Be a POZ Advocate

March 2021 marks the 250th issue of POZ magazine. To commemorate this milestone, we've created this special poster showcasing our covers.

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Since 1994, POZ has advocated for people living with HIV and imparted essential knowledge about HIV care and treatment. While chronicling the epidemic, we've shared the stories of those living with the virus and have become a trusted source of information.

March 2021 marks the 250th issue of POZ magazine. To commemorate this milestone, we've created this special poster showcasing our covers from the past 27 years. We're proud of the stories we've shared and grateful that we've been able to shine a spotlight on so many amazing HIV advocates.

There are many ways to be an advocate. A good first step is to get educated about HIV. (Bonus points for reading POZ!) Knowing the facts about the virus and its treatment can empower you to make better decisions about your own care and well-being.

Another great way to be an advocate is to share the facts about HIV. Talk with family and friends about the importance of HIV testing, and spread the word about Undetectable Equals Untransmittable (U=U) and pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) on social media. These are easy ways to help dispel myths and misinformation about HIV and its transmission. They can also help reduce the stigma surrounding the virus.

See below to discover more ways you can help and to find links to other advocacy resources plus tools to help you along the way. You can also download a printable version of our poster commemorating 250 issues of POZ.

We encourage you to be an advocate and share info about HIV in your communities and across your networks. Who knows? You might end up on the cover of POZ!

By advocating together, we can end the HIV epidemic!

Click here to download the POZ Poster.

Click here for 10 simple ways you can fight HIV everyday.

Check out these HIV advocacy organizations:

AIDS United

AIDS United's mission is to end the HIV epidemic in the United States. Their website offers a variety of resources including webinars, toolkits and reports to arm advocates with the knowledge and know-how to make a difference. AIDSWatch is the country's largest annual constituent-based national HIV advocacy event.

Black AIDS Institute (BAI)

The BAI is dedicated to ending the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the Black community by engaging and mobilizing Black institutions and individuals to confront HIV. Visit their website to find the BAI blog and advocacy resources, plus learn how you can get involved.

Global Network of People Living With HIV (GNP+)

GNP+ is a network for people living with HIV, run by people living with HIV. They engage with and support national and regional networks of people living with HIV this ensures that their global work is grounded in their local experiences and priorities. The meaningful involvement of people living with HIV is at the heart of all that they do.

NMAC

NMAC is a national membership organization that leads with race to urgently fight for health equity and racial justice to end the HIV epidemic in America. Each hear NMAC hosts the United States Conference on HIV/AIDS, the largest domestic conference on HIV. Visit their website to find out how you can become a member.

Positive Women's Network–USA (PWN-USA)

PWN-USA is a national membership organization of women living with HIV and their allies. PWN-USA and mobilizes women living with HIV to advocate for changes that improve their lives and uphold their rights through federal advocacy and regional chapters that build leadership at a local and state level. Find resources for advocacy, organizing and for women living with HIV on their website.

Prevention Access Campaign (PAC)

PAC is a health equity initiative to end the dual epidemics of HIV and HIV-related stigma by empowering people with and vulnerable to HIV with accurate and meaningful information about their social, sexual, and reproductive health. The website has info and resources about Undetectable = Untransmittable (U=U), which mean that people living with HIV who are on

treatment and have an undetectable viral load cannot sexually transmit HIV.

US PLHIV Caucus (HIV Caucus)

The HIV Caucus is comprised of organizations, coalitions, networks or client groups of people living with HIV and independent advocates living with HIV. The HIV Caucus collectively speaks with a unified voice for people living with HIV in the U.S.

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