We Are Young

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The December 2014 issue of POZ magazine is online, in which we introduce the 2014 POZ 100.

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

Having spent my youth expecting to die, I admire the courage of young people living with or at risk of the virus who have joined the HIV/AIDS fight. Their hope for a better tomorrow is based on their belief in being part of the solution today.

Even if a cost-effective cure and vaccine were here now, we still would most likely not get to the end of this epidemic without the leadership of the next generation. We must encourage them to lead. To that end, it is my great honor to introduce the 2014 POZ 100, which celebrates youth power.

Our fifth annual list spotlights the efforts of 100 unsung

heroes under the age of 30. These young leaders come from across the country--and some from around the world. Some have HIV and some do not, which seemed appropriate. Regardless of their HIV status, everyone should be encouraged to join the struggle. Click here for the list.

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

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