

PRINCESS DIANA, AIDS, CRUSAID AND THE KOBLER CENTRE

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"Others too begin to speak out about AIDS. Princess Diana publicly hugs a Positive gay man at that time when many are fearful of such physical contact. This significant is reported across the world. This hug really helps."

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Princess Diana famously hugged an AIDS patient in **April 1987** during a visit to the **Middlesex Hospital** in London. This was a groundbreaking moment because it happened at a time when there was widespread fear and misinformation about how HIV/AIDS was transmitted. Many people believed that the disease could be spread through casual contact.

By shaking hands with and hugging an AIDS patient, without wearing gloves, Diana helped to break the stigma and challenge the public's misconceptions about the disease. This compassionate gesture became a powerful symbol of her dedication to helping marginalised communities and promoting understanding around HIV/AIDS.



Princess Di with patient at London Lighthouse 1988

Crusaid

Crusaid founded in 1986. Jeremy was a founder of the charity and its first Chairman.

Two years later Princess Diana opened the Kobler Centre, funded in part by Crusaid using funds donated by Freddy Kobler.

The official opening of
THE
KOBLER CENTRE



By
Her Royal Highness The Princess of Wales
on Tuesday 13 September 1988

Interior Design by Derek Frost Associates





Princess Di with Derek Frost
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