This summer, we launched a citywide public art installation with NYC Department of Education’s District 75 students inspired by POSITIVE EXPOSURE’s East Harlem Wall of Love, a four-story mural created in collaboration with artist Marco Santini. The project, entitled “Fill NYC with Love” is composed of over 500 pieces of District 75 student artwork, addressing the theme, “Love, Unity and Inclusion,” complimenting the amazing Wall of Love. The public installations were on East 4TH Street between 1ST and 2ND outside PS751M (Manhattan School of Career Development) and East 120TH Street between Madison and Park at PS79M (Horan School). They were up through August and enjoyed by thousands.

Here is a fun video of the installation. VIEW
POSITIVE EXPOSURE hosts History of Disability Exhibition

July was Disability Pride Month, and this July was the 31ST Anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Here at POSITIVE EXPOSURE, we decided to put our own twist on what the history of disability rights in New York City means to us and how all the work in the last 200 years has paved the way for POSITIVE EXPOSURE to do the work we do today.

The posters for this exhibit are on loan from local activist Carr Massi and the New York City Mayor’s Office for People with Disabilities. We have taken these posters and, along with content from POSITIVE EXPOSURE itself, have created our own disability rights history exhibit. The exhibit is located on the third floor of POSITIVE EXPOSURE on East 109TH. It is accessible, with QR codes next to each piece that, when scanned with a device, will take you to an audio and written description of the piece. By appointment, book a time for a school group, work group, friends, or come by yourself to explore the history of New York City Disability Rights!

A Sampling of our Summer Lectures and Conferences included some of the following:

• The Chromosome 18 Registry & Research Society 31ST Conference
• The University of Melbourne Medical School Student Conference, Australia
• The ARC of New Jersey’s 31ST Annual Conference on Medical Care for Persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
• Nemours Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children
• Cloves Syndrome Family Conference

PEARLS Project Update

One of our long-term initiatives here at POSITIVE EXPOSURE is our PEARLS Project, a blog dedicated to sharing the experiences of our ambassadors. The PEARLS blog provides insight into the lives of our amazing ambassadors and can be used as an educational tool to share stories from unique perspectives. As part of our ongoing efforts to continue to grow our social media presence, PEARLS is in the process of expanding through a new Instagram page, @pearlsofwisdom.pe, which seeks to highlight our ambassadors and their experiences. In conjunction with the current blog, the Instagram will encourage participants and audiences, both old and new, to actively engage with these narratives of shared humanity. Give us a follow! VIEW
FRAME (Faces Redefining the Art of Medical Education)

We recently completed Tetrasomy 18 in FRAME in partnership with the Chromosome 18 Registry & Research Society and Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine DO Class of ’24.

In collaboration with the Costello Family Network and medical students from Yale, Temple and SUNY Downstate, we completed Costello in FRAME.

Thanks to the support from the WITH Foundation, we are currently in post-production for our FRAME project, “Shining A Spotlight on Adults Living with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.”

In the coming months, we look forward to sharing the details on a number of FRAME films that are currently in pre-production.

FRAME Film Library VIEW

POSITIVE EXPOSURE Connects

Summer highlights from this Facebook Live series included some of the following:

- Larry P. Johnson, Radio & Television Broadcaster, Motivational Speaker, Author
- Doctors with Albinism celebrating International Albinism Awareness Day
- Interviews with the organizers of the Little People of America’s International Fashion Show.

Tetrasomy 18 in FRAME

IMAGE DESCRIPTION: A matrix of ZOOM call images with 20 people of all ages and races. They are facing the cameras on their computers.

IMAGE DESCRIPTION: A women is standing next to a woman in a wheelchair and applying makeup. There are windows in the background along with cameras and lighting for filming.

LITTLE PEOPLE OF AMERICA On Fashion & Beauty
Laura Casados  |  Becky Curran Kekula
Jillian Curwin  |  Lauren Humphries

WEDNESDAY JUNE 16, 2021  |  3:15 PM ET

IMAGE DESCRIPTION: An advertisement for POSITIVE EXPOSURE Connects with Little People of America on Fashion & Beauty. Two images are at the bottom with five people walking for a fashion shoot and a fashion show.
POSITIVE EXPOSURE's Summer Interns

Hi! My name is Izzy Rubin, I’m from New York City, and I’m a junior at Cornell University studying history and global health. I’ve always been extremely passionate about disability rights, inclusion, and diversity having grown up with a brother with Down syndrome who is most definitely my very best friend. I got involved with POSITIVE EXPOSURE as a result of my studies in Global Health in an effort to contribute to their work dispelling stigma surrounding disability and other medical conditions in the medical community, which has been a foundational part of my health curriculum. As a lover of art, I was especially drawn to Rick’s photography and ability to make a difference by capturing the beauty of humanity! It has been such a valuable experience working with Rick, Liz and Maya this summer, and I’m so proud of what we’ve accomplished.

