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Kenlands Social Worker In Movie Christine Nolan Is AIDS Therapist In "The Victims"

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Christine Nolan, who lives in the Kenlands, didn't have to memorize any lines for her part in the AIDS movie, "The Victims." In the movie, Ms. Nolan plays an AIDS counselor that addresses the issue of AIDS as it affects a heterosexual couple.

In "real life", Ms. Nolan is Project Manager of the Health Crisis Network, a community outreach AIDS intervention project that counsels drug addicts about AIDS prevention. Ms. Nolan is head of a three year study, funded by the National Institute of Drug Abuse, that is researching the effect of AIDS intervention and counseling on drug addicts and alcoholics.

The research study is being conducted with addicts in Miami. A parallel study is being done in Belle Glade, Florida. Belle Glade has the highest incidence of AIDS in the country.

Of the 1200 addicts in the program in Miami, half receive on-going group intervention counseling regarding AIDS and half of the addicts get only pre-test and post-test counseling regarding AIDS.

The group getting intervention counseling are taught how to reduce their risks of getting AIDS and talk about their feelings, Ms. Nolan said. The counseling groups are run by recovering addicts.

"The goal of the research study is to get the people off drugs and reduce their risk of AIDS without preaching," Ms. Nolan said. "We counsel the first group on how to reduce their risk of getting AIDS by changing attitudes, using condoms and cleaning their needles."

In July 1987, Ms. Nolan began the first women's AIDS support group in the country. One year ago, Manny Diez, who wrote the screenplay for "The Victims" came to see Ms. Nolan. The Connecticut native became a consultant to the movie.

"I didn't grasp right away that this was going to be a movie," Ms. Nolan said. "There had been TV shows about AIDS and educational films but never a movie. I read the script and made a few suggestions to which Mr. Diez was very receptive."

Ms. Nolan said the script presents the right message about AIDS.

She has lived in Kendall for five years and suspects that local residents will be shocked by the movie.

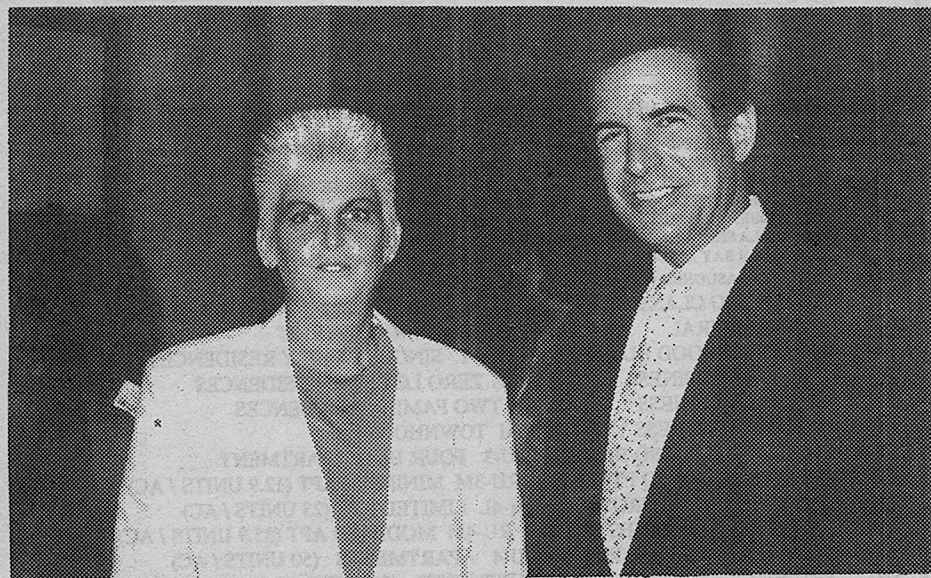
"This movie proves that AIDS can happen to anybody. It is not discriminating," Christine said. "You can get AIDS and live in Kendall and shot drugs in a four bedroom, two bath house the same way you can shoot drugs in a crack house on Biscayne Boulevard."

"Parents must be concerned about their teenagers getting AIDS, chiefly those who experiment with drugs and sex," Ms. Nolan said.

"The Victims" hits the community that thinks they are the most immune."

"The movie gives the right message; the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) infection is a consequence and not a punishment," Ms. Nolan said. "I have trouble with the transmission category of AIDS; it's just a further way to discriminate against people."

"It doesn't matter how you get the AIDS virus, what matters is how you protect yourself and others."



Christine Nolan, (left) who lives in the Kenlands, stands with Roger Preto, the leading man in the movie, "The Victims." Ms. Nolan, an AIDS Counselor, plays herself in the movie.

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Often, I hear parents complain that their very young child sometimes, "acts like a baby" again. They whine, are clingy, use baby talk and pretend they can't or won't do things for themselves.

My own elementary age children occasionally regress to the safety of babyhood. This is not uncommon.

Babyish behavior sometimes occurs when a child needs reassurance that the parents she loves will still take care of her. She may act like a baby so that they will have to take care of her and not abandon her.

Other times, long stressful days cause children fatigue which makes it more difficult for them to use self-control.

The best way to handle these regressions is to give reassurance and be cautious of our own mixed feelings. A child's dependency makes us feel needed and loved; "our baby needs us". Yet, a child's demands force us to adjust to their needs; "why can't they be more grown up?" Children unsure of what an adult wants may keep testing the situation by regressing now and then.

Changes in the family or routine, a new baby, a new school or moving to a new home are a few stressful events that may cause children to want that extra reassurance.

Most children eventually become bored with this behavior, so it is wise not to over react to the situation. Don't chide their behavior as it may cause their feelings and concerns to arise in another form. Most phrases of this sort pass in three to four weeks. Be patient.

