



M25 NEWSLETTER

WORLD AIDS DAY

*HONORING THE PAST, EMPOWERING THE PRESENT,
INSPIRING A HEALTHIER FUTURE*



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**Monday
December 1, 2025**

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Each year on December 1, Matthew 25 joins millions across the globe in recognizing World AIDS Day—a day of remembrance, education, and renewed commitment. For our organization, this observance is deeply personal. We honor the countless lives lost to the HIV/AIDS epidemic, stand in solidarity with those currently living with HIV, and reaffirm our promise to the communities we serve across Kentucky and Indiana to continue the fight against stigma, barriers to care, and health disparities.

World AIDS Day serves as an important reminder that while progress has been made, the work is far from over. Many individuals in our region still face challenges in accessing testing, treatment, prevention tools, and supportive services. Raising awareness remains critical. When our communities understand HIV—how it is transmitted, how it is prevented, and how treatment allows individuals to live long, healthy lives—we improve health outcomes and create safer, more compassionate environments for all.

This year, Matthew 25 is honored to host a World AIDS Day Resource Fair on Monday, December 1, 2025, from 1–4 PM at the Recovery Resource Club of Henderson. This event is designed to bring essential resources directly to our community while fostering connection, education, and support. We will be offering free HIV testing and information regarding our services.

We are grateful to partner with an incredible group of vendors who share in our mission of improving community health and providing accessible support services. Joining us at the event will be:

- Passport by Molina
- Brightview
- New Beginnings
- Oxford House
- Humana
- Henderson Community College
- Henderson Pride
- The Port
- Recovery Resource Club of Henderson

As we pause to honor those we've lost, we also celebrate the resilience of those living with HIV today and the progress that continues because of strong partnerships and dedicated community members like you. Together, we move closer to a future where HIV is no longer a threat to health or humanity.

Matthew 25 invites you to join us on December 1. Your presence helps amplify awareness, reduce stigma, and build a healthier, more hopeful tomorrow for the communities we proudly serve.

Curt Coomes is an Owensboro native and former patient and board member of Matthew 25. He is currently a grant writing consultant and provides administrative and program support to Frederiksted Health Care, an FQHC based in the US Virgin Islands.

For Uncle Steve

We invite you to read this special World AIDS Day piece written in remembrance of a cherished uncle.

Remembering Lives Lost

On this World AIDS Day, we honor the beautiful lives we've lost—
cherishing their memories, carrying their stories, and holding them in
our hearts today and always.

Mark, Duane, Barry, Rodney, Cheryl, Jeremicah, Traci, Louis, Leo,
Darryl, Timothy, John, Jerry, Pau, Vincent, Donald, Davie, Franklin,
Judith, Ted, Albert, Mark, Dale, Gertha, Jed, Rick, Kristy, Dwight, David,
Tony, Monica, Samuel, Courtney, Vicki, Cassandra, Sharon, Gary, Amon,
Cory, Beverly, James, Cassandra M., Dennis, Ricky, Michael, Alex,
Douglas, Randall, Marques, Bobby, David, Charles, Gary, Larry, Travis,
William, Anthony, Kenneth, Rudy, Steve, Donald, Wiliam, Jesse,
Vincent, David, Byron, Delbert, Ida, Shanta, Mark, Larry, Ella, Devin,
Fabio, Ralph, Willy, Ryan, Calvin, Jason, Douglas, Dodie, Jeffrey,
Daymond, Keith, Judy, Eddie, Dennis, Stephen, Larry, Warren, William,
Steve, Ric, Keeli, Angela, Robert, Michael, Jeffery, Harry, Tara, Rebecca,
Nickolas, Debbie, Denise, J. T., Barbara, Edward, Kevin, Kelly, Clifton,
Mark, Russell, Deborah, Kennen, Francisco, Timothy, Richard, Kevin,
Donald, Larry, Robert, Todd, Derrick, Derek, George, Kimbra, Rodney,
Jimmy, Monte, Kim, Bernard, Vicki, Robert, Jesus, Trent, Randall,
Brenda, Artie, David, Steven, Stephen, Dewayne, Stephen, Anthony,
Rebecca, Johnny, Howard, Carolyn, Larry, Eric, Kenneth, Jerry, John,
Diane, Daniel, Carolyn, James, Brian, Nicholas, Elizabeth, Stephen,
Timothy, Brian, Michael, Charles, Alonzo, Tina, Timothy, Eric,
Christopher, Patrick, James, Jay, Gary, Glenn, Terry, Gary, Louis,
William, Wilbert, James, Rosendo, Christopher, Sami, Charles, Michael,
Randall, Johnny, Jeffery, Jim, James, Emily, William, Jerry, James,
Terry, Phillip, Joseph, William, Ladonna, Stephen, William, Terry,
William, Jim, James, Stanly, Stephen, Eddie, Carol, James, William,
Vernon, Joseph, Bill, Lucas, Misty, Mindy, Jeff, Jose, Nickalaus, Ben,
David, James, Shane, William, Jacques, William, Darrell

