TV Spot: **World AIDS Week**
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According to the World Health Organization more than 34 million people now live with HIV/AIDS with 3.3 million being under the age of 15. In 2011, an estimated 2.5 million people were newly infected with HIV. Every day nearly 7,000 people contract HIV—nearly 300 every hour. Since the beginning of the epidemic, more than 60 million people have contracted HIV and nearly 30 million have died of HIV-related causes.

WHO confirms that in the Caribbean, of which Belize forms part, more than 13,000 people became newly infected in 2011, bringing the total number of people living with HIV/AIDS to more than 230,000 in the Caribbean. According to statistics provided by the Ministry of Health, Belize has decreased the number of new HIV Infections. This year's HIV AIDS report is due late December.

Even though HIV/AIDS is still a topic rejected by many, in order to promote and educate Belizeans on the deadly disease every year World Aids week is celebrated from the 23rd of November to the 1st of December.

Here in the north the National AIDS Commission/Country Coordinating Mechanism Corozal Committee has planned an entire week of activities that kicked off today to promote the "Getting to ZERO" goal.

On the 31st of November a call is made to all businesses, Schools, Governmental Offices, Visitors, NGO's, and other entities to join in the Candle Vigil scheduled to commence at 6:00pm in front of the Social Security Board in Corozal and finishing at the Coronation Park. The parade will be followed by a short program in memory of those who have succumbed to this human invading disease.

World's AIDS Week is celebrated in Belize under the theme, "Getting to ZERO: Zero Discrimination, Zero New Infections, Zero AIDS Related Deaths." A complete detail of the week's activities can be viewed on Face Book at NAC CCM Corozal.