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GREETINGS

As Governor of the State of Illinois, it is a pleasure to welcome everyone gathered for the **2006 Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony**.

Today's event serves as a wonderful opportunity to honor several outstanding Chicagoans for their terrific accomplishments. The gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender communities of Chicago have made wonderful contributions to the growth and well-being of this city and state, and they deserve our utmost respect and commendation for the great work they have done.

I would like to congratulate each individual and organization being inducted into the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame for 2006. I know that each inductee has worked hard for the success that you enjoy today and I applaud your constant diligence and dedication. I am pleased to join with your family and friends in honoring each of you on this special occasion.

On behalf of the citizens of Illinois, I offer my best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable occasion.

Sincerely,

Rod R. Blagojevich
Governor





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The lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) communities have made many valuable contributions to our city and continue to play an important role in the growth and development of Chicago. The Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame honors individuals and organizations within the LGBT communities who have demonstrated a commitment to diversity and work to enrich and unify our city.

I commend the Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame for your dedication to furthering leadership within the community and offer you my best wishes for much continued success.

May you all have an enjoyable and memorable event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard M. Daley".

Mayor



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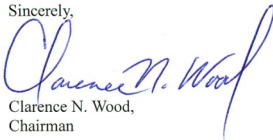
Please join me in congratulating the 2006 inductees to the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame. Their accomplishments and contributions to the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) communities and this city are worthy of our recognition and give us reason to celebrate.

There are now more than 150 members in the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame, the only such government-sponsored endeavor in the nation. Each member represents the best in business, community organizing, the arts, government and a host of other fields. We have been enriched by their lives and their commitment to improving the quality of life for the LGBT communities of Chicago.

As a city, we must continue to appreciate and respect difference and stand together against discrimination and hate. Each one of our diverse and exciting communities adds its own unique qualities, which makes the city vibrant and alive. This is why we pause now to celebrate the important contributions of this year's inductees to the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame.

I extend my congratulations and gratitude to the Hall of Fame Committee and the Chicago Commission on Human Relations Advisory Council on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Issues for another great year and a tremendous group of inductees.

Sincerely,



Clarence N. Wood,
Chairman



CHICAGO GAY AND LESBIAN HALL OF FAME

The Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame is both a historic event and an exhibit. Through the Hall of Fame, residents of Chicago and our country are made aware of the contributions of Chicago's lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) communities and the communities' efforts to eradicate bias and discrimination.

With the support of the City of Chicago Commission on Human Relations, the Advisory Council on Gay and Lesbian Issues (now the Advisory Council on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Issues) established the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame in June 1991. The inaugural induction ceremony took place during Pride Week at City Hall, hosted by Mayor Richard M. Daley. This was the first event of its kind in the country.

The Hall of Fame recognizes the volunteer and professional achievements of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender individuals, their organizations, and their friends, as well as their contributions to the LGBT communities and to the city of Chicago. This is a unique tribute to dedicated persons and organizations whose services have improved the quality of life for all of Chicago's citizens.

The nominee must have made either (1) a single, far-reaching contribution or (2) significant long-term contributions to the quality of life of Chicago's lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender communities or the city of Chicago.

The Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame is privately funded through generous donations from individuals, businesses, and organizations. Staff support is provided by the City of Chicago Commission on Human Relations, members of the Advisory Council on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Issues, and volunteers.

The selection of inductees for the Hall of Fame is made by former recipients of the award based on nominations from the general public. Planning is under way for a permanent location for the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame display.

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2006 INDUCTEES
CHICAGO GAY AND LESBIAN HALL OF FAME

Margaret Anderson and Jane Heap

Jacques Cristion

Jill M. Metz

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Edward Negron

Laird Petersen

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Star Gaze

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PHOTO: MAN RAY

**MARGARET
ANDERSON**
and
JANE HEAP
[both deceased]

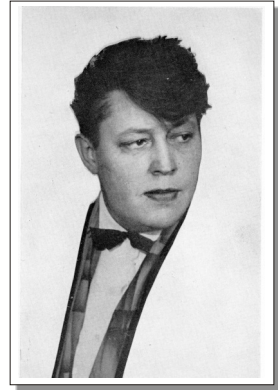


PHOTO: BERENICE ABBOTT

This couple were key figures in Chicago's literary renaissance of the early 20th century. As co-editors of the celebrated avant-garde journal *The Little Review*, they provided an early forum for some of the era's greatest writers and thinkers, including Emma Goldman, Amy Lowell, T. S. Eliot, Gertrude Stein, Sherwood Anderson, Ernest Hemingway, William Butler Yeats, Hart Crane, Ben Hecht, and Ezra Pound.

Their professional and personal partnership was centered in Chicago for only a few years, but their impact was far-reaching and historic.

Margaret Anderson's life was marked by rebelliousness and a search for creative stimulation. Born in Indianapolis in 1886, she came to Chicago in 1908 and became immersed in the city's nascent literary community. Dissatisfied with available outlets for the wealth of creativity emerging here and elsewhere, she launched *The Little Review* in March 1914. Operated from a small office in South Michigan Avenue's Fine Arts Building, the magazine had trouble in attracting financial support but did not lack for written contributions. Its pages were open to a diverse range of literature, poetry, and philosophical and political views.

