



**CENTER  
ON 3656 N.  
HALSTED**

# IMPACT REPORT

2022-2023

In a world where our differences and uniqueness are the cornerstones of a thriving community, Center on Halsted stands as a beacon of hope and change. As the Midwest's most comprehensive LGBTQIA+ community resource center, our journey is one of unwavering commitment to meeting the needs of the individuals we serve.

Our 2023 Impact Report is a testament to our response to the growing needs of our community, and the constant threat we are under due to anti-LGBTQIA+ legislation. The pages that follow are a broad overview of the strides we have made, the lives we have touched, and the barriers we have broken down over the past year.

We invite you to continue this journey with us, exploring the tangible impact the Center has had on the LGBTQIA+ community and beyond. Last Fiscal Year, thousands of community members accessed our HIV Resource HUB and the State of Illinois HIV/AIDS Hotline; Silver Fork, Center on Halsted's culinary workforce development program, grew in both size and job placement; and Center on Cottage Grove hosted over 60 events focused on community partnerships. These are only a few examples of the many accomplishments highlighted in our report and shed light on the transformative work we do every day.

Thank you for being a part of our quest for a more inclusive and accepting world. Together, we can truly make a difference. We are your Center.

Sincerely,



**Editha Paras (she/her)**

Interim Chief Executive Officer  
& Chief Program Officer

# Mission

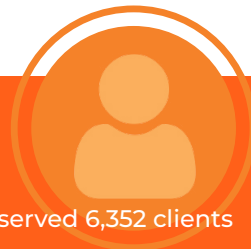
At Center on Halsted (COH), we work each day to strengthen the LGBTQ+ community. We are in a period, again, of negative attention looking to weaken our vulnerable populations. We know there is **strength in access**, **strength in belonging**, and **strength in acceptance**. And our programming speaks to these core tenants of a thriving LGBTQ+ community living powerfully. Highlights from our Fiscal Year 2023 (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023) follow.

Center on Halsted advances community and secures the health and well-being of the LGBTQ+ people of Chicagoland.

## Strength in Access

**6,352 clients**

The HIV Resource HUB and the State of Illinois HIV/AIDS Hotline served 6,352 clients (1,697 Case-worthy clients and 4,655 callers) by providing 14,831 units of service.



**28 years**

COH has been home to the State of Illinois HIV/AIDS Hotline for 28 years, with services in English and Spanish. The Hotline can also receive text messages.



**40% increase**

Our Cyber Center, offering no-cost technology workshops and open hours for computer use and printing, saw a 40% increase in new users and 18% increase in clients.

**2,695 vaccines**

In FY23, COH quickly organized a response to the outbreak of Mpox; working against 2 major health concerns, Mpox and COVID vaccines were provided at no cost at both the North Halsted and satellite location, Center on Cottage Grove.



# Strength in Belonging

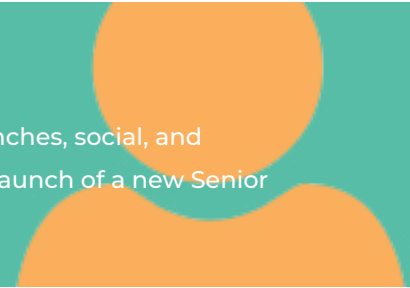
## 1,796 clients

COH's Behavioral Health team served 1,796 clients through individual, relationship, family, and group therapy sessions.



## 5,418 clients

COH served 5,418 LGBTQ+ seniors through lunches, social, and recreational activities; one highlight was the launch of a new Senior Workforce development program.



## 3 cohorts

Silver Fork, COH's culinary workforce development program, grew to 3 annual cohorts; this year's participants graduated with a 68% job placement rate within 30 days.

# Strength in Acceptance

## 1 redesigned department

Youth and Family Services launched as a newly redesigned department adding staff, programs, and resources to better serve LGBTQ+ youth, families, parents, and caregivers.

## 62 events

COH's satellite location, Center on Cottage Grove, hosted 62 events that focused on partnerships like University of Chicago's SPECTRUM youth group to discuss strategies to reduce stigma and involve more youth in HIV care and prevention.



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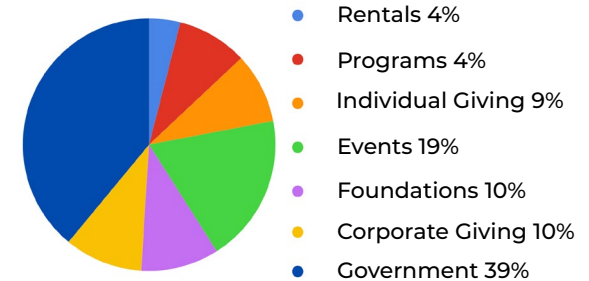
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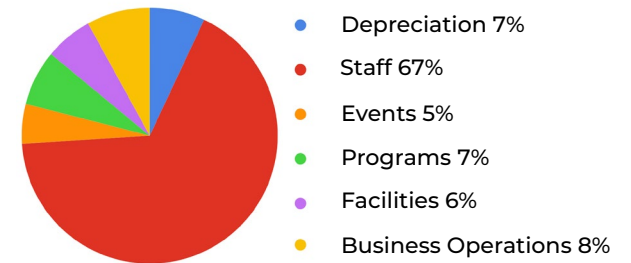
# FY23 Operating Financials

Pre-audit financials for fiscal year ending June 30, 2023.

## Revenue



## Expenses



FY23 audited financials coming soon at the completion of our external audit.

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