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HOPE & HELP HOSTS WORLD AIDS DAY BREAKFAST PANEL
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH

ORLANDO, FL, November 2, 2018 – Hope and Help Center of Central Florida, Inc. (Hope & Help) is hosting a World AIDS Day breakfast panel called “The Future of HIV” on Friday, November 30th from 8:30am-10:00am at its central office located at 707 Mendham Blvd., Ste. 104, Orlando, FL 32825. The panel was created to foster community discussion about the socio-political climate affecting people living with HIV and the organizations which provide services for them.

The breakfast panel features commentary from Anna Eskamani, Florida State House of Representatives Candidate; Daniel J. Downer, Early Intervention Specialist at Hope & Help; Joseph Knoll, ARNP, Medical Services Director at Hope & Help; and Kara Johnson, HIV/AIDS Program Coordinator at Florida Department of Health Orange County.

The panel discussion is timely being that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has reported that Orlando has the 5th highest HIV transmission rate in the nation and the State of Florida is ranked 1st in new HIV and AIDS cases. Hope & Help intends for guests to walk away empowered, understanding how they can each play a role in stopping new HIV infections and advocating for better HIV care.

Hope & Help’s Client Services Director, Abby Silverman, encourages people living with HIV to become more involved in the decision-making that affects their care, “Over the years, I’ve seen many individuals find their voice and become advocates for themselves. Understanding what is happening on a policy level and how changes to funding and service structure affect the access to, and quality of, HIV care is fundamental to self-efficacy. Everyone affected by HIV can use their voice to encourage local, state, and federal leadership to make policy decisions based on the best interests of the community.”

The panel is free and open to the public. A complimentary hors d’oeuvres breakfast will be provided. Guests can call 407-645-2577 for more information.

ABOUT HOPE & HELP
Hope & Help has served the region’s health and wellness needs for 30 years, focusing on lowering HIV/STD rates, increasing health education, and providing affordable medical care services. As a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization, Hope & Help operates thanks to the financial support of grants, sponsorships, and donations from the Central Florida community.

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