When Anderson met Jane Heap in 1916 after the latter moved to Chicago, the magazine had already gained attention. Heap, an artist who had earlier studied at the Art Institute of Chicago from 1901 to 1905, possessed an intellect and keen perceptions that complemented Anderson's own creative temperament. She and Anderson became co-editors, lovers, and companions, and together they made their mark in U.S. and European literary circles. A skilled editor who worked well with contributors, Heap also wrote essays and commentary for the magazine under the initials "jh."

At one point, to keep *The Little Review* afloat, Anderson forsook her spare Ainslie Street apartment to set up a tent camp on a Lake Michigan beach. In 1917, after a brief sojourn in San Francisco, the couple settled in New York City, where the magazine grew not only in attention but in notoriety. It began the first U.S. serialization of James Joyce's *Ulysses* in 1918. The post office seized several issues, and the couple were later arrested at the instigation of a "vice" crusader. They were found guilty in 1921 on indecency charges and were each fined \$50 in an internationally publicized trial.

After moving to Paris in the 1920s, Anderson and Heap's relationship began to wane. Increasingly, it was Heap who produced the legendary magazine on an irregular schedule as she had resources. It last appeared in 1929, but both women separately continued as respected figures in Paris, London, and New York lesbian communities as well as becoming active in circles devoted to Eastern religion and philosophy.

Heap, who was born in Topeka, Kansas, in 1883, died in 1964 in London, where she had moved after *The Little Review*'s cessation. Anderson, who wrote several books, died in Le Cannet, France, in 1973.



PHOTO: ISRAEL WRIGHT

JACQUES CRISTION [*deceased*]

A lifelong Chicagoan, Jacques Cristion was introduced to Chicago's drag scene during the 1950s by a beautician friend, Donald Caraway, who attended the famous Finnie's Club Halloween balls each year, costumed as Olivia de Havilland. As Cristion recalled in a 1995 interview with Allen Drexel:

“[My friend] was telling me how fabulous the ball was, and how, you know, you really hadn't lived until you went to the ball, and he said you'd see the lights and . . . oh, the loudspeaker outside. It was really fabulous, with people getting out of the limousines and whatnot, and just, it was beautiful—and it sounded so interesting, and I just began to go right after that.”

After high school, Cristion attended the Sammy Dyer School of the Theatre and toured as a dancer. In 1969 or 1970, having performed in, choreographed, and designed costumes for drag balls and dance concerts for almost two decades, Cristion hosted the first of his own annual Halloween drag balls, which lasted until about 2000 as virtually the only balls still held annually on the South Side.

It is a little-known but significant fact that drag balls were among the most central, and certainly the most publicly visible, features of Chicago's gay landscape from at least the 1930s until the 1970s. Amid intense societal homophobia, these balls—which appear usually to have been held on the city's predominantly African American and working-class South Side—offered gay and lesbian Chicagoans of varied ethnicity and class background rare opportunities to socialize publicly in spaces they could claim, if only temporarily, as their own.

The events, advertised mostly by word of mouth and on neighborhood placards, at once created, affirmed, and drew public attention to an emerging solidarity among or even between gay men and lesbians in the years before the gay liberation movement.

Jacques Cristion was born in Chicago in 1936. In a 2000 interview with Sukie de la Croix he reported having grown up around 46th Street and Michigan Avenue. He said his mother was a dressmaker, and in 2000 he still operated a dressmaking shop at 7906 South Drexel Avenue.

He died in Chicago in 2003. His landlord threw away all of his memorabilia and other possessions before friends could arrive.



PHOTO: KAREN BUCKLEY

JILL M. METZ

Since the 1970s, Jill Metz has served Chicago's lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) community through her law practice, civic activities, and personal commitment.

Metz formed her own practice in 1978 while working part-time for the Uptown People's Law Center. For 28 years, Jill M. Metz & Associates has been committed to LGBT issues.

Through work with lesbian divorce and custody cases, Metz helped to develop precedent that is the law today: Custody of one's child may not be denied because of a parent's sexual orientation. She appealed and won Illinois' first case establishing lesbian or gay parents' rights to unrestricted visitation with their children, even while living with a same-sex partner. In response to marriage inequality, she has adapted estate-planning documents, including partnership agreements, to ensure legal security for same-sex families. Co-parent adoptions are a routine part of her practice.

She began her volunteerism at Gay Horizons' free legal clinic in 1978. Once a week, she staffed its drop-in legal center and call-in telephone lines. After serving on the Andersonville Chamber of Commerce board for eight years, Metz became board president and organized a Clark Street streetscape project. She helped to found the Andersonville Development Corporation and served as its board president for two years. The Chicago City Council appointed her a member of Special Service Area No. 26, the Broadway Commercial District Commission, and she serves as its treasurer.

Metz was a founder of Tortoiseshell Productions, which produced lesbian music concerts in Chicago from 1981 to 1983, and of Footsteps Theater Company, which in the 1980s produced Jane Chambers' *Last Summer at Bluefish Cove* in a sold-out 12-week run.

