



Oscar Party Raises \$9M to End HIV

Launched in 1992, the annual event is hosted by the Elton John AIDS Foundation.

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As Everything Everywhere All at Once swept this year's Oscars, glitterati at the annual Elton John AIDS Foundation's Academy Awards Viewing Party raised over \$9 million for the organization's efforts to end HIV.

Last year, Sir Elton John joined the fundraiser via satellite from Lincoln, Nebraska, where he was performing as part of his Farewell Yellow Brick Road tour. This year, he joined the festivities in person in Los Angeles along with his husband, David Furnish, and special guests actors Eric McCormack and Michaela Jaé Rodriguez and singer Rina Sawayama.

Since 1992, the viewing parties have raised over \$90 million for HIV programs across the globe, including in the United States.

"We mustn't forget that HIV is still causing needless suffering around the world, and we must protect those most vulnerable to this disease with testing and compassionate care," said John in a press statement. "We can see an end to AIDS in our lifetimes, but first, we must break down stigma and discrimination and provide equal access to health care to finally end the epidemic for everyone, everywhere."

"Elton and I are so touched and elated by the generosity we've seen throughout this glittering and massively successful evening," added Furnish, who is also chairman of the foundation. "This funding will help us continue HIV and AIDS prevention and care programs across the world, save millions of lives and help countless people to have a brighter future."

Last year, a report from Funders Concerned About AIDS ranked the Elton John AIDS Foundation as the fifth largest philanthropic funder of HIV programs in 2020 (following Gilead Sciences, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Wellcome Trust and ViiV Healthcare).

John's decades-long AIDS work earned him a National Humanities Medal last year from President Joe Biden.

The money raised helps fund the foundation's numerous efforts to fight the epidemic. Recently, the organization teamed with Walmart to train pharmacists to better serve the HIV community.

