

Message

UNAIDS expresses sadness over the passing of Swedish AIDS activist Jan-Olof Morfeldt

Geneva, 26 September 2008 – It is with profound sadness that UNAIDS mourns the death of Jan-Olof Morfeldt, executive director of Noah's Ark, a Swedish AIDS organization active in prevention and providing care and support for people living with HIV.

Jan-Olof passed away on 22 September 2008 after a short battle with cancer.

A pioneer in Sweden's work around HIV, Jan-Olof was one of the founders of Noah's Ark – Sweden's first organization dedicated to AIDS – and devoted tremendous energy to reaching out to people living with HIV. He took a particular interest in exploring the links between AIDS and issues such as human rights and social and economic development.

Jan-Olof was an invaluable partner to UNAIDS. He will be remembered for his efforts to increase awareness of AIDS and for speaking out on the rights of people living with HIV, not only in Sweden but globally.