

**FACT SHEET**

**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.

**STRATEGIC PRIORITIES**

Over the next three years, we will expand our mission impact in the following ways:

- Advance the impact of Center on Halsted through advocacy and public policy.
- Ensure the health and well-being of LGBTQ people through wellness and life-span offerings.
- Extend the geographic reach of and access to Center on Halsted.
- Promote the visibility and relevance of Center on Halsted offerings in Chicagoland's LGBTQ community.

**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**

\$6.0 million budget FY13;  
40% government,  
26% individuals,  
21% foundations/corporations,  
13% earned income.

**GREEN BUILDING**

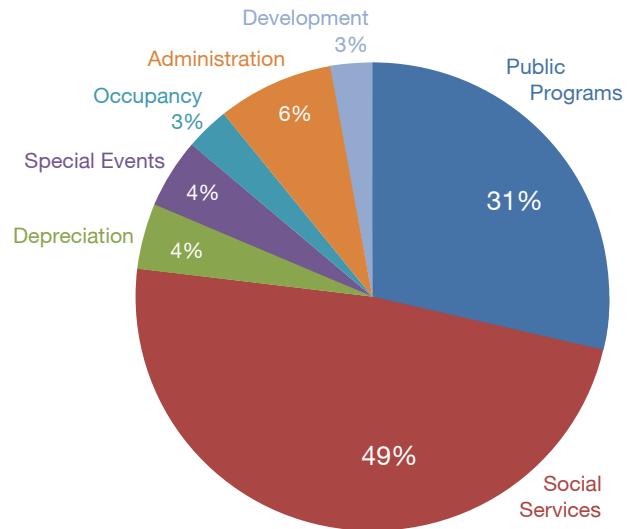
Silver LEED Certified (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) for green building: gray water system; recycled building materials; day lighting system; computerized control of HVAC and lighting; energy efficient roofing.

**RENTALS**

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

**RESIDENT PARTNERS**

The Association of Latino Men for Action | Athletic Alliance of Chicago | IMPACT Program at Northwestern University  
Lakeside Pride Music Ensemble | Northalsted Business Alliance  
Windy City Performing Arts Group | Windy City Rainbow Alliance of the Deaf.



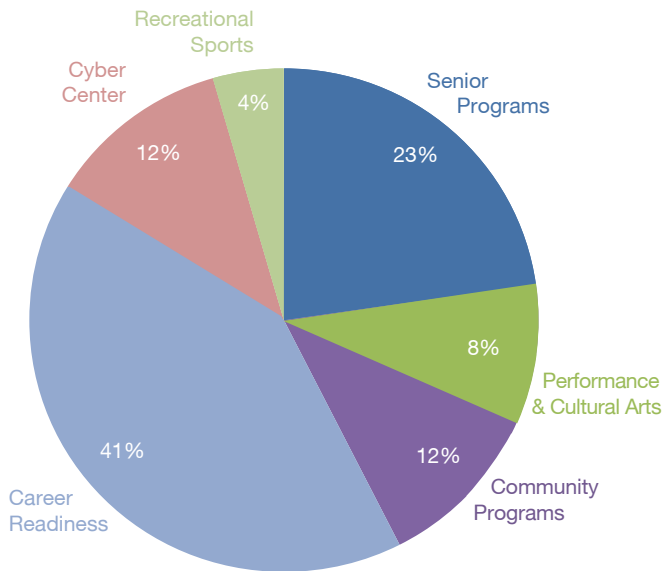
FY13 Budget = \$6.0 M

# 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, 80¢ is spent directly on providing these community programs and services.

## PUBLIC PROGRAMS

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



Public Programs Funding = \$1.8 M

**Recreational Sports:** A full gymnasium used by more than 500 community members/week and five recreational leagues for activities including basketball, volleyball, hockey 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 7,800 meals provided to seniors annually.

### Community Programs

**Bisexual Programs:** Specific cultural events, workshops, discussions and networking opportunities tailored specifically to the Bisexual community.

**Family Programs:** Workshops, meeting space and children’s space serving more than 300 LGBTQ families/year.

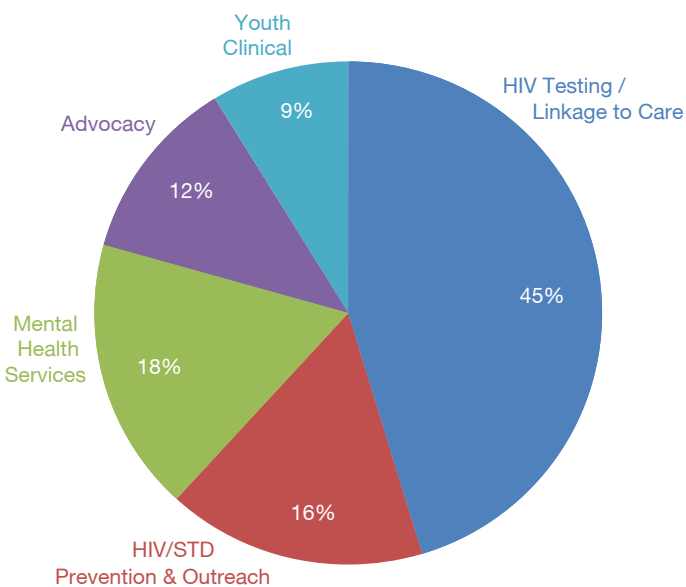
**Transgender Programs:** More than a dozen workshops, seminars and social events designed by and for Chicago’s Trans community every month.

**Women’s Programs:** Special events created specifically by female-identified community members, bringing together more than 1,700 LGBTQ women together every year.

**Career Readiness:** Comprehensive training in culinary arts provided by community 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.



Social Services Funding = \$2.9 M

### Mental Health Services

**Psychotherapy:** Individual, group and family counseling for 500 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 & Gender Institute:** Licensed training for local mental health graduate students and LGBTQ competency training for practitioners.

### Advocacy

**Legal Services:** Free legal consultations, workshops and referrals serving more than 600 community members/year.

**Anti-Violence Project:** Therapy, social services, court advocacy and incident reporting for more than 300 victims of domestic violence and abuse in the LGBTQ community every year.

**HIV Testing:** Free, confidential, anonymous testing for more than 2,900 community members/year at Center on Halsted and locations throughout Chicagoland.

**State of Illinois AIDS/HIV & STD Hotline:** Free, confidential counseling and referrals serving nearly 16,000 callers/year from across Illinois and the Midwest.

**Youth Clinical Services:** Leadership training, professional development, crisis intervention, housing assistance, art therapy and case management provided to more than 1,000 young people across Chicagoland.