You will never be forgotten.

Share the Spirit of the Season with Yuletide Giveback

Your Support is Crucial to Success

The holidays are a time for togetherness, warmth, and sharing a meal with those we love. Each year, Matthew 25's Yuletide Giveback helps make that possible for our patients who may otherwise go without a holiday meal.

Historically, our Yuletide program provided pre-built food boxes filled with traditional holiday staples. However, after recognizing that many of our patients have unique cultural and dietary needs, we shifted last year to offering grocery gift cards instead. This change allows each family to choose the ingredients and meals that are most meaningful—and safe—for them to enjoy.

We typically serve around 200 patients and their families through this cherished program. Due to the current economic climate of the world, we have had over 350 patients sign up for this program this year. A \$55 donation covers the cost of a holiday meal for a patient to prepare and share with loved ones.

Your generosity helps spread comfort, dignity, and joy—reminding our patients that they are seen, valued, and cared for this holiday season.

👉 Give today and share the spirit of Yuletide with our Matthew 25 family.

Checks may be mailed to:
Matthew 25
452 Old Corydon Road
Henderson, KY 42420



A Matthew 25
Local Fashion Showcase



Runway Red Takes Flight

Bill Kaelin



Get ready to strut into one of the most meaningful nights of the year—Runway Red returns on March 28, 2026! Click link in title for tickets.

As Matthew 25's largest and longest-running fundraising event, this year's show promises to be extra special as we officially launch our 30 Years of Matthew 25 Campaign, celebrating three decades of compassion, care, and community impact.

Runway Red 2026 will also hold deep significance as we dedicate this year's event to the memory of our beloved Nurse Practitioner, Bill Kaelin, who passed away in the spring of 2025. Bill's dedication, warmth, and unwavering commitment to those we serve left a lasting mark on Matthew 25 and everyone who had the privilege of knowing him.

Join us for an unforgettable evening of fashion, philanthropy, and reflection as we honor Bill's legacy and celebrate 30 years of hope and healing. Save the date—March 28, 2026—and be part of this milestone for Matthew 25.





Pictured: Angela Pendragon, Anna Miles, Aubrie Woolfork, Courtney Woolfork, Brian Hunley, Melissa Green

CEO Honored with Ernie Scott Leadership Award

We are immensely honored and thrilled to share that our CEO, Courtney Woolfork, has been recognized by the Kentucky Rural Health Association (KRHA) with the prestigious Ernie Scott Leadership Award!

On behalf of our organization and Courtney, we would like to thank the KRHA for this award and thank the communities that support us. Our care and impact wouldn't be possible without you. (Click photo for details of award.)



Kentucky Rural Health Association

Anna Miles, COO, presented at the Kentucky Rural Health Association Conference this past week regarding the progress and impact our mobile unit is making in rural communities.

Ethnic Food Bags

We delivered our first ethnic food bag to a patient last week from our Bowling Green clinic. The excitement (for us and them) to be able to provide essential food items that are part of their culture and diet was unmatched!



