How You Can #SingForAIDS and Rally for a Cure

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Get inspired by the music video 'That's What Friends Are For.'

Remember the song "That's What Friends Are For"? Dionne Warwick, Elton John, Stevie Wonder and Gladys Knight recorded the 1986 chart-topper as a benefit for amfAR, the Foundation for AIDS Research.

Originally appearing in the 1982 movie Night Shift, the song was penned by Burt Bacharach and Carol Bayer Sager, with Rod Stewart singing. Today, 30 years after the benefit remake, amfAR is challenging you to join the fight against AIDS by creating your own version of "That's What Friends Are For."

With today's digital technology and social media, it's easy. Simply record your remake and then post it on your favorite social media platform using the hashtag #SingForAIDS. And be sure to tag a friend who will always be by your side.

"Today, a cure for HIV is finally within the realm of possibility," writes amfAR on its Cure Countdown site. "Buoyed by recent scientific breakthroughs, amfAR has put itself on the clock, setting an ambitious goal for itself: a cure by 2020. To reach that goal, we need friends like you.... Let's create an epic worldwide chorus—a rallying cry for an end to AIDS."

For inspiration, watch the artists sing the track in the benefit video above. Rod Stewart's version is below.

And for a nuanced look at the state of AIDS research, read the POZ feature story "The Cure for HIV Is Not Around the Corner: Cutting Through the Hype and Hyperbole."

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Listen to Rod Stewart's original version of 'That's What Friends Are For.'

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