

## FACT SHEET

### OUR MISSION

In a safe and nurturing environment, Center on Halsted serves as a catalyst for the LGBT community that links and provides community resources, and enriches life experiences.

### OUR VISION

A Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender journey...celebrating, affirming, and discovering possibilities.

### STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Center on Halsted strives to be the premier community-based organization, the convener and the preferred partner within the LGBT community with ever-increasing financial capacity and a board and staff achieving the highest standards of performance.

### 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, and fully re-invented itself in 2007, absorbing all programming from Horizons and expanding in all areas.

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 and two levels of underground parking.

#### IMPACT

1,000 visitors daily / 365,000 annually

#### BUDGET

\$5.6 million budget FY12;  
38% government,  
28% foundations/corporations,  
11% earned income,  
23% individuals.

#### GREEN BUILDING

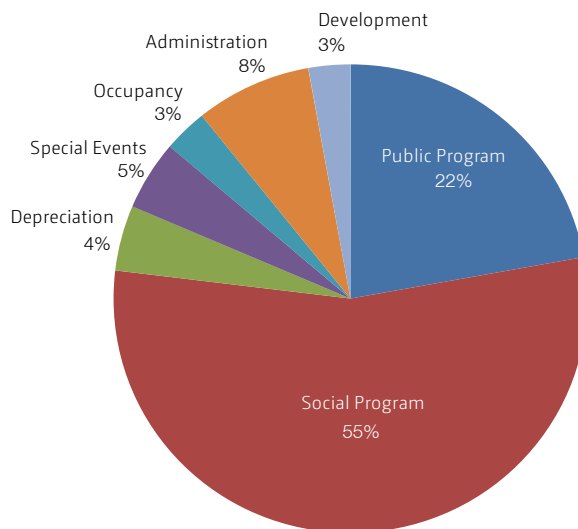
Silver LEED Certified (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) for green building: gray water system; recycled building materials; day lighting system; computerized control of HVAC and lighting; energy efficient roofing.

#### RENTALS

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

#### RESIDENT PARTNERS

ALMA, Athletic Alliance of Chicago, IMPACT Program at Northwestern University, Lakeview Symphony, Northalsted Business Alliance, Names Project, Windy City Performing Arts Group, Windy City Rainbow Alliance of the Deaf.



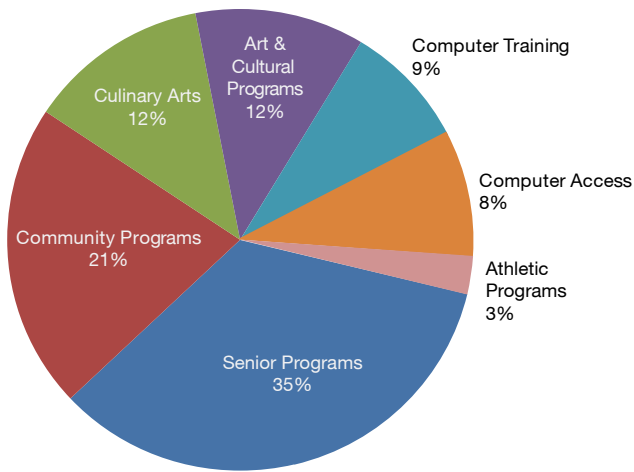
FY12 Budget = \$5.6 M

# 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, 77¢ is spent directly on providing these community programs and services.**

## PUBLIC PROGRAMS

Center on Halsted develops and hosts an array of programs open to the public that provide fun, educational and enlightening opportunities for members of the LGBT community and our allies.



Public Programs Funding = \$1.2 M

**Athletic programs:** A full gymnasium used by more than *500 community members/week* including *five recreational leagues* and activities including basketball, volleyball, hockey and yoga.

**Art and Cultural programs:** Regular art exhibits, film screenings, dance and live performances in our state of the art theater attracting more than *5,000 attendees/year*.

**Community CyberCenter:** Providing free Internet access and technology training to more than *2,100 patrons/year*.

**Senior programs:** Cultural outings, workshops and social space bringing more than *600 LGBT Seniors* together each week. More than *8,300 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 for LGBT and Ally families.

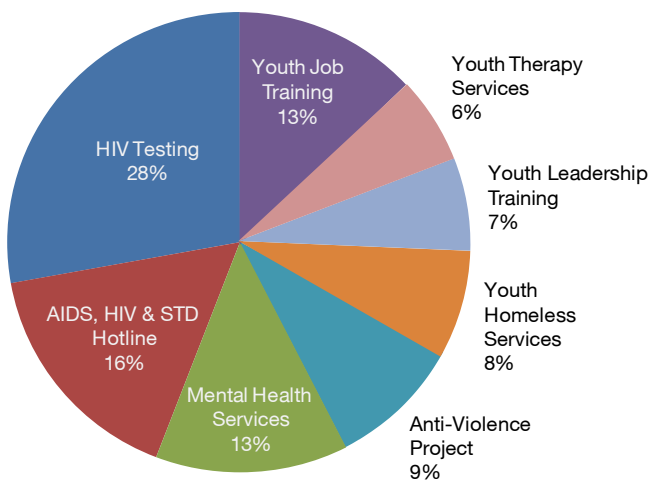
**Transgender Programs:** Workshops, seminars and social events designed by and for Chicago’s Trans community.

**Culinary Arts:** Comprehensive training in culinary arts provided by community chefs for *new and continuing education students*.

**Community Meeting Space:** Convenient, state-of-the art meeting and recreational space available for rent at a reduced rate for community members and organizations.

## SOCIAL SERVICES

Center on Halsted provides comprehensive social services to community members in need including job training and placement, therapy, and HIV testing.



Social Services Funding = \$3.1 M

**Mental Health Services:** Individual, group and family counseling for *500 community members/year* on a sliding scale, resulting in more than *6000 clinical hours*. Special focus include healthy LGBT living, coming out, HIV/AIDS and LGBT domestic violence and abuse.

**Support Groups:** Group meetings offering support for 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 practitioners* in LGBT and cultural competency and professional development.

**Legal Services:** Free legal consultations, workshops and referrals serving more than *500 community members/year*.

**Anti-Violence Project:** Therapy, social services, court advocacy and incident reporting for more than *200 victims of domestic violence and abuse* in the LGBT community every year.

**HIV Testing:** Free, confidential, anonymous testing and support serving more than *3,000 community members/year*.

**State of Illinois AIDS/HIV & STD Hotline:** Free, confidential counseling and referrals serving nearly *15,000 callers/year* from across Illinois and the Midwest.

**Youth Services:** Leadership training, professional development, crisis intervention, housing assistance, art therapy and case management provided to more than *1800 young people across Chicago*.