

THERESE FRARE

American, b. 1958

AIDS crisis

1990

Therese Frare began her career in photography while still in photojournalism school at Ohio University, covering the AIDS crisis for a school project. Volunteering at an AIDS hospice in Columbus, she met David, a patient willing to have his photo taken with the goal of bringing awareness to the disease that ultimately took his life. Standing in the corner of the room while he and his family said their last goodbyes, she captured an intense and heart-wrenching moment that ultimately spread like wildfire, becoming the face of the AIDS crisis and humanizing the millions suffering from it and the many dying each day. Soon after this photo was publicized, change spread across the country, and its horrors were finally brought to light.