The POZ 100: 61 to 70

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61. Jules Levin The founder of the National AIDS Treatment Advocacy Project (NATAP), Levin is an ex-Wall Streeter who has used his smarts to educate the world about HIV and to advocate for the health of people with HIV and hepatitis. He also leads the way in HIV and aging advocacy.

62. Kali Lindsey The senior director of federal policy at Harlem United is a powerful young gun. One to watch. We saw him stand down President Clinton during last year's World AIDS Day without a flinch.

63. Nancy Mahon, Esq. The senior vice president of M·A·C Cosmetics and the executive director of the M·A·C AIDS Fund decides where to allocate millions of dollars. Lucky for us, she bravely funds things others won't touch.

64. Marsha Martin The director of Get Screened Oakland runs one of the nation's most effective outreach, testing and linkage to care programs. She has battled homelessness and HIV/AIDS for years; in Oakland, California, she combines her talents to deliver a one-two punch to the epidemic.

65. Terry McGovern The senior program officer at the Ford Foundation hands out funding to organizations that bolster human rights issues and programs that help the underserved communities hardest hit by HIV/AIDS. She founded the HIV Law Project, wrote a federal regulation authorizing the FDA to halt any clinical trial for a life-threatening disease that excludes women and has testified numerous times before Congress. In other words, she rocks.

66. Jesse Milan Jr., JD The vice president and director of the community health systems at the Altarum Institute in Washington, DC, Milan is a 26-year survivor of HIV and a national expert on and advocate for HIV/AIDS policies and programs. His awards and former appointments are too many for this space, but with Milan, much good gets done.

67. Daniel Montoya He's the director of external affairs of health programs at the American Institutes for Research in Washington, DC. In that role, he helps guide the CDC's communications to the public about HIV/AIDS. But what he does behind the scenes is equally powerful.

68. David Munar When not running marathons to raise money for AIDS, Munar helps run the AIDS Foundation of Chicago (he's the vice president). He also runs back and forth to DC to advocate on the Hill, and he helped run the "shadow National HIV/AIDS Strategy group" that ensured the leadership in Washington got a clear picture of what is needed to end AIDS in America. An openly gay, HIV-positive Latino man, Munar offers a powerful voice that speaks to many intersecting factors that fuel the spread of the virus.

69. Patricia Nalls As founder and executive director of The Women's Collective in Washington, DC, Nalls works on the cutting-edge-and keeps women from falling over it.

70. Cathy Olufs The acting executive director of AIDS Treatment Activist Coalition, California, Olufs has long championed the rights of positive people in prison. She's an activist, a teacher and a voice of reason.

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