

CENTER ON 3656 N. HALSTED

FIND YOUR CENTER

OUR MISSION

Center on Halsted advances community and secures the health and well-being of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer people of Chicagoland.

OUR VISION

A thriving LGBTQ community, living powerfully in supportive, inclusive environments.

OUR HISTORY

Gay Horizons, founded in 1973 as a volunteer-run telephone helpline and meeting place for gays and lesbians, became Horizons Community Services, Inc. in 1985. The organization was renamed Center on Halsted in 2003. After a \$20 million capital campaign involving 2,000 donors, Center on Halsted opened its 175,000 sq. ft. building in 2007 with Whole Foods Market in residence.

IMPACT

1,000 visitors daily/365,000 annually

BUDGET

\$5.3 million budget FY14

44% government

12% individuals

17% foundations/corporations

27% earned income

GREEN BUILDING

LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Silver Certified for green building: gray water system, recycled building materials, day lighting system, computerized control of HVAC and lighting, energy-efficient roofing

RENTALS

Center on Halsted offers rental of its meeting rooms, event/reception spaces, theatre, and gymnasium; special rates are offered to not-for-profit organizations

RESIDENT PARTNERS

IMPACT at Northwestern University

Windy City Performing Arts Group

Windy City Rainbow Alliance for the Deaf

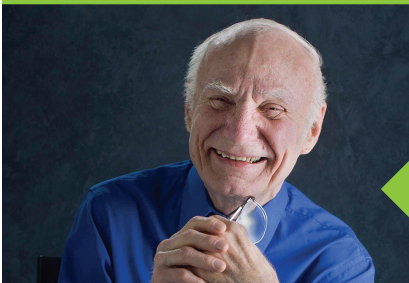


“What Center on Halsted provides young people with is sometimes all they have. I feel safe here and connect with those around me.”

—Dereese, Youth Program Participant

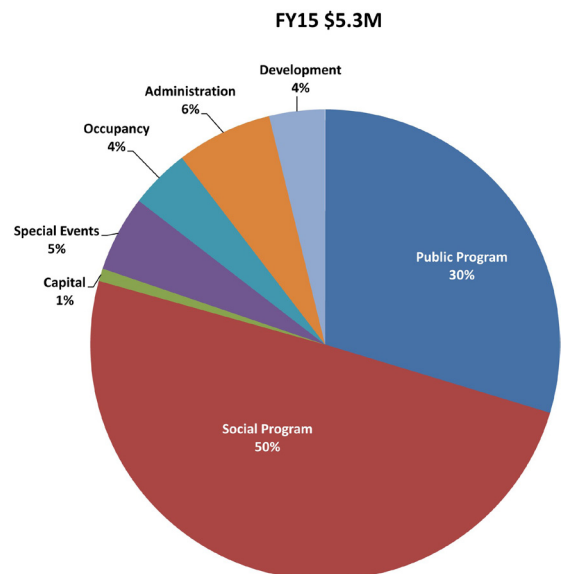
“To find employment, it’s important for people to learn computer skills and have access to the most up-to-date software and hardware.”

—Matt, Cyber Center Volunteer



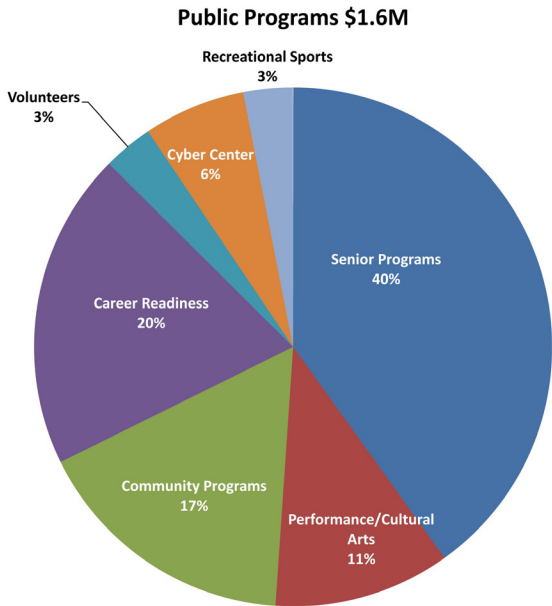
“I have friends and family here who accept me just as I am, whereas many other older adults and service providers are not as welcoming.”

