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**DEAR FRANCIS WINS BEST FEATURE LENGTH DOCUMENTARY  
AT 2005 NEW YORK AIDS FILM FESTIVAL**

New York, NY - Dear Francis, a feature-length documentary which explores the AIDS pandemic in the world's most HIV-infected country, received the award for Best Feature Documentary at the 2005 New York AIDS Film Festival yesterday, December 4, 2005. The New York Aids Film Festival kicked off on World AIDS Day, December 1st, and was celebrating its third year. The festival was hosted by MTV and New York University. For more information on the festival, visit [www.newyorkaidsfilmfestival.org](http://www.newyorkaidsfilmfestival.org).

This is the second award Dear Francis has received so far after winning a Crystal Heart Award at the 14th Annual Heartland Film Festival in Indianapolis in October. The film was also an official selection at the Westwood International Film Festival in October.

Dear Francis puts a face to the AIDS pandemic as it chronicles the personal stories of two strangers and the Swazis they befriend. After the UN officially declared the small African kingdom of Swaziland to be the world's most HIV-infected nation, Lance and Kelly, two Texas college students with high ideals, great hopes, and a bit of naiveté, embark on a most unconventional AIDS prevention program. Developing relationships with their students, they discover that the causes of this plague are much more disturbing and complex than they could have ever imagined. Through this unique story and interviews with Swaziland's leading experts, the film highlights the hope of a nation's future against seemingly insurmountable odds... one life at a time.

“It's very rewarding to know that if you produce a socially-conscious film, there is a venue for it to be seen and appreciated and hopefully contribute to the wider efforts to raise awareness of the AIDS crisis around the world. We are thrilled to have received this honor at the New York AIDS Film Festival.” - Jason Djang, co-director