Since 1996, Metz has been involved with the American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois. She has served on its board since 1998, chaired its development committee, and is currently the board president. She has served as an ACLU cooperating attorney for LGBT litigation and co-chaired the ACLU fund-raising concert event "Girls on Top" from 1996 to 2001. In addition, she has volunteered countless hours and financial support to LGBT organizations.

Other activities have included work in helping to add sexual-orientation and gender-identity protections to the Illinois Human Rights Act, membership on the Chicago Bar Association's committee on LGBT issues, and volunteerism in the Fair Illinois coalition that worked to remove a discriminatory marriage referendum from the November 2006 ballot.



PHOTO: SUSAN REICH

CHARLES R. MIDDLETON, PH.D.

Charles Ronald “Chuck” Middleton is the first openly gay man to serve as a major university president in the United States. He makes this unique distinction into an opportunity to serve as a mentor and inspiration to others in LGBT communities.

As president of Chicago’s Roosevelt University since 2002, Middleton leads the most culturally and ethnically diverse private university in the Midwest. On the eve of his installation, the *Advocate* dubbed him a “history-making professor” to underscore the symbolic importance of his service.

He has been active in national education and civic boards, including boards of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, the American Historical Association, the North American Conference on British Studies, and the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute. He is also a fellow of the Royal Historical Society and of the Institute for International Education (Midwest) and a member of the American Historical Association’s Committee on Lesbian and Gay History.

In the American Council on Education, Middleton has championed issues of diversity, convening in February 2005 a special session to begin a dialogue about upward mobility in higher education for sexual-minority faculty and staff.

Locally, he has served on boards of the Center on Halsted, the Chicago Loop Alliance, the Chicago Central Area Committee, the Near South Planning Board, and the Federation of Independent Illinois Colleges and Universities and on the Chicago Historical Society’s community advisory council for “Out at CHS.” He has reached out to many through participation in activities such as Equality Illinois, the Human Rights Campaign’s Federal Club, and the university’s annual Pride Parade entry. In 2005, he received the Educator of the Year Award from the Illinois State Crime Commission.

Middleton has been a university professor and administrator for 37 years. He has written more than 60 scholarly papers and is author of the book *The Administration of British Foreign Policy, 1782–1846*. He earned an A.B. degree with honors in history from Florida State University and both M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in history from Duke University.



PHOTO: ISRAEL WRIGHT

EDWARD NEGRON

Ed Negrón joins the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame for his years of dedicated service to three sets of Chicagoans: the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT), the Latino/a, and the recovering communities.

Negrón has served many organizations as a volunteer or leader, including the Association of Latino Men for Action (ALMA), Orgullo en Acción, Equality Illinois, the Chicago Boys Troop, International Mr. Leather, the Chicago Task Force on LGBT Substance Use and Abuse, the Chicago Crystal Meth Task Force, and Compassion Action.

He has also worked on LGBT outreach to youth with the AIDS Foundation of Chicago, as well as street and event outreach for other HIV/AIDS service providers. He chaired Chicago's first Latino/a LGBTQQ Pride picnic in 2006.

Negrón is a consensus builder who has done jobs big and small to promote social welfare, justice, and the health of LGBT communities. He has fearlessly spoken publicly about his life as a former addict, gangbanger, and drug dealer, to work against the effects of drugs, addiction, homophobia, and oppression. He appears regularly on television and in print to tell his story as a proud and active gay man who overcame great challenges to become a contributing community member. He is currently working toward a degree in addiction studies and recently passed an Illinois examination to become a Certified Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Counselor.

Negrón regularly participates in advocacy and lobbying with other community leaders, meeting with government officials from City Hall, Springfield, and the White House. Far less visible, but vitally important, is the work he does as a mentor to youth, as well as in private face-to-face interventions to help break cycles of oppression, alienation, and abuse.

Besides his own community involvement, Negrón is part of a large and proud family active in Chicago's Puerto Rican community and is an Army veteran. He and his longtime partner Patrick Gannon live in Chicago's Lakeview neighborhood.



PHOTO: ISRAEL WRIGHT

LAIRD PETERSEN

A Chicago native, Laird Petersen has contributed 25 years of service to Chicago's lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) communities and counts more than \$12 million he has raised for LGBT community-based organizations.

He joined the board of what was then called Gay Horizons (now the Center on Halsted) in 1981 after volunteering for a couple of years raising funds at special events. He served until 1987 but continued to raise funds for Horizons until 1992, when he was asked to join the staff as Director of Development, Public Communications, and Marketing. Under his leadership, Horizons' finances and staff grew exponentially from a deficit of \$190,000 to a \$1.2 million budget, while the development staff grew threefold.

Concurrently, through enrollment in the National Institutes of Health's Multicenter AIDS Cohort Study, he learned in the early 1980s of his HIV infection. He joined the Chicago HIV Prevention Planning Group (HPPG) in 1993, and served in many leadership capacities through 1999, when once again he was asked to become a staff member in the Chicago Department of Public Health's STD/HIV/AIDS Public Policy and Programs Division. Soon after, he became the HPPG program director, advocating and mentoring dozens of community members to become stewards for the city's HIV prevention grantmaking program.

In 1997, Petersen joined the staff of the Illinois Federation for Human Rights (now Equality Illinois). He has also served in the Illinois HIV Prevention Community Planning Group, the Urban Coalition for HIV/AIDS Prevention Services, and a Chicago community standards review panel; is a member of the 2006 Chicagoland World AIDS Day Steering Committee; and co-chairs the Chicago Forum on HIV and Aging.

