Watch the Inspiring and Hilarious ‘Birthday Bash’ for HIV/AIDS Survivors

The stars and the survivors came out for ’Mark S. King’s 60th Birthday Bash’ and they brought their sense of humor. Watch it here.

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The reviews (and donations) are in, and “Mark S. King’s 60th Birthday Bash” was one for the ages. Or the aged, if you enjoyed the many jokes at my expense about hitting the Big 6-0.

Best of all, the event raised $20,616.00 (so far) for its beneficiary, The Reunion Project, a national network of long-term HIV/AIDS survivors.

Special thanks go out to producer/director Nicholas Feustel, the hilarious Charles Sanchez (star of the musical comedy web series, Merce), editor and social media curator Olivia G. Ford, and the cavalcade of long-term survivors, community leaders, advocates and allies who made appearances.

And let’s not forget the very special appearances by Broadway star Javier Munoz, Olympian Greg Louganis, Broadway Cares’ Tom Viola, and Sir Elton John and David Furnish. Attendees watching on social media posted comments throughout, sharing laughter and tears in nearly equal measure for the unbridled joy the event produced.

If you are living with HIV, please consider seeking the support and sense of community a network of other people living with HIV can provide. The Reunion Project is the latest example of these networks, which include groups like The Sero Project, The Positive Women’s Network, Positively Trans, Let’s Kick ASS, Thrive SS, and so many others. Support, inspiration, and friendship are waiting for you.

Sir Elton John sang Happy Birthday, to all of us, last night. How the hell do I top this when I turn 70?

Be well, my friends.

Mark

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