—David, Senior Services Patron

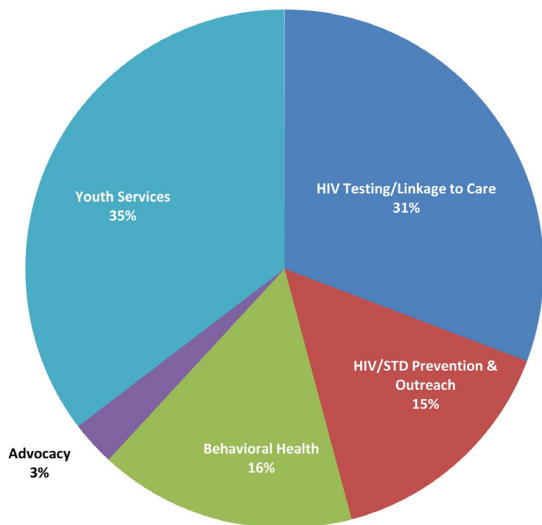


PUBLIC PROGRAMS AND SOCIAL SERVICES

More than 1,000 community members of all ages walk through our doors every day to participate in the diverse public programs and social services offered at Center on Halsted; ranging from volleyball and cooking classes to rapid HIV testing and group therapy. For every dollar donated to Center on Halsted, nearly 82¢ are spent directly on providing these community programs and services.



Social Programs \$2.6M



PUBLIC PROGRAMS

Center on Halsted advances the LGBTQ community by hosting an array of fun, educational, and enlightening programs open to the public.

RECREATIONAL SPORTS

A full gymnasium used by more than 500 community members/week and five recreational leagues for activities, including basketball, hockey, volleyball, and yoga

PERFORMANCE AND CULTURAL ARTS

Regular art exhibits, film screenings, dance and live performances in our state-of-the-art theatre, attracting more than 5,000 attendees/year

CYBER CENTER

Providing free Internet access and technology training to nearly 2,000 patrons/year

SENIOR PROGRAMS

Cultural outings, workshops, and social space bringing more than 500 LGBTQ seniors together each week; more than 8,840 meals provided to seniors annually

BISEXUAL PROGRAMS

Specific cultural events, workshops, discussions, and networking opportunities tailored specifically to the bisexual community

FAMILY PROGRAMS

Workshops, meeting and children's space, serving more than 300 LGBTQ families/year

TRANSGENDER PROGRAMS

More than a dozen workshops, seminars, and social events designed by and for Chicago's trans community every month

WOMEN'S PROGRAMS

Special events created specifically by female-identified community members, bringing more than 1,700 LGBTQ women together every year

CAREER READINESS

Comprehensive training in culinary arts provided by chefs for new and continuing education students; ongoing vocational training and GED programs for all ages

SOCIAL SERVICES

Center on Halsted secures the health and well-being of LGBTQ individuals through our comprehensive social services.

PSYCHOTHERAPY

Individual, group and family counseling for more than 600 community members year on a sliding scale, resulting in more than 6,000 clinical hours. Special focus includes healthy LGBTQ living, coming out, HIV/AIDS and adoption

SUPPORT GROUPS

Group meetings offering support for more than 100 community members on a variety of topics including coming out, grief and loss, living with HIV and 12-step recovery

SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER INSTITUTE

Licensed training for local mental health graduate students and LGBTQ competency training for practitioners

LEGAL SERVICES

Free legal consultations, workshops, and referrals serving 750 community members year

ANTI-VIOLENCE PROJECT

Therapy, social services, and incident reporting for nearly 100 victims of domestic violence and abuse in the LGBTQ community every year

HIV TESTING

Free, confidential, anonymous testing for nearly 4,051 community members/year at Center on Halsted and locations throughout Chicagoland

STATE OF ILLINOIS HIV/AIDS AND STD HOTLINE

Free, confidential counseling and referrals serving more than 10,122 callers/year from across Illinois and the Midwest

YOUTH CLINICAL SERVICES

Leadership training, professional development, crisis intervention, housing assistance, case management, and prevention education provided to more than 1,000 young people across Chicagoland