My name is Maya Passman, and I am a sophomore at Barnard College of Columbia University. I am a neuroscience major and minoring in philosophy. Originally, I'm from Chicago currently living in New York City this summer while working at POSITIVE EXPOSURE. I decided to work at POSITIVE EXPOSURE because I was interested in the work they do within the medical world of educating doctors and med school students on how to practice medicine in a more inclusive way to all types of patients. Liz and Rick have been wonderful to work with, as well as the other amazing intern Izzy. I had an amazing summer being a part of POSITIVE EXPOSURE and helping with all that they do!
Artist-in-Residence, Sugandha Gupta

Sugandha Gupta is a textile artist, maker, disability advocate and educator who emphasizes the need to engage through the senses. She believes in discovering her strengths in her senses by working with her hands using a variety of different techniques and materials. She uses natural fibers such as paper, silk, cotton, cords and wool then transforms them by manipulating the materials. She creates a variety of textures and adds scents as well as sounds to create an immersive and evocative experience for her audience. Her work exists between the realms of art and design and carries a message of inclusion in society.

Exciting news from the POSITIVE EXPOSURE Junior Board!

We are thrilled to announce that we will be launching THE LOUNGE by POSITIVE EXPOSURE in September. The LOUNGE will be a social club for young adults 21 years and older to foster new connections and strengthen friendships. We will have one event per month to start and will be doing a hybrid of virtual and in-person events. Stay tuned, and follow us on social media for announcements and schedule of events.

The Junior Board is comprised of individuals who are dedicated to our mission and interested in helping to expand our base of supporters, raise funds and awareness and/or contribute to the development of POSITIVE EXPOSURE programs. The Junior Board positions are for individuals who want to take action, commit time on a monthly basis and help create positive change. Becoming a Junior Board member provides an exciting opportunity to contribute to the impact POSITIVE EXPOSURE has globally. It is an opportunity to share your passion and skill sets, as well as grow both personally and professionally.
POSITIVE EXPOSURE's Board of Directors is growing!
The Board of Directors, chaired by Kathleen Cail, is looking to add two more board members this year, with further additions in 2022. If you are passionate about POSITIVE EXPOSURE and its mission and would like to help shape and grow the organization, please consider a board role.

Feel free to reach out to Kathleen@PositiveExposure.org

Changing How The World Sees: POSITIVE EXPOSURE and *EP Magazine*

*EP Magazine*, formerly called *Exceptional Parent*, is celebrating its 50TH Anniversary of providing an award-winning forum for the disability community. First published in 1971, *EP Magazine* is set to continue its legacy of excellence in reporting, advocating and innovating with special needs, their caretakers and their loved ones.

Check out these POSITIVE EXPOSURE articles published in the 50th Anniversary Edition of *EP Magazine*

- Marco Santini and the Wall of Love [VIEW](#)
- Artists at work! [VIEW](#)
- Rick Guidotti named one of *EP* Magazine’s Advocate Heroes [VIEW](#)

Why we do IMAGE DESCRIPTIONS

You might have noticed pictures have descriptions in our newsletters, emails and on social media! Image descriptions provide a textual description of images presented in digital documents. These descriptions support the inclusion of blind, low-vision and low-tech users of all AAA products. POSITIVE EXPOSURE works to ensure that everything we do is inclusive for everyone, and this is another step we take and are continuing to learn about every day.

Learn more about image descriptions and how to do them. [VIEW](#)
Last year people from around the globe joined us for our first virtual Change How You See Celebration. We hope you, your friends and families will join us for our 2021 Celebration as well as our “Virtual Pre-party Dinner Celebration” hosted by Chefsfeed by Tastemade with Chef Gregg Brackman owner of G Bar and Kitchen in Swampscott, MA.

It will be a stellar night you won’t want to miss!

For additional information or questions, please contact Lisa Johnson | POSITIVE EXPOSURE Director of Development
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Wednesday
September 22, 2021
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With Special Tribute to
Ann Reinking
Presented by
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Featuring Other Special Guests
Honoring
Steven Perlman, DDS, MScD, DHL
2021 POSITIVE EXPOSURE SPIRIT OF CHANGE AWARD

Xian Horn
2021 POSITIVE EXPOSURE RISING LEADER AWARD

Image description: Three images on the left in a vertical row. Background of black, gold and white. Wording on the right in gold and black reads, “Save the Date, POSITIVE EXPOSURE 2021 Change How you See Celebration, airing Wednesday September 22, 2021, 7:00 PM EST, Virtual Celebration, With Special Tribute to Ann Reinking presented by Bebe Neuwirth, Featuring Other Special Guests, Honoring Steven Perlman, DDS, MScD, DHL, 2021 POSITIVE EXPOSURE Spirit of Change Award, Xian Horn 2021 POSITIVE EXPOSURE Rising Leader Award.”
Special Thanks to Our 2021 Celebration Sponsors!

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IMAGE DESCRIPTION: A white background with wording in gold that reads, “Special Thanks to Our 2021 Celebration Sponsors.” Below are logos from companies including Goldman Sachs, Myers Leadership, Cushman Wakefield, Tastemade, Patti + Ricky, Familial Dysautonomia, Morgan Lewis, Sublime Communications, Miraflex.