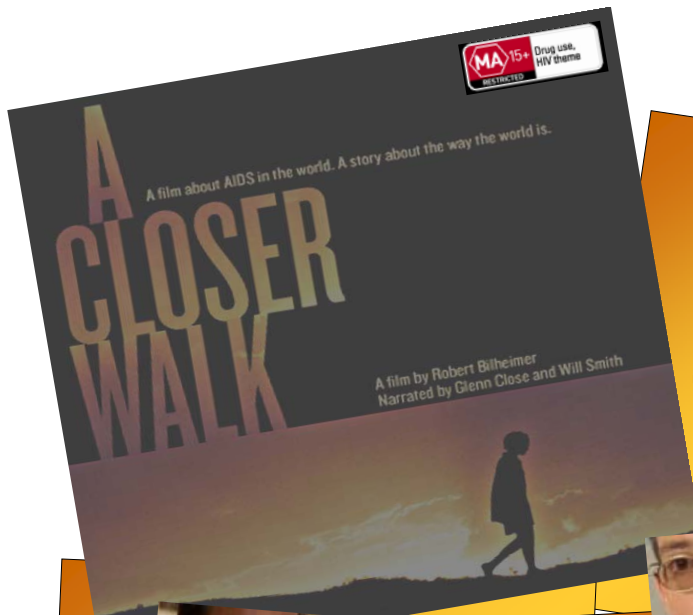


HEALTHY CITIES ILLAWARRA in collaboration with SOUTH EASTERN SYDNEY ILLAWARRA AREA HEALTH SERVICE invite you to a screening of the powerful movie **"A CLOSER WALK"** in recognition of the 26th anniversary of the discovery of HIV/AIDS.



Bono – U2, Activist
 "These lives are lives that were about to shape this millennium. We don't know what we've lost and I think history is going to be incredibly hard on us."



His Holiness – The Dalai Lama
 "I'm part of the humanity. If humanity is generally happy, and there is prosperity, and peace I will get the benefit. So therefore when I talk and think about my own future I cannot just forget about humanity, about the global."



Dr. N.M. Samuel – Chennai, India
 "We cannot isolate ourselves today and say this is their problem and this is not our problem. What happens in Africa is my problem, what happens in US is my problem, what happens in India is US problem. So with an International commitment to this issue is the only way we can overcome some of the injustice this disease is doing to people who are infected and affected."



Dawn Liberi - USAID Africa
 "There's an African proverb that says, 'poverty is slavery', and to a lot of people that's the case. Most people in Sub-Saharan Africa live on less than a dollar a day. What kind of options do they have?"



Mark Heywood - Treatment Access Campaign, South Africa
 "Regrettably to some extent, people in industrialized countries have come to think, 'well Africans live with disease', they live with cholera and typhoid and malaria, they don't expect to live long. What is the difference with AIDS?"



Olivia Nantongo – Uganda
 "So the time she was not OK I really had to miss out from school. If the neighbours don't want to take care of mummy, if the relatives don't want to take care of mummy, she's sick she will infect them I have to be there for her. I have to take care of her."

A Closer Walk is the first film to provide a definitive portrayal of humankind's confrontation with the global AIDS epidemic. Directed, written and produced by Oscar™ nominee Robert Bilheimer, narrated by Glenn Close and Will Smith, the film explores the intricate relationship between health, dignity, and human rights, and shows how the harsh realities of AIDS in the world are an expression of the way the world is. In *A Closer Walk*, incisive interviews with individuals from all walks of life, including the Dalai Lama, Kofi Annan, and Bono, combine with stories, portraits and vignettes of children, women, and men living with AIDS, and those caring for them, on four continents.

Breathtaking cinematography by Richard D. Young celebrates human dignity, even as it bears witness to immense human suffering. All these elements are woven together in a film that is not only about a deadly infectious disease, but also about the human condition. Moving, thought-provoking, and ultimately inspiring, *A Closer Walk* raises fundamental questions about our responsibilities to one another, and tells us that if we act with compassion and conviction -- if we walk the walk -- then we can indeed put an end to the worst epidemic in human history, and reaffirm our membership in the human family.

Where: The Nan Tien Buddhist Temple, Berkeley Rd, Berkeley
 In the auditorium, directly to the left of the main temple

When: Friday the 30th November 2007

Cost: Gold coin donation if desired

Time: Movie starts at 7.30pm

Light refreshments will be available at the Tea House from 7pm

Please RSVP by Friday 23rd of November to Jenny Farinella on Ph: 4221 6740

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Red ribbons will be available to purchase for World AIDS Day which is held internationally on the 1st December
 Wearing a red ribbon is a simple and powerful way to challenge the stigma and prejudice surrounding HIV and AIDS

The temple is an accessible venue