World’s First HIV-Positive Sperm Bank Opens [VIDEO]

The New Zealand business aims to fight stigma—and give people with HIV a chance to create life.

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Sperm Positive is open for business, and it’s no coincidence it launched ahead of World AIDS Day, December 1. The New Zealand online clinic is an HIV-positive sperm bank, the first of its kind anywhere.

“They can give you their eyes, their hair, their cheeky laugh. But they can’t give you HIV. Meet our donors today,” reads a promo for the clinic. You can watch a video above.

The online clinic was created by the New Zealand AIDS Foundation, Positive Women Inc and Body Positive, reports The Guardian.

It already has three donors—men who are living with HIV but maintain an undetectable viral load. Such people cannot transmit the virus sexually, a fact referred to as undetectable equals untransmittable, or U=U.

Sperm Positive is not a fertility clinic; if a match is made, it will put the people in touch with local fertility clinics. Visit SpermPositive.com to learn more about the donors and how to become a donor.

The clinic hopes to give people with HIV the chance to create life. It also aims to tackle stigma in the process.

“I have many friends who are also living with HIV who’ve gone on to have children,” donor Damien Rule-Neal told The Guardian. “Being able to help others on their journey is so rewarding, but I also want to show the world that life doesn’t stop post-diagnosis and help to remove the stigma.”

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