Toast of the Town

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Past and present POZ 100 honorees

The 2015 POZ 100 honored individuals who have been living with HIV since 1995 or earlier and who are making a difference in the fight against AIDS. In November, many of these amazing individuals gathered at Rogue Gallery Space in New York City for an event co-hosted by Walgreens and POZ. In addition to celebrating this inspiring group of survivors, the gallery event coincided with the New York opening of Walgreens' traveling exhibit Well Beyond HIV, which highlights both the images and stories of HIV-positive people 50 and older.

POZ blogger Mark S. King emceed the soiree, which included rousing speeches by Orlando Francisco Reyes of Miami, who's featured in the Well Beyond HIV campaign; Pastor Andrena Ingram of Philadelphia, one of the 2015 POZ 100; Walgreens senior director of virology Glen Pietrandoni; POZ editor-in-chief Oriol Gutierrez; and Katja Heinemann and Naomi Schegloff, the duo behind the Walgreens campaign, who have been documenting the aging epidemic on GrayingOfAIDS.org.

It's estimated that, as of 2015, half of the people living with HIV in the United States are 50 or older, so this is an important age group to listen to—and to celebrate!

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