The Year in POZ: 2009

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January/February

Cover: Jethro, a chimpanzee that spent years in a lab and was used for HIV research, was released to a chimp sanctuary in Canada. Inside: POZ asks Kevin Frost, CEO of amfAR, The Foundation for AIDS Research whether it pays to cure AIDS. Plus: A biopic about MTV’s Pedro Zamora.

March

Cover: Robert “Chodo” Campbell, a Buddhist monk living with HIV, shows us how to live well in the moment—and for a lifetime of tomorrows. Inside: When foreign tourists connect with local sex workers, both are often at risk. Plus: People living with HIV in the United States are taking flight for better, cheaper facial fillers.

April

Cover: Will President Barack Obama herald in a new era of health care? Inside: Info on how to lobby Congress for AIDS programs; a chart of who’s who when it comes to federal oversight of HIV funding. Plus: An ode to the late activist Martin Delaney, founder of Project Inform.

President Barack Obama

May

Cover: The 15th anniversary of POZ. Inside: A look at some of the defining moments in the magazine's history; several people share how their disclosure of HIV in the pages of POZ changed their lives; an abbreviated encyclopedia of AIDS; portraits of a community fighting stigma. Plus: Founder Sean Strub reflects on the magazine's origin—and his next move.

June

Cover: Fashion designer Kenneth Cole uses his advertising campaigns to sell shoes, belts, handbags and clothes—while raising awareness of social issues, including AIDS. Inside: Rachel Maddow, host of her eponymous MSNBC show, has been an avid AIDS activist for years—and now addresses HIV on prime-time TV. Plus: Lesbians living with HIV.

Rachel Maddow

July/August

Cover: Noah Mushimiyimana, a Rwandan rapper, lost his innocence to AIDS yet regained his swagger thanks to Keep a Child Alive and American Idol. Inside: A peek into photographer Kristen Ashburn’s new book about AIDS in Africa, I Am Because We Are. Plus: Looking at the promise—and the price—of treatment as prevention.

September

Cover: Luz de Jesus Roman is a Latina mom living with HIV who invites POZ along on her journey of having an HIV-negative baby girl. Inside: Keeping AIDS at bay in Cuba; the media should pay attention to Latinos living with HIV; Our Bodies, Ourselves devotes an entire chapter to HIV/AIDS. Plus: A collection of first-person narratives of African-American gay men in the South is “serving tea.”

Luz de Jesus Roman and her baby girl

October

Cover: People living with HIV are increasingly being put behind bars. What you need to know to stay free. Inside: An excerpt from I Have Something to Tell You, a memoir by POZ editor-in-chief Regan Hofmann; challenging the media to raise HIV awareness. Plus: Why condoms shouldn't be locked up.

November

Cover: Michael Emanuel Rajner, an HIV activist living with the virus, represents a new breed of AIDS advocate. Inside: Welcome to AIDS Advocacy 2.0, a new era of activism; rapid at-home HIV testing is inching closer to reality. Plus: How you can be an AIDS advocate.

December

Cover: Nokhwezi Hoboyi, an HIV-positive activist from the Treatment Action Campaign in South Africa, bears witness to AIDS stigma. Inside: Seth Berkley of the International AIDS Vaccine

Initiative talks about vaccine research; comic book creator Darren Davis is doing super, despite HIV. Plus: Portraits from Infected & Affected by Joan Lobis Brown.

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