Stronger Together: Community Collaboration in Action

With the holidays approaching and stress levels rising, having a strong support system is more important than ever. Recently, our Bowling Green office demonstrated just how vital community collaboration can be. When a client arrived in crisis, our team acted quickly—connecting them with our new mental health counselor and coordinating with local partners, including Lifeskills and the Bowling Green Police Department, to ensure they received the higher level of care they needed. We're grateful for the teamwork that helps us support our clients when they need it most.

HENDERSON YEAR TO DATE DATA



182

TOTAL CLIENTS
SERVED



VIRAL SUPPRESSION
RATE OF

93.06%



169 HIV TESTS

2 Reactive Tests



126 HEP C TESTS

5 Reactive Tests



15



CLIENTS ON A PREP REGIMEN



RISK FACTORS

Hemophilia: **1**

Heterosexual: **53**

IDU: **8**

MSM: **106**

MSM & IDU: **10**

Not Specified: **2**

Transfusion: **2**

MSM=Men who have sex with men

IDU= Injection drug use

AGES SERVED

19 – 24: **6**

25 – 34: **28**

35 – 44: **42**

45 – 54: **39**

55 – 64: **51**

65 – 74: **13**

75 and over: **3**

GENDER

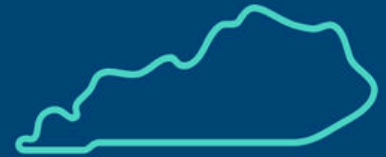
Female: **33**

Male: **148**

Transgender MtF: **1**



COUNTIES SERVED



ADAIR: 1

BARREN: 1

BRECKINRIDGE: 1

BUTLER: 1

CHRISTIAN: 2

DAVIESS: 6

GRAYSON: 1

HARDIN: 32

HART: 1

HENDERSON: 53

HOPKINS: 17

JEFFERSON: 2

LARUE: 1

LOGAN: 2

LYON: 1

MCCRACKEN: 3

MCCLEAN: 4

MEADE: 3

METCALFE: 1

MUHLENBERG: 1

NELSON: 4

OHIO: 1

SIMPSON: 1

UNION: 13

WARREN: 12

WEBSTER: 9

INDIANA COUNTIES:

DUBOIS IN: 2

KNOX IN: 1

VANDEBURGH IN: 3

WARRICK IN: 1

OTHER STATE:

JAMES CITY VA: 1

WHERE TO FIND US IN DECEMBER



Indiana Events

- 12/2 @ 4-6 Hope Central*
- 12/3 @ 11-1 UE*
- 12/4 @ 12-1 Hope Central*
- 12/9 @ 9-12 Patchwork Central*
- 12/11 @ 11-1 Hope Dot Com*
- 12/18 @ 830-1030 EVV Treatment Center*

Indiana: Email oblanco@matthew25clinic.org



Kentucky Events

- 12/1 World AIDS Day Resource Fair at Recovery Resource Club
437 1st Street, Henderson, KY 42420 (Testing and Resources)

Kentucky: Email ncarlisle@matthew25clinic.org



Mobile unit events

- 12/10 Health First Morganfield (mobile unit)
- 12/16 Brightview (mobile unit)

If interested in partnering with our mobile unit,
email Angie Poe at apoe@matthew25clinic.org



ATTENTION

All Matthew 25 clinics will be closed for the holidays beginning December 24, 2025 and will reopen Friday, January 2, 2026.

JOIN THE FLOCK



*Looking for a career
that makes a
difference every day?*

Matthew 25 was voted as one of the Best Places to Work in KY for the past 3 years! Come join our team and be part of our growth and impact!

Current Openings:

Grants Accounting Specialist-Henderson
(hybrid)

KY PrEP Navigator-Bowling Green

Case Management Assistant-Evansville

Case Management Specialist-Owensboro (hybrid)

Medical Director(part -time)-Henderson (hybrid)

Housing Case Management Specialist-Bowling Green

Clinic Nurse (RN)-Bowling Green

Food & Transportation Assistant-Henderson



Join Matthew 25 and enjoy competitive pay, great benefits, no required overtime, and a mission-driven team where your work truly matters.