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The Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) is pleased to announce that **May 19, 2013**, is *National Asian and Pacific Islander HIV/AIDS Awareness Day*. The DPHSS encourages all community leaders, health advisors and policymakers to raise awareness about the impact of HIV/AIDS-related stigma among our island community.

In Guam, over 244 HIV/AIDS cases have been reported to the DPHSS since 1985. It is estimated that 1 in 3 Asians and Pacific Islanders are living with HIV and do not know it. Therefore, HIV testing is a critical first step in taking control and responsibility over your health.

In commemoration of *National Asian and Pacific Islander HIV/AIDS Awareness Day*, the DPHSS in collaboration with Guam's Alternative Lifestyle Association (GALA), GUAHAN Project/WestCare Pacific Islands (WCPI), Bank of Guam, and 76/Circle K announces the following events:

- Wednesday, May 15, 2p.m.- 5p.m. and 7p.m.- 9p.m. - GALA Open House and screening of the Banyan Tree Project's "Taking Root" stories from Guam
- Thursday, May 16, 3p.m.- 6p.m. - GUAHAN Project/WCPI Open House and screening of the Banyan Tree Project's "Taking Root" stories
- Friday, May 17, from 4p.m.- 6p.m. - Wave for Awareness at the ITC Intersection in Tamuning

Please see the attached flyer for additional information about these events.

For information about testing and other STD/HIV Program services, please contact the Guam AIDS Hotline at 734-2437 (AIDS) or the Program's website at www.prutehiahao.guam.gov.


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