Are You Ready for Love Positive Women?

If you are a woman/femme living with HIV, you can request a handmade card be sent to you on Valentine's Day.

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Are you a woman/femme living with HIV who would like to receive a handmade card on Valentine's Day as part of our LOVE POSITIVE WOMEN program?

Visual AIDS, Fire Island Artist Residency, Positive Women's Network — USA, The Well Project, and Dieu Donne is continuing their collaboration to do something special for women living with HIV on the occasion of LOVE POSITIVE WOMEN 2021.

To receive a handmade valentine, please email your name and full mailing address to lovepositivewomen@visualaids.org by January 31, 2021.

Due to limited supplies this year, group requests are limited to 10 cards per organization.

Cards will be mailed out in late January so that they arrive by Valentine's Day, February 14. (International mailings may arrive later.) Respecting the privacy of receipts, envelopes will bear the recipient's address without additional information.

Please note that the valentines are for women and femme-identified people living with HIV only. Thank you for respecting this.

Since 2015, artists, activists and HIV-positive women have come together for LOVE POSITIVE WOMEN paper making workshops to show their love and support for women living with HIV. Hosted at Dieu Donné's paper making studios, the program has mailed over 2,500 unique handmade paper Valentines cards to women living with HIV around the world to celebrate LOVE POSITIVE WOMEN. These workshops are collaboratively produced with the Fire Island Artist Residency and Dieu Donné. This year, in response to COVID-19, Dieu Donné has created a system to allow us to make valentines remotely—so the program can continue!

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LOVE POSITIVE WOMEN is an international series of events that uses Valentines Day as a backdrop, creating a platform for individuals and communities to engage in public and private acts of love and caring for women living with HIV. Working from a place of strength, LPW focuses on the idea of interconnectedness, relationship building, loving oneself and loving ones community. LOVE POSITIVE WOMEN is an ongoing project established by Visual AIDS artist member Jessica Whitbread in 2013. To learn more about LPW and how you can get involved, read the LPW Implementation Guide published by Women & HIV/AIDS Initiative.

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Click here and here to read about some of the past Valentine-making workshops.

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