He became Director of Prevention Services at the AIDS Foundation of Chicago in 2003. There, he organized meetings and training sessions for groups from 15 to 1,500 persons, as well as conceiving and producing three HIV prevention conferences.

He is currently chief of staff to State Rep. Larry McKeon and manages the district office. He has also volunteered in numerous community organizations over the years.

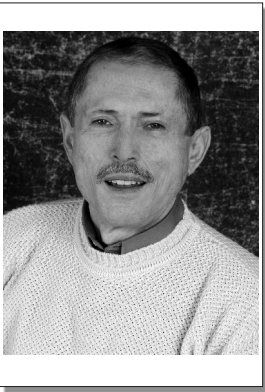


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DICK UYVARI

Since 1979, Dick Uyvari has been a major force in Chicago's organized lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) sports world.

He has been president, secretary, or treasurer of more than a dozen Lincoln Park Lagooners and Metropolitan Sports Association (now Chicago Metropolitan Sports Association) bowling leagues and has served on the boards of the Lagooners, the sports association, and the International Gay Bowling Organization (IGBO).

During his sports association board service from 1985 to 1991, the group became Chicago's largest LGBT sports organization.

In 1983, he was co-director of "IGBO 83 CHICAGO," IGBO's third annual tournament, which brought 576 gay and lesbian bowlers from throughout the United States and Canada to a sold-out Waveland Bowl.

In 1988, he founded the Chicago Pride Invitational bowling tournament, and he has been involved in many bowling fund-raising activities. For instance, from 1983 to 1992, he co-founded and co-chaired Strike Against AIDS, which raised some \$500,000 for AIDS-related agencies.

Over the past 26 years, Uyvari has bowled in more than 200 LGBT tournaments and is one of only two persons worldwide who have bowled in all 26 IGBO annual tournaments. In addition, he has participated in six of the seven Gay Games (missing only the 2002 event in Sydney), winning a gold, a bronze, and two silver medals as bowling team captain.

Uyvari and Peg Grey were the first co-chairs of Team Chicago in 1985, prior to Gay Games II. In 2006, he became co-director of the bowling event for Chicago's Gay Games VII. He and his committee worked tirelessly for five months to produce for nearly 600 bowlers what may have been the most successful and best-run Gay Games bowling event to date.

Uyvari and his life partner of 37 years, Joe LaPat, were honored at a 2006 Gay Games celebration for their philanthropy. They sponsored the lesbian soccer team from Soweto, South Africa, as well as other athletes from around the world through large donations to the Gay Games VII Outreach Scholarship Fund. They have also committed to sponsor the 2010 Soweto team for Gay Games VIII in Cologne.



CONGREGATION OR CHADASH

In 1975, Congregation Or Chadash (“Congregation of New Light”) was founded in response to the prejudice and invisibility that lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) Jews faced in mainstream synagogues.

For 31 years, Or Chadash has served Chicago’s LGBT Jews—and their friends, families, and partners—by providing a home for their religious, social, cultural, and educational interests.

This congregation spearheaded groundbreaking changes that allowed gay men and lesbians to be accepted in Jewish synagogues and institutions. Through services, classes, community work, and other activities, Or Chadash has touched the lives of thousands of persons.

Membership is open to everyone. Today, Or Chadash exists to provide a warm and nurturing environment for all Jews, with special attention to the LGBT population. Its members come from all denominations of Jewish and non-Jewish backgrounds, and services tend to be a mix of Hebrew and English, with much music.

The congregation, which is a member of the Union for Reform Judaism, uses an egalitarian liturgy. Women and men share equally in both religious and administrative duties. Typically, two Shabbat services per month are led by the male rabbi and the female cantor; the rest are led by congregants.

Other synagogues now embrace LGBT Jews, but they do not provide programming or activities that specifically cater to them. Or Chadash continues to offer its members educational programs and other activities that look at Judaism from an LGBT perspective.

And Or Chadash still serves as a safe space for single LGBT Jews to meet one another and, if they desire, to marry and start their own families.

Or Chadash has been a supporter of LGBT Jews in Chicago’s Jewish community as well as the face of Jewish Chicago in the LGBT communities, bringing the two groups closer together. In addition, it is affiliated with the World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations.



SIDETRACK

In April 1982, Sidetrack opened its doors on a stretch of North Halsted Street that was still being “discovered” by gay Chicagoans. The street already had a number of gay-owned businesses—including Jim Gates’ pioneering bar, Little Jim’s—but Sidetrack brought something hitherto unseen there: a music-video bar.

As the video bar phenomenon took hold nationally, Sidetrack’s custom, in-house video editing became increasingly sophisticated. Crowds grew, longer lines stretched up the block, and the bar’s quarters themselves expanded.

Meanwhile, the growth of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender (GLBT) activism paralleled the bar’s own growth, and Sidetrack, its owners, and its staff became indispensable parts of that activism.

