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**"HERB RITTS: ALLIES & ICONS" EXHIBITION OPENS NOVEMBER 14
AT THE ONE GALLERY**

**Exhibit Features Iconic Photographs of Cultural Figures who
Transformed the Global Fight Against AIDS – Including Elizabeth
Taylor, Elton John, Magic Johnson, Madonna, Barbra Streisand,
Sharon Stone, Tina Turner, Keith Haring, and More**

**Exhibition Coincides with the Grand Opening of
STORIES: The AIDS Monument**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Los Angeles, Ca. (November 11, 2023) - One Institute, in partnership with the Herb Ritts Foundation and the Fahey/Klein Gallery, will present **Herb Ritts: Allies & Icons** at the ONE Gallery in West Hollywood, November 14-December 21. This intimate exhibition of Herb Ritts' photographs features striking black and white portraits of the cultural activists who stood at the forefront of AIDS activism, including Elizabeth Taylor, Elton John, Magic Johnson, Madonna, Barbra Streisand, Sharon Stone, Tina Turner, Keith Haring, and many others.

"Herb Ritts is the embodiment of artistry and activism. His groundbreaking talent revolutionized photography, and his extraordinary empathy and advocacy continues to impact HIV/AIDS research and awareness to this day through his foundation," said Tony Valenzuela, Executive Director of One Institute. "The One Institute is proud to host this special collection of portraits from Ritts at the ONE Gallery. These photographs showcase the history and power of Ritts' art, honoring the great allies of the LGBTQ+ community and inspiring visitors through his lifelong commitment to social justice."

The exhibition coincides with the dedication of **STORIES: The AIDS Monument**, a collaboration between the City of West Hollywood and the Foundation for the AIDS Monument (FAM), which will take place Sunday, November 16 at 4:00 p.m. in West Hollywood Park. The Monument,