The POZ 100: 51 to 60

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51. Mark Ishaug The president and CEO of the AIDS Foundation of Chicago, the Midwest's largest HIV/AIDS service organization, Ishaug fights for people living with HIV and supports the services that support them. His career has taken him from Chi-Town to Africa to DC and back. Under his leadership, AFC has vastly expanded its network of support on policy, prevention and services.

52. Jeremiah Johnson This former Peace Corps member contracted HIV while on the job-and was then fired. As a result, an activist was born-one who changed the Corps' policy on employing HIV-positive people. He now works at the Northern Colorado AIDS Project.

53. Ron Johnson The deputy executive director of the AIDS Action Council in Washington, DC, has more than 30 years of experience in nonprofit program planning, development, administration, public policy and advocacy. He has counseled many in the community, including President Clinton. Here's hoping Obama listens, too.

54. Fortunata Kasege Originally from Tanzania, this activist and her daughter Florida now live in Texas and stand up for the power of antiretroviral drugs to prevent mother-to-child transmission. Sharing their story, this mother and daughter team inspire women the world over to protect their children-from the virus and its stigma.

55. Paul Kawata The executive director of the National Minority AIDS Council really needs no introduction, does he? A powerful voice on the Hill, a commanding presence on stage and a longtime champion of people with HIV everywhere. And, one heck of a snazzy dresser.

56. Naina Khanna The PACHA member and director of policy and community organizing at Women Organized to Respond to Life-Threatening Disease (WORLD) is one of the new superstars in advocacy. She's tough, brilliant and not going home until it's all said and done.

57. Reverend Charles King A longtime advocate for the needs of homeless people with HIV/AIDS, King practices what he preaches: He sleeps under the same roof as the clients he serves. As president and CEO of Housing Works in New York, he is known for his outspoken nature ("Excuse me, Mr. President!") and his propensity for rallying his troops to protest whatever ills may be. Until recently, he was known for his signature long, gray ponytail, but King donated it to charity-to support those in Haiti living with HIV.

58. Kate Krauss As executive director of the AIDS Policy Project, Krauss has nearly single-handedly resuscitated the notion of advocating for the cure for AIDS. The mile-a-minute pace at which she expounds on the hunt for the cure underscores her drive, which rivals that of the Amtrak Acela.

59. James Krellenstein He founded pepnow.org because accidents happen and when they do, people have a right to get connected to the information on post-exposure prophylaxis, or PEP, and resources that could save their lives.

60. Reverend Stacey Latimer The founder and chairman of Love Alive International was still married to his wife when he found out he had HIV. They later separated, and he embraced the fact that he's gay. Now, he helps many other African-American men seek their truth too-all while clutching The Good Book close to his heart.

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