Now in its 25th year, Sidetrack has hosted countless activist events and made untold donations of goods, services, and money. For example, Sidetrack helped to sustain Open Hand Chicago’s meals-on-wheels program for persons with AIDS when it started operations in 1988. One night a month for several years, Sidetrack’s staff and management donated salaries and tips to Open Hand. Every Christmas and anniversary party since 1988 saw Sidetrack coordinating donations of food and personal supplies for persons with AIDS to the Northside Grocery Center.

Among groups for which Sidetrack has been the host or has sponsored events are: AIDS Care Network; Gay Officers Action League; Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays; Dignity/Chicago; AIDS Legal Council of Chicago; American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois; Chicago Gay Men’s Chorus; Asians & Friends—Chicago; Chicago Metropolitan Sports Association; Congregation Or Chadash; Equality Illinois; Association of Latino Men for Action (ALMA); Center on Halsted; Gerber/Hart Library; Children’s Place; Lesbian Community Cancer Project; NAMES Project/Chicago; Pride Youth; Chicago Gender Society; Amigas Latinas; Team Chicago; About Face Theatre; Test Positive Aware Network (TPAN); Chicago Area Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce; ACT/UP Chicago; Windy City Black Pride; and Affinity Community Services.

Sidetrack has also welcomed dozens of political figures over the years for campaign appearances and lobbying opportunities, including Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich, Illinois State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka, Mayor Richard M. Daley, former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean, George Stephanopoulos, former Cook County Board President John H. Stroger, Jr., Illinois State Rep. Sara Feigenholtz, Illinois State Rep. Larry McKeon, Illinois State Sen. Carol Ronen, U.S. Sen. Barack Obama, U.S. Rep. Rahm Emanuel, U.S. Rep. Jan Schakowsky, U.S. Rep. Tammy Baldwin, and U.S. Rep. Barney Frank.

As a business, Sidetrack has helped to lead the way in holding suppliers accountable to support LGBT communities through donations or sponsorships. In addition, it has received accolades for outstanding architecture and creative entertainment. Major figures in popular music have looked to Sidetrack for help in creating nationally released remixes. For nearly 25 years, Sidetrack has been a leading participant in the growth of Chicago’s LGBT communities.



STAR GAZE

Ever since its opening in 1998, Star Gaze has been much more than a bar. It has been a contributing and supportive member of Chicago's lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) communities.

Its owners, Mamie Lake and Dustin Fermin, seem never to have said no to a request for support, whether it was to hold a fund-raiser at the bar or to assist in a personal crisis.

They have walked with many of their customers through whatever was occurring in their lives and have always lent a listening ear and an offer to help.

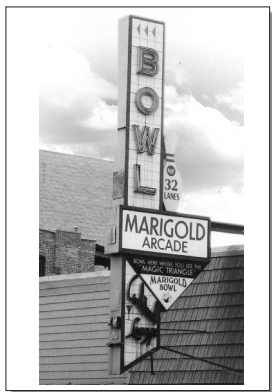
Shortly after opening, Star Gaze held a fund-raising event for Test Positive Aware Network (TPAN). The bar has held fund-raisers for ONYX/Chicago; given support to the Royal Imperial Sovereign Barony of the Windy City; and served as the birthplace of the comedy group Hysterical Women, besides nourishing other local talent.

Star Gaze has annually sponsored the Lesbian Community Cancer Project's "Coming Out Against Cancer" benefit and other fund-raisers for that organization. The bar has sponsored events for POW-WOW (Performers or Writers for Women on Women's Issues), Chicago Black Lesbians and Gays, the Literary Exchange, and Gerber/Hart Library.

Star Gaze has also been the league sponsor of three Chicago Metropolitan Sports Association teams in softball, basketball, and football.

Since 2004, Star Gaze has been the home of an annual Hall of Fame fund-raising buffet dinner, for which it prepares and serves all the food without charge. The bar has also held fund-raisers for at least three cancer survivors and at least one for Hurricane Katrina relief.

Through Star Gaze and individually, Lake and Fermin have earned a reputation as selfless public citizens. In the words of Star Gaze's nominator, "this bar and these two women embody the best spirit of community and have demonstrated that over and over again."



MARIGOLD BOWL

The Fagenholz family of proprietors should be considered as included in the induction of Marigold Bowl as a business. The family and the bowling lanes stood as a beacon of inclusiveness in Chicago's Lakeview neighborhood.

Marigold Bowl opened in 1941 at 828 West Grace Street, on the corner of Broadway and Halsted Street. It was owned and operated by Fred Fagenholz and his wife, Myrtle, and became a neighborhood mainstay during World War II, often running seven days a week, 24 hours a day, to accommodate Chicago's defense workers.

It was in the postwar era that Fred Fagenholz distinguished himself as an advocate for diversity. He disliked the prejudice of the time, and his completely open hiring policies led to a rainbow of ethnicities and cultures. He allowed a Japanese American bowling league into his alleys at a time when others were barring them.

Fred Fagenholz died in 1955, and management was taken over by his wife, Myrtle, and his sons, Howard and Robert. During the late 1960s, when some parts of Chicago were experiencing economic depression, Marigold Bowl kept its doors open to all in the neighborhood. Then came the 1970s.

