIDS-free Generation.”

“People living with HIV/AIDS are the driving force behind all of the achievements and progress made in the fight against this disease, and that remains true even today,” said **Brandon Macsata**, CEO of the ADAP Advocacy Association. “It remains unacceptable that a single patient in the United States can still be denied access to timely, appropriate care for their HIV diagnosis. So as we reflect on World AIDS Day in 2014, we should also remain steadfast in our advocacy.”

For more information about World AIDS Day 2014, visit <http://www.worldaidsday.org/index.php>.

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<sup>1</sup> CDC. [HIV Surveillance Report](#), 2012; vol. 24. Published November 2014.

<sup>2</sup> National Alliance of State & Territorial AIDS Directors, ADAP Watch, July 28, 2014.