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ARTIST TO PARTICIPATE IN USI AIDS PROGRAM

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A 27-year-old Bloomington, Indiana, artist who learned she was HIV-positive two years ago will be the leader of programs on Tuesday, December 1, in the University of Southern Indiana observance of World AIDS Day.

Heather Thompkins and members of the Evansville AIDS Resource Group will conduct a panel discussion at 9 a.m. in the MASH recreation room. Thompkins will serve as a visiting artist from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the University Center, including a 12 noon program sharing poetry and thoughts about HIV/AIDS.

Thompkins works in a Bloomington bookstore, a jewelry store, and as a freelance technical worker with theatre groups. She uses her art and poetry as a form of education about HIV/AIDS. The USI program is sponsored by the student HIV/AIDS Peer Facilitators and Activities Programming Board. For information, contact Becky Coble, facilitators leader, 812/464-1807.

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