

Friends For Life Commemorates National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

Poetry written and performed by persons living with HIV/AIDS, educational sessions about HIV medications and a motivational speech were all a part of Friends For Life's commemoration of National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day on February 7. Approximately 45 people attended the



afternoon event which was complete with refreshments, popcorn, door prizes along with the opportunity to socialize with others in the Positive Living Center. Guests listened as poets told what living with HIV meant to them through their poetic works.

One poet expressed his experience living with HIV/AIDS by writing, "In 2003, ten doctors surrounded my bed. A short dainty doctor stepped forward and said 'You have HIV'. I looked all ten doctors in their eyes and replied FOOLS! I have had this HIV thing my entire life. My HIV is HEAVEN IN VIEW. What about you? Get tested, get treated, get educated, get involved!"

