Would You Like to Reunite With Someone From the Early Days of the AIDS Epidemic?

The producers of the PBS series “We’ll Meet Again” are looking for subjects for an upcoming episode about the HIV crisis.

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About a month ago, I watched the pilot episode of We’ll Meet Again on PBS. Produced and hosted by former Today news anchor and host Ann Curry, the documentary series reunites individuals with someone from their past who made a significant impact on them. Each episode focuses on a particular historic event or time period. In the first half of the premier episode, whose theme was World War II, we are introduced to Reiko, a Japanese-American woman who as a child was sent to a Japanese internment camp. Reiko wants to reunite with her childhood friend Mary Frances who offered support and kindness before she was sent away. The second half of the episode focuses on Peter, a man who wants to find the daughter of a couple who were his surrogate parents when he was living in the Jewish ghetto in Shanghai.

I won’t give away the endings of either one of the stories, but by the end of the episode, I was in tears. The show is a touching reminder of how lasting an impact one person can have on another—especially during times of trauma. The lesson? Simple acts of kindness can yield long-term effects.

Now, for the second season, the series’ producers are looking to feature individuals who want to be reunited with someone with whom they had a personal experience during the AIDS crisis in the 1980s and 1990s. Here’s their call for participants:

> We’ll Meet Again follows individuals on a journey to be reunited with someone special they have lost touch with. You might be a health care professional looking for a former patient or someone searching for an individual that helped you in the midst of a crisis. We are interested in exploring stories of simple acts of kindness that made all the difference to sufferers, the bereaved and those fighting prejudice.

Click here to download a PDF for more information. To apply, email meetagain@blinkfilmsuk.com or call 888-558-6449.

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