



The POZ 100: 21 to 30

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- ✘ **21. Chris Collins** As vice president and director of public policy of amfAR, Collins is a well-known face and force on Capitol Hill. Genteel, laser-focused and diplomatic, he is one to watch as the political environment gets ever more heated. He is one of the main reasons HIV/AIDS has the political prominence it does today up on the Hill.
 - ✘ **22. Humberto Cruz** The director of the NYS Department of Health AIDS Institute, a member of PACHA, founding member of NASTAD, former member of the NYC HIV Health and Human Services Planning Council, Cruz harkens from the early days; he lends his wisdom and power to advance today's ever-evolving agenda at the national, state and local levels.
 - ✘ **23. Julie Davids** Formerly the codirector for the Community HIV/AIDS Mobilization Project (CHAMP), Davids nearly single-handedly revitalized the HIV/AIDS community at its roots. Sadly, CHAMP's doors closed recently-proof positive that HIV/AIDS is not overfunded, as some claim. Luckily, two of her CHAMP programs-Project Unshackle and the HIV Prevention Justice Alliance- have been absorbed by other agencies, and she will soldier on. Hopefully, soon, she'll be a general again.
 - ✘ **24. Shawn Decker** This HIV educator, along with his wife Gwenn Barringer, tells youth all over America how not to become a "positoid"-his classically media-savvy term for people living with HIV.
 - ✘ **25. Lynda Dee** A founder of the AIDS Treatment Activist Coalition and AIDS Action Baltimore, Dee is a sassy, tough-talking broad (in the best sense of the word) whose candor and courage are inspiring and highly influential.
 - ✘ **26. Dázon Dixon Diallo, MPH** As founder and president of SisterLove Inc., the first women's HIV/AIDS organization in the Southeastern United States, Diallo is a constant on the scene of sisters helping sisters.
 - ✘ **27. N.Y. State Senator Tom Duane** An openly HIV-positive American politician who fights tirelessly for the rights of people with HIV. Need we say more?

 - ✘ **28. Gregory Edwards** As executive director of the Flowers Heritage Foundation, Edwards sees to it that low-income, minority, uninsured people living with HIV get access to their meds-even if they're on an AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) waiting list. Under his watch, people need not die in America because they lack treatment.
 - ✘ **29. Sergio Farfan** The cofounder of the Louisiana Latino Health Coalition for HIV/AIDS Awareness gets it done down in the Delta where life is a real challenge, particularly for people with HIV/AIDS.
 - ✘ **30. Kandy Ferree** As president and CEO of the National AIDS Fund, Ferree wields her foundation's millions to build partnerships with corporations, national organizations and other foundations looking to strengthen and sustain HIV/AIDS prevention and care services. Super smart, bold and funny, she's partial to innovative public-private partnerships that empower community-level decision making. If she's funding it, keep your eye on it.
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