**Abstract**

“Don’t use media to impress people; use it to impact people.” Dave Willis.

It has been almost three decades since the hit movie “Philadelphia,” which sought to address the HIV epidemic and the general sentiment of society towards it, was released. In that time period, general advancements in medicine have made the disease treatable and we have become more accepting as a society towards the victims of this disease. However, after such a long time, is the movie still making an impact? People can definitely still reflect and learn from this movie since it provides a bigger message of unity among people despite our underlying differences, and many parallels can and have been drawn to modern issues in our society such as the crisis of opioid addiction.