

CENTER ON 3656 N. HALSTED

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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.



“People come to Center on Halsted for a chance to improve their circumstances and find community.”

—Carla, Volunteer Receptionist

“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



“The Center has been great for me because I’ve learned so much and I am now able to bring my knowledge and care to support my community.”

—Jorge, HIV Health Educator

IMPACT

1,400 visitors daily/45,000 annually

BUDGET

\$7.5 million budget FY20

35% government

19% individuals

22% foundations/corporations

13% special events

8% earned income

3% 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

The Legacy Project

Athletic Alliance of Chicago

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