PositiveSingles Brings Its STD Support Community Offline With First Atlanta Meetup

The pilot event brought members together beyond the screen, with participant feedback pointing to demand for more in-person community connections.

ATLANTA, GA, UNITED STATES, September 4, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- PositiveSingles®, an online dating and support community for people living with STDs, hosted its first Atlanta Community Meetup on August 29 as part of a broader pilot initiative exploring how online support communities can create meaningful connections offline.

Selected as one of the pilot cities for PositiveSingles' offline community initiative, Atlanta offered an opportunity to explore how local gatherings can strengthen connections among members. The event brought participants together in a private and welcoming environment designed to encourage open conversation, mutual understanding, and authentic interaction.

During the three-hour meetup, attendees took part in icebreaker activities, shared refreshments, and connected through conversations about everyday life, family, personal experiences, and common interests.

Feedback following the event reinforced the value of meeting in person. One attendee shared that connecting face to face made it easier to feel seen as a whole person rather than being defined by a diagnosis. Conversations naturally moved beyond health experiences to everyday topics such as family, life, and where people came from.

The attendee also described the meetup as welcoming and highly connecting and expressed enthusiasm about attending another PositiveSingles gathering in the future. The feedback reflects one of the goals behind the offline initiative: creating spaces where members can connect without lengthy explanations or fear of judgment while getting to know one another beyond their online profiles.

For PositiveSingles, the Atlanta meetup represents more than a single local gathering. It marks an important step in exploring how a community built largely through online connections can extend that sense of understanding and support into real-world settings. While online communities can help people find others with shared experiences, face-to-face gatherings can create another level of connection by allowing members to interact beyond profiles, messages, and health status.

“Online communities can help people realize they are not alone, but meeting face to face can create a different level of connection,” said John Martinuk, spokesperson for PositiveSingles. "Our goal is to create opportunities where members can simply meet, talk, and get to know one another as people, without feeling that a diagnosis has to define the conversation."

Building on the Atlanta experience, PositiveSingles plans to use participant feedback to refine the meetup format and explore opportunities to bring similar offline gatherings to additional communities across the United States.

About PositiveSingles

Founded in 2001, PositiveSingles is a dating and support platform for people living with STDs. With approximately 2.8 million members worldwide, the platform provides a safe and understanding space where members can connect, share experiences, access supportive resources, and build meaningful relationships without stigma. PositiveSingles is committed to helping every member feel seen, supported, and empowered to thrive.

John Martinuk
PositiveSingles.com
+ +1 416-628-1072
MediaPress@PositiveSingles.com

This press release can be viewed online at: https://www.einpresswire.com/article/939575779

EIN Presswire's priority is source transparency. We do not allow opaque clients, and our editors try to be careful about weeding out false and misleading content. As a user, if you see something we have missed, please do bring it to our attention. Your help is welcome. EIN Presswire, Everyone's Internet News Presswire™, tries to define some of the boundaries that are reasonable in today's world. Please see our Editorial Guidelines for more information.
© 1995-2026 Newsmatics Inc. All Right Reserved.