In the mid-1970s, a gay group, Dignity/Chicago, applied for a league designation at Marigold Bowl. The Dignity bowlers (followed closely by the Lincoln Park Lagooners) constituted one of the first social gay organizations to be formed in post-Stonewall Chicago, and Marigold Bowl welcomed them—in the tradition of Fred Fagenholz—with open lanes.

In the 1980s, as North Halsted Street boomed along with the Chicago gay and lesbian movement, Marigold Bowl was there to provide support and entertainment. Besides hosting gay male leagues such as the Metropolitan Sports Association's and the Windy City Rollers, the lesbian community was also represented by teams from Augie's & CK's and the Closet bars. The yearly Chicago Pride Invitational tournament took place at Marigold. During the height of the AIDS crisis, Marigold Bowl hosted Strike Against AIDS events and many functions for the DirectAID organization.

Myrtle Fagenholz died in 1987, but sons Robert and Howard plus grandson Freddy continued their family's legacy by maintaining operations within the neighborhood's growing gay and lesbian community. Robert was active with the board of the Howard Brown Memorial Clinic (now Howard Brown Health Center). The Actors' Equity HIV charity, Season of Concern, had a friend in Howard Fagenholz, who would raise money every year through Marigold.

In a gentrifying neighborhood, Marigold Bowl closed in 2004, silencing a vital neighborhood meeting and charity outlet for gay and lesbian Chicagoans. Because of the open hearts of the Fagenholz family—Fred, Myrtle, Howard, Robert, and Freddy—Marigold Bowl lives in the hearts of the bowling community that found its home and connections there. For that record, Marigold Bowl has been selected as a historic "Friend of the Community."



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RICHARD M. DALEY

Without a doubt, Richard M. Daley's years in office as mayor of Chicago have marked the longest uninterrupted period of gay-inclusive policies in Chicago's municipal history.

Though other recent mayors have made their own welcome contributions toward integrating lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) Chicagoans into civic life on the basis of equality, Daley's long record is unparalleled.

Since his election in 1989, Daley has become one of the Chicago LGBT communities' most important friends. His support for those communities has been vocal, and his administration has provided initiatives, programs, and resources that have strengthened them, making them central to the life of the city. Through his leadership, Daley has also encouraged corporate America to support LGBT events and community efforts.

The Daley administration has seen a large number of advances toward LGBT equality. Daley has personally voiced support for the goal of same-sex civil marriage and has opposed attempts to pass discriminatory marriage amendments to the federal and state constitutions. Under his administration, the city established the Advisory Council on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Issues and sponsored the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame, which is the first and only municipal project of its kind anywhere. It also sponsors the nation's only government-backed annual salute to LGBT veterans of the Armed Services, including a wreath-laying in the Richard J. Daley Center Plaza, which is particularly significant in time of war and in the face of the military "don't ask, don't tell" policy.

Daley's administration supported significant expansion of Chicago human rights legislation to include protection for gender identity, which includes transgender persons. Domestic partnership benefits, including insurance, bereavement, and some retirement benefits, were instituted for city employees in same-sex relationships. Daley appointed Ald. Thomas Tunney as the first openly gay member of the Chicago City Council and stood firm in backing the gay-friendly North Halsted streetscape project.

Under Daley, the city budget has aided the Center on Halsted with some \$3 million in building value write-down and cash assistance; established the Office of LGBT Health in the city Department of Public Health; supported Horizons Youth Services programs; and funded hate crimes initiatives in the streets, teacher-training materials on LGBT student-safety issues, a community forum on LGBT homeless youth, the annual Chicago Collegiate Pride Fest, and a 2004 budget amendment for an increase of \$600,000 in HIV prevention services. The Public Health Department rapidly confronted a 2003 meningitis outbreak among gay men in a national model for community emergency response.

In 2006, Daley was honorary co-chair of Gay Games VII, and his office coordinated city services for the event. For 17 years (so far) of sincere mayoral support, he has been formally elected a "Friend of the Community."

PREVIOUS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

ANGEL ABCEDE (2003): To help prevent more AIDS deaths, he drew on experience as a dancer, choreographer, and columnist to form the Sex Police in 1990. Its shows have brought anti-AIDS messages to high school students throughout the Chicago area. He is now president of Asians and Friends–Chicago.

ABOUT FACE THEATRE (2003): It is a leading force in Chicago theater, an emerging national center for LGBT theater, and an important resource for education about sexual-minority issues in Chicago schools. Its Youth Theatre component is nationally recognized.

ACT UP/CHICAGO (2000): The group, which lasted until 1995, was the local chapter of the AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power, a national organization committed to using direct action and civil disobedience to fight AIDS. It challenged both institutional responses to AIDS and homophobic discrimination.

AD HOC COMMITTEE OF PROUD BLACK LESBIANS AND GAYS (1993): The committee was formed in 1993 to create positive gay and lesbian visibility in Chicago's African American community and to march openly in the 65th annual Bud Billiken Parade. After filing and mediating a human rights charge, the group marched and was warmly received.

ROBERT J. ADAMS (1994, now deceased): A practicing lawyer earlier, he led Chicago's NAMES Project chapter and from 1989 to 1991 was IMPACT's first full-time executive director. He then joined the staff of openly gay U. S. Rep. Gerry Studds; returned to Chicago in 1992 as development director for the Chicago Department of Health's AIDS programs; and resigned for health reasons in 1993. Born in 1952, he died in 1994.

