

# Unity Now!

Unity Now! is an HIV/AIDS outreach and prevention campaign focusing on young women of color. The Pierce County AIDS Foundation, along with community volunteers, hold community meetings, distribute information, and hold festivals and health fairs. Unity Now! coordinates the Black Church Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS in collaboration with the Balm in Gilead, local Black Churches and other faith-based organizations.

Join us in prayer  
March 6-12, 2005!

The  
Black Church  
Week of Prayer  
For the Healing  
of AIDS



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## The African American Community & HIV/AIDS

- While only 12 percent of the total American population, African Americans make up 37 percent of total American AIDS cases.
- More than 50 percent of new reported HIV infections in the United States is among African Americans.
- AIDS is the number one cause of death in the U.S. for Black adults aged 25 to 44, before heart disease, cancer and homicide.
- In the U.S., one in 50 Black men and one in 160 Black women is HIV-positive.
- Black senior citizens represent more than 50 percent of HIV cases among persons over age 55.
- Although only 15 percent of the adolescent population in the United States is Black, over 60 percent of AIDS cases reported in 1999 among 13-19 year olds were among Blacks.
- Black children in the U.S. represent almost two-thirds (62 percent) of all reported pediatric AIDS cases.