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.

Center on Halsted has expanded to include Center on Addison, an LGBTQ Senior Center, Town Hall Apartments, LGBTQ-friendly and affordable senior housing, the Youth Housing Initiative, cluster-site housing for LGBTQ young people experiencing homelessness, and diverse community programs and social services.

“The Youth Program at Center on Halsted is a foundation for my growth and success. The training and development provides direction towards securing my stability.”
—Frank, Youth Program Participant

“As a transgender woman, the Senior Program at Center on Halsted lets me live my truth and continually improve my quality of life.”
—Eva, Senior Program Participant

“For the first time in a long time I feel like I am making a contribution and Center on Halsted has been the facilitator to make that happen.”
—Wade, Volunteer

IMPACT
1,400 visitors daily/45,000 annually

BUDGET
$7 million budget FY18
28% government
24% individuals
20% foundations/corporations
10% special events
7% earned income
7% Youth Housing Initiative
4% program fees

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, theater, and gymnasium; special rates are offered to not-for-profit organizations

RESIDENT PARTNERS
IMPACT at Northwestern University
Windy City Performing Arts Group
Whole Foods Market
Lakeside Pride Music Ensembles
Athletic Alliance of Chicago
Chicago Gay & Lesbian Hall of Fame

OUR STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Visibility & Relevance
Promote the visibility and relevance of Center on Halsted offerings in Chicagoland’s LGBTQ community

Health & Well-being
Ensure the health and well-being of LGBTQ people through wellness and lifespan offerings

Geographic Reach
Extend the geographic reach of and access to Center on Halsted

Diversity & Inclusion
Demonstrate a culture of diversity and inclusion through staff, board, programs and community engagement
“Get To Zero” Campaign

“Getting to Zero” is a comprehensive approach Center on Halsted’s HIV/AIDS Program offers to the LGBTQ community of Chicagoland.

The services launched in the Fall of 2017 and include Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), HIV Testing, and Linkage or Retention in Care. PrEP + Care = Zero.

To learn more visit: coh-zero.org

Youth Housing Initiative

Center on Halsted launched the initiative in the Spring of 2016 to provide secure housing and wrap-around services to LGBTQ youth experiencing homelessness in Chicagoland.

It serves LGBTQ youth, ages 18-24, enrolled in the Center’s Youth Program with youth-specific vulnerability indicators, such as trauma and disability.

To learn more visit: centeronhalsted.org/supportouryouth