Global Awareness & Support Groups: Symptoms of Immune Deficiency
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For nearly ten years AIDS was not classified as disease, but as outcroppings of patients with symptoms only similar in their bizarre nature. Humans are an unlikely host for many of the pathogens that effect immune suppressed patients. When patients globally started coming down with feline leukemia and sheep encephalitis there was no treatment available in medical or even veterinary sciences. Over time support groups cropped up for AIDS stricken victims of all different types of backgrounds including anywhere from homosexuals, intravenous drug users, and women. Although rare cases of disease are not uncommon with immune deficiency many subjects managed to ignore or overlook their symptoms and go longer without diagnosis even longer than the extended latency period typical of immune suppression disorders. *Aspergillosis, candidiasis, coccidioidomycosis, cryptococcal meningitis*, and *histoplasmosis* are several of the fungi with names equally as hard to overlook as their symptoms. When contracted these fungi are diagnosed as opportunistic infections (OI) because such infections are not usually found in healthy hosts. These are just a few of the possible OI’s associated with immune deficiency. Immune deficiency is most commonly associated with AIDS. As more and more people across the global have become afflicted with AIDS many people have risen up to help including celebrities and activists with benefits themed from discos to raising awareness in Africa with music.