

# Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

## (Re)Learning Moment

### **World AIDS Day**

In August 1987, James W. Bunn and Thomas Netter conceptualized the idea of a worldwide campaign to bring awareness of the AIDS pandemic caused HIV infection and to mourn those individuals who died from the disease. In 1988, the first observance of World AIDS Day occurred on December 1. In 1996, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) took over the planning of World AIDS Day, growing the campaign to a year-round program focused on communications, prevention, and education. Since 2004, the World AIDS Campaign operates as an independent organization. Organizers select a theme each year to help share the stories through unique lenses.

### (Re)Learn About World AIDS Day

- **2021 World AIDS Day Report** report created by UNAIDS (2021) discussing inequalities in the AIDS and COVID-19 pandemic responses
- <u>2021 UN Theme End Inequalities. End AIDS. End Pandemics.</u> webpage managed by UNAIDS
- 2021 U.S. Theme Ending the HIV Epidemic: Equitable Access, Everyone's Voice guide curated by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
- What Are HIV and AIDS? webpage managed by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

#### **AIDS Memorial Quilt Walking Tour**

The tour will involve a comfortably paced walk to visit each of four quilt panels located on the main campus. The tour will be led by a guide who is knowledgeable about the quilt and its locations on campus.

- Wednesday, December 1 at 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- Beginning at the Student Union, Gallery 1502 Cumberland Ave. Knoxville, TN 37996