AFFINITY COMMUNITY SERVICES (2002): Since 1994, the group has become a leading organization serving black lesbian and bisexual women by fostering visibility, empowerment, and leadership with programming that addresses health, networking and socialization, and social justice issues.

AIDS LEGAL COUNCIL OF CHICAGO (2003): Formed in 1988, the group has helped more than 15,000 persons with free legal assistance, conducted educational outreach efforts, and engaged in public advocacy on behalf of persons affected by HIV.

ORTEZ ALDERSON (posthumous 1991): Born in 1952, he was an actor and activist who, among other achievements, helped to organize the People of Color AIDS Conference. He died of complications from AIDS in 1991.

AVA ALLEN (1999): Longtime owner of the city's oldest lesbian bar, Lost & Found, she has maintained it as a home away from home for generations of lesbians and, through it, helped to raise thousands of dollars to fight cancer and meet women's health needs.

JACQUELINE ANDERSON (1996): As educator and writer, she has contributed to academic discussion of lesbianism and feminism. She helped to launch a Lesbian Community Cancer Project clinic on Chicago's South Side; led Yahimba, which held citywide conferences on African American lesbians' needs; and has supported the Institute of Lesbian Studies, the Mountain Moving Coffeehouse, and Gerber/Hart Library.

TONI ARMSTRONG JR (1997): A leader since the 1970s in documenting, producing, and performing lesbian and feminist music, she is also an openly lesbian high school teacher who has been in the forefront of efforts to promote the welfare of lesbian and gay students and teachers.

ASSOCIATION OF LATIN MEN FOR ACTION (2000): Known as ALMA (Spanish for “soul”), it has offered a place for bisexual and gay Latinos to address their issues, both as sexual-minority members of Latino communities and as ethnic-minority members of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender communities.

MIGUEL AYALA (1997): He helped to start the first school-approved organization for lesbian, bisexual, and gay students in any Chicago public high school; helped to form and then led a national alliance of such groups; and was the first openly gay honorary student member of the Chicago School Reform Board of Trustees.

BAILLWICK REPERTORY’S PRIDE SERIES (1996): Since 1989, the annual Pride Series has presented well over 100 gay and lesbian plays, musicals, and performance pieces as part of the only regional theater in America with an ongoing programming arm that serves the lesbian and gay community. The series has also financially empowered nonprofit lesbian and gay organizations through benefit performances.

TRACY BAIM (1994): She has labored untiringly as publisher, reporter, editor, columnist, photographer, and advocate in offering a voice to all. In 2000, her company bought the *Windy City Times* and merged her weekly *Outlines* into it, joined now by *Nightspots*, *Identity*, *OUT! Resource Guide*, and online Queercast. She helped to found and led the Chicago Area Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce as well as Chicago Games, Inc., which brought the 2006 Gay Games here.

JOHN J. BALESTER (1999): He was a leader of the Illinois Gay and Lesbian Task Force and in 1990 was appointed by Mayor Richard M. Daley to chair the city’s Advisory Council on Gay and Lesbian Issues. He worked to improve liaison between city government and activist organizations of all stripes.

CARRIE BARNETT (1998): She cofounded People Like Us Books, which at the time was Chicago’s only exclusively gay and lesbian bookstore and which helped to nurture the local literary community. She also headed the Gerber/Hart Library board and cochaired large fund-raisers for community organizations.

ROBERT SLOANE BASKER (1993, now deceased): He founded Mattachine Midwest in 1965, began Chicago’s first gay and lesbian telephone hotline, and started discussions with police amid arbitrary raids and arrests. He also took part in pre-Stonewall national organizing and in Dade County organizing during the Anita Bryant era. Born in 1918, he remained a social-change activist in a variety of causes until his death in 2001.

LORRAINE SADE BASKERVILLE (2000): She founded transGenesis in 1995 as an agency to advocate for and address concerns of persons in the city’s transgender community, such as gender identity, substance abuse, HIV/AIDS, sex work, harm reduction, and self-empowerment.

DAVID BRIAN BELL (posthumous 1999): After being diagnosed with AIDS, he became a visible public advocate for persons with HIV/AIDS and helped to build support, information, and protest networks for use in their struggle.

CARYN BERMAN (1995): A psychotherapist and social worker, for some 20 years she has worked professionally and as a volunteer and political activist to improve Chicagoans' lives. She has focused on the health and civil rights of lesbians and gay men but has skillfully built coalitions and has been an influential HIV/AIDS educator and policymaker.

ALEXANDRA BILLINGS (2005): As a transgender actor, she has gained prominence both onstage and as a mentor, fund-raiser, and educator on sexual-minority issues and the importance of living with AIDS.

LORA BRANCH (2001): A public health professional, video producer, and lesbian and gay community activist, she has directed Chicago's Office of Lesbian and Gay Health and the city's STD/HIV Prevention and Care Programs; produced an acclaimed HIV/AIDS video, *Kevin's Room*; and cochaired Chicago Black Lesbians and Gays.

ROGER BROWN (posthumous 2004): Through his internationally known works as a leader of the art movement called Chicago Imagism, he commented pointedly on social issues, urban infrastructure, nature, history, and events both personal and societal. Born in 1941, he died in 1997.

BUDDIES' RESTAURANT AND BAR (2003): From 1988 to its closing in 2004, it was a neighborhood business with a true sense of community, financially supporting innumerable good causes and encouraging its clientele to be themselves in a safe, supportive atmosphere.

GEORGE S. BUSE (1994, now deceased): As journalist, activist, actor, and minister, he made his mark on Chicago's gay and lesbian community. A subject of Studs Terkel's *The Good War* and of the video documentary *Before Stonewall*, he was a World War II Marine veteran (discharged from a later Navy chaplaincy for being gay). He was a civil rights and anti-Vietnam War activist in the 1960s. Born in 1924, he died in 2000.

JAMES A. BUSSEN (1994): Since 1973, his engaging personality and senses of humor and fairness have aided many Chicago gay and lesbian efforts. Besides much activity in gay rights lobbying and fund raising, he is a longtime leader of Dignity/Chicago, the organization for lesbian and gay Roman Catholics, and was president of Dignity/USA from 1985 to 1989.

CHEF TANIA CALLAWAY (posthumous 2003): As an out lesbian and organizer of community events, she ran house parties that were legendary in Chicago's African American lesbian community and beyond. She often donated services and was chef at the Heartland Cafe for some 10 years.

LORI CANNON (1994): She was named a "Friend of the Community" for her work with Chicago House and the NAMES Project and for cofounding ACT UP/Chicago and Open Hand Chicago. For Open Hand, she raised funds, handled public relations, and oversaw a food pantry's development.

EVETTE CARDONA (2002): As an organizer, she has helped to lead or found organizations such as Women of All Cultures Together, Amigas Latinas, the Lesbian Community Cancer Project, and the Center on Halsted Steering Committee. As a philanthropic administrator, she has helped to fund groups serving historically underrepresented community sectors.

MEGAN CARNEY (2005): In *About Face* Youth Theatre and other theatrical work, she has changed the landscape of Chicago's sexual-minority communities through her commitment to the healthy development of LGBTQA (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer/questioning, allied) youth. Her work has also addressed other social justice issues such as racism and homelessness.

C. C. CARTER (2002): Since her 1996 Chicago arrival, she has been a writer, poet, and performer and has helped to develop audiences for poetry, music by women of color, writing by women in prison, African American literature and art, and women's health awareness. As a fund-raiser and board member, she has helped to sustain numerous groups.

ALDO CASTILLO (2005): A tireless fund-raiser, an ardent advocate of Latin American art, and a committed human-rights activist, this openly gay, openly HIV-positive, and award-winning gallery owner and curator has blazed trails of distinction since arriving in Chicago from Nicaragua in 1985.

ROBERT CASTILLO (2001): An almost indefatigable organizer, when inducted into the Hall of Fame at age 33 he already had a decade's history of committed work in launching or supporting grassroots sexual-minority campaigns involving Latinas and Latinos, gender-identity bias, homophobic violence, neighborhood activism, history, human rights laws, and HIV/AIDS.

ARMAND R. CERBONE, Ph.D. (2003): He has applied psychological research to LGBT concerns and has worked to guide psychology toward an enlightened understanding of the lives of sexual minorities. He cowrote official guidelines on psychotherapy with lesbian, gay, and bisexual clients and has held leadership posts in state and national professional groups.

ROGER "RJ" CHAFFIN (1997): One of Chicago's most visible gay businesspersons for more than 25 years and a reliable volunteer for gay and lesbian and AIDS groups, he has produced numerous large charitable and special events, raised thousands of dollars for local organizations, given his own money as well, coproduced a hate crimes documentary film, and been an active member of business groups.

SAMSON CHAN (posthumous 1995): During a short, courageous life, he built a legacy of social change here and overseas. In 1984 at age 23 he cofounded and became first president of Asians and Friends—Chicago, a group for gay Asians and non-Asians that has been replicated in other cities internationally. After failing to gain permanent U.S. residence in the face of exclusionary policies, he returned to Hong Kong in 1991, became a pioneering, visible gay and AIDS organizer there, but died of AIDS complications in 1995.

JOHN CHESTER (1994): He has been a leader in lesbian and gay rights efforts, philanthropic organizing, Chicago House development, and both gay and non-gay religious activism since 1971. At the same time, he has been much involved in political organizations and election campaigns. Since the late 1960s he has also aided programs for affordable housing and community development. He retired to New Mexico in 2004.

CHICAGO BLACK LESBIANS AND GAYS (2003): Since 1993, it has represented a citywide coalition of individuals and groups dedicated to social change and development through activism and visibility both in communities of color and in LGBT communities.

CHICAGO GAY MEN'S CHORUS (2001): Since 1983, it has offered audiences a mixture of choral ensemble and musical theater presented by more than 1,000 past and present members, who have also appeared at benefits and represented Chicago nationwide.

CHICAGO HOUSE AND SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCY, INC. (1994): Opening its first facility in 1986, this was Chicago's first grassroots agency to respond to immediate housing needs of persons with HIV disease and AIDS. It established the Midwest's first "continuum of care" within supportive housing for such persons, accommodating residents ranging from those with an initial diagnosis of HIV to those with terminal AIDS.

GARY G. CHICHESTER (1992): