



The POZ 100: Celebrating Unsung Heroes

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For this year's POZ 100, we asked individuals and organizations to nominate an HIV-positive person in their community who is an unsung hero in the fight against AIDS. The individuals on this year's list may not consider themselves to be heroes, but we do. Each person—in his or her own way—is taking a brave stand against the virus. They are fighting back. They do so, not because they're seeking glory or accolades, but because fighting back is a means to their survival.

This year's list is made up of 100 HIV-positive people from around the country who are committed to ending the epidemic. And because they are living with the virus themselves, they often have a unique understanding of what needs to be done and how best to do it. They know what it's like to be newly diagnosed and how it feels to deal with HIV-related stigma and discrimination. They understand the challenges of accessing care, treatment and support. They realize that by sharing their stories, they are not only inspiring others living with the virus, but also empowering themselves and the entire HIV community.

We hope that the people we spotlight on this year's POZ 100 inspire you as much as they've inspired us. They have the power and the passion to effect change in the world. Meet the 2013 POZ 100...

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