I’m Coming Out: Underrepresented LGBT Perspectives on HIV/AIDS

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Here’s an excerpt from my editor’s letter:

So it is with coming out that the things you disclose often aren’t as terrible as you feared, yet the unburdening is even more freeing than you imagined. Such was the case for our cover gals, Whitney Joiner and Alysia Abbott. Each lost her gay dad to AIDS in 1992--and Whitney didn’t know anyone else who had lost a parent to the virus until she met Alysia about 15 years ago.

They stayed in touch, but the years passed by. Then, in 2014, an event co-sponsored by Visual AIDS about the children of parents lost to AIDS spurred Whitney and Alysia to launch the Recollectors, a group dedicated to

remembering parents lost to the virus. Click here to read more about the Recollectors and remembrances of their loved ones.

To read my complete letter from the editor, click here.

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