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Thousands come together to raise funds and fight HIV at AIDS Walk Austin

Featuring live music by local artists, food trucks, and Honorary Chair Cleve Jones

What: AIDS Walk Austin

Who: Notable speakers include **Cleve Jones, Congressman Llyod Doggett, and Council Member Laura Morrison**
Performances by **Austin Babbist Women, Rockin' Gospel Group, Reed Turner, Language Room, and Deuce Coupe**

When: Sunday, October 20, 2013

Registration:	11:30 a.m.
Opening Ceremony:	1:30 p.m.
Step-Off:	2:00 p.m.
Prize Raffle Drawing:	4:00 p.m.

Where: Republic Square Park

AUSTIN, Texas—Sunday, Oct. 20, thousands of people will join together to increase HIV and AIDS awareness, raise much-needed funds, and fight stigma and indifference. AIDS Walk Austin 2013 is bigger and better than ever, featuring live local bands and food trucks with a route that takes walkers through downtown Austin up to the Capitol grounds. Produced by AIDS Services of Austin since 1988, AIDS Walk Austin remains vital to preventing the spread of HIV and ensuring that all people living with HIV and AIDS have access to proper care.



This year's AIDS Walk Austin Honorary Chair is Cleve Jones, founder of the NAMES Project Memorial Quilt and co-founder of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation. Already a well-known name to those in the HIV and AIDS field, Jones has been a prominent activist since 1983 and helped found several institutions key to building HIV and AIDS awareness, raising funds and educating the public. Jones created the first quilt panel in honor of his best friend, Marvin Feldman; this panel will be on display the week before the AIDS Walk.



The valuable funds raised by AIDS Walk participants support the work of AIDS Services of Austin and 10 other important AIDS service organizations across Central Texas. All proceeds stay local and help to reduce infection rates in Central Texas, ensure all Central Texans know their HIV status, and make certain that all HIV-positive people get the care they need.

12:30 p.m. AIDS Walk Austin Media Check-In

All media can check in at registration on the east side of the main stage. Any media requiring parking must RSVP to **Kanaka Sathasivan** at 512-406-6118 or media@asaustin.org **by 3 p.m., Friday, October 18.**

12:45 p.m. Media Interviews and Photos

About AIDS Walk Austin

Organized by AIDS Services of Austin since 1988, AIDS Walk Austin is a community-wide awareness and fundraising event benefiting 11 local organizations. Walkers heighten awareness, reduce stigma and raise funds for care services and prevention education in Central Texas. This year's Walk will be bigger and better as we kick off at Republic Square Park and travel through the Capital Grounds. Enjoy live music and local food throughout the day while showing your support and fighting HIV! Everyone is welcome to join! Register or donate at www.aidswalkaustin.org.

About AIDS Services of Austin (ASA)

The mission of AIDS Services of Austin is to enhance the health and well-being of the community and people affected by HIV and AIDS. For more information about AIDS Services of Austin, visit www.asaustin.org.