



# The HIV Negative Issue of Poz Magazine

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**Quite the surprise arrived in the mail today- [the new issue of Poz magazine](#), which had some familiar faces staring back at me.**

✘ So honored to be gracing the cover with my incredible partner in an issue that celebrates the HIV negative allies among us. I wouldn't be who I am today without the support of people who could have turned their heads the other way when the going got rough for me after testing positive- my friends, family, parents of friends, doctors, teachers. That initial support system gave me a foundation that proved invaluable when I started dating, from the confusing terrain of teenage love to young adulthood and all the lessons we learn along the way. By the time I met the person who would become my greatest HIV negative ally, Gwenn, I was ready to be the HIV positive ally she needed and deserved.

So, be sure to read [the latest issue of Poz Magazine](#) and join in the celebration of those who found themselves involved in a cause- not because of an HIV positive test result, but because their own unique journeys on the winding road of life lead to an intersection that crossed with HIV/AIDS. And instead of turning a blind eye, they instead chose to make an unexpected turn.

And we are all the better because of it.

Positively Yours,  
Shawn

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