

Press Release

To: UTSA Communities
From: SHADES at Student Health Services
Date: Monday, 22 September 2008
Re: National Hispanic Heritage Month- tu vida, tu salud
What: **tu vida, tu salud**
When: Monday, September 22, 2008, 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM
Where: 1604 Campus at the Ballroom in the new UC

The following is the complete schedule of tu vida, tu salud activities:

- **FREE tu vida, tu salud, Monday, September 22, 2008 from 6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. at the Ballroom in the UC:** Live entertainment provided by **DJ CALIENTE**, free food, giveaways.

Why:

- According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Hispanics accounted for 18 percent of new HIV diagnoses reported in 2004.
- Hispanics accounted for 20% (8,672) of the 42,514 new AIDS diagnoses in the United States.
- Most Hispanic men were exposed to HIV through sexual contact with other men, followed by injection drug use and heterosexual contact. Most Hispanic women were exposed to HIV through heterosexual contact, followed by injection drug use.
- Although Hispanics made up only about 14% of the population of the United States and Puerto Rico, they accounted for 19% (177,164) of the estimated 944,306 cases diagnosed since the beginning of the epidemic.
- By the end of 2004, an estimated 93,163 Hispanics with AIDS had died
- The following are ways that the UTSA community can support tu vida, ¡tu salud! at UTSA:
 - Raise awareness of HIV and AIDS and other STDs
 - Raise awareness about Substance Abuse
 - Protect yourself and your partners - this is the first and best way to stop the spread of HIV

Tu vida, tu salud is sponsored by SHADES, Inclusion and Community Engagement Center and Student Health Services

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