



Living Positive

A community of hope brought together by HIV

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LOGLINE

In the 1990s, Sister Bernadette Kinniry co-founded Siloam, an organization that empowers HIV-positive individuals through therapy and mindfulness.

SYNOPSIS

At the height of the AIDS epidemic in the 1990s, Sister Bernadette Kinniry, a true steward of empathy, co-founded Siloam – an organization focused on mind, body and spiritual wellness for individuals living with HIV. “Living Positive” illuminates the extraordinary impact of Siloam, which has become a sanctuary of empowerment and spiritual wellness.

The film introduces us to the heart of Siloam, a tight-knit community of individuals who have come together to support one another in their journeys. Through therapy, meditation, mindfulness, and other wellness practices, this community empowers HIV-positive individuals to explore their inner selves, find renewed purpose, and rebuild their lives after trauma. As we follow the stories of several participants, we witness the profound transformation that occurs when people come together to heal and uplift one another. “Living Positive” demonstrates that the strength of Siloam lies not only in its programs but in the solidarity and support that its members provide.

This documentary serves as a heartfelt tribute to the spirit of Siloam, emphasizing the collective effort that has touched the lives of individuals living with HIV. It illustrates the profound impact of emotional and spiritual well-being, highlighting that – together – they form the cornerstone of a fulfilling life after an HIV diagnosis. Through compelling storytelling and deeply personal accounts, the film stands as a testament to the resilience of the human spirit and the extraordinary transformation that occurs when individuals come together to offer support and hope within the nurturing embrace of Siloam.



JIM TUTTLE

DIRECTOR, PRODUCER, EDITOR

Jim Tuttle is a documentary filmmaker with findhelp's storytelling initiative. Based in Austin, Texas, he has more than 10 years of journalism experience, having worked internationally for news outlets, for nonprofit organizations, and in higher education. His work has been published by The New York Times, The Player's Tribune, The Dallas Morning News, National PublicRadio, and Texas Public Radio, among others. He enjoys traveling, camping, and exploring roadside oddities.

FROM THE DIRECTOR

As leader of the storytelling initiative at Findhelp, a software company that simplifies the complicated process of connecting people to helpful resources, I seek out people who exemplify qualities like kindness, ingenuity, and grit. A colleague introduced me to the folks at Siloam, and I was immediately drawn to their mission of addressing the mental and spiritual needs of those who are living with a complicated and often misunderstood chronic illness. The story I found there is a testament to the power of community, resilience, and the importance of addressing HIV/AIDS without stigma.

The people I met at Siloam challenged my preconceived notions about living with the virus. Their candid accounts brought to light the harsh realities of societal stigma and discrimination that still exist today, as well as the incredible resilience required to navigate these challenges.

I want to express my gratitude to everyone who shared their stories with us, even if their voices didn't make it into the final film due to the sheer volume of material. Making this film reminded me of the profound value of kindness, compassion, and the need to create spaces where individuals can be their true selves.

In one of the most impactful moments during our interviews, Sister Bernadette Kinniry, the co-founder of Siloam, emphasized that "we are all one family." This message resonates deeply with me, and I hope it does with our audience as well.

Through the stories of Siloam's community, we aim to encourage meaningful conversations and help foster a more inclusive and compassionate world.

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