



Southern  
AIDS  
Living Quilt  
— *join the fight*



# Snapshot of HIV/AIDS

- **The CDC estimates that more than 20 percent of those living with HIV/AIDS in the United States do not know they are infected.**
  - Approximately 1.1 million people in the United States were living with HIV/AIDS in 2006 – with an estimated 56,000 new HIV/AIDS infections occurring each year.
  - More than one in five, 232,700, of the 1.1 million people infected with HIV, are unaware of their status.
- **African American women and Latinas together represent 80 percent of new HIV and AIDS cases among women, and the majority of women living with the disease.**
  - In 1985, women accounted for eight percent of HIV cases in the United States—today, women represent 27 percent of new HIV cases in the United States.



# The Fastest Growing Region

- **Rising infection rates coupled with inadequate funding and resources have produced a crisis:**
  - Nearly four of ten Americans living with AIDS reside in the South.
  - The number of persons living with AIDS has increased from 1993 to 2005 at a greater rate in the South than in any other region of the U.S. The South also has the highest number of people dying from AIDS in the U.S.



# What is the Quilt?

- Using video testimonials, the first-of-its kind Living Quilt shares the personal stories of women living with HIV/AIDS.
- The stories underscore the critical importance of making HIV screening a routine part of medical care to ensure earlier diagnosis and prevent the spread of the disease.

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**Deadra**  
Age: 46  
Hometown: Columbia, SC  
Year of diagnosis: 1988

**Her story:** Deadra has been living with HIV for 20 years and credits early testing with saving her life. She now works with the faith community as a liaison from the South Carolina HIV/AIDS Council. She's full of life and says she is "nowheres tired."

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**Deadra**  
 Year of Diagnosis 1988



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# Tools and Resources

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*Knowing your status  
makes all the difference...*

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TEST FOR Life Southern AIDS Coalition

**— PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS —**

AIDS Alabama GET REAL. GET TESTED.

Alliance of AIDS Services · Carolina

SOUTH CAROLINA HIV/AIDS COUNCIL

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FACES

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**Resources**

[Find a Testing Site Near You](#)

- [Southern States Manifesto](#)- Southern AIDS Coalition
- [HIV/AIDS in the U.S.](#) - Kaiser Family Foundation
- [HIV Testing Recommendations](#)- CDC
- [HIV Testing Frequently Asked Questions](#)- CDC
- [HIV Prevalence Estimates - United States, 2006](#)- MMWR, CDC
- [Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program](#)- Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)
- [HIV and Your Pregnancy](#)- CDC
- [HIV Programs at the American Red Cross](#)- American Red Cross
- [CDC Director Dr. Julie Gerberding on HIV and women in the U.S](#)
- [District of Columbia HIV/AIDS Epidemiology Update 2008](#)

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**Fact Sheet**

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Julia Year of Diagnosis 1989  
Debra Year of Diagnosis 1988

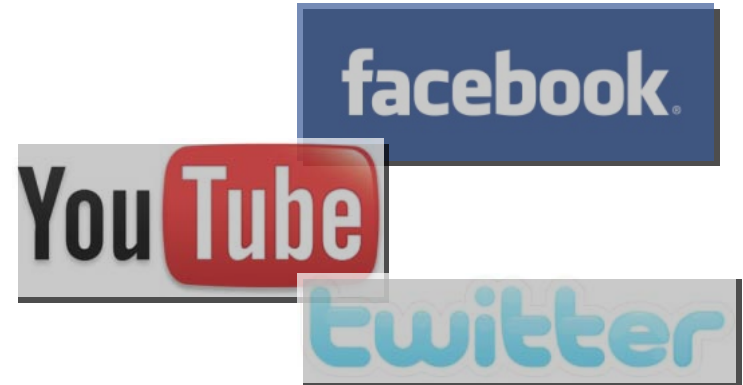


# New Media

■ Support the Quilt's Cause on Facebook

■ Follow the Quilt on Twitter

The image shows two overlapping screenshots of the LivingQuilt website. The top screenshot is a Twitter profile for 'LivingQuilt' with a bio that reads: 'The message is in the music. Download and share a free Hip Hop track from the Living Quilt! http://tiny.cc/JPeLS'. Below the bio are several tweets, including one about HIV testing and another about Valentine's Day. The bottom screenshot is a Facebook page for 'Southern AIDS Living Quilt'. The page features a header with the LivingQuilt logo and a mission statement: 'To raise awareness in the importance of routine HIV screening in preventing the spread of HIV/AIDS'. It also lists statistics: '56,000 new HIV infections reported in 2006', 'AIDS is the leading cause of death for African American women ages 25-34', and 'Nearly four of ten Americans living with AIDS reside in the South'. The page includes a '498 MEMBERS' and '50 DONATED' section, a 'Donor Matches' section, and a 'How You Are Helping' section showing '10 members recruited', '50 donated', and '\$0 raised'.



“This site is a great venue to let others know that they are not alone. I truly feel honored to be able to reach out to others and throw out the miles and cultural boundaries.”

- Julia, Quilt Participant



Visit the Southern AIDS Living Quilt.  
View Julia's story and others at  
[www.LivingQuilt.org](http://www.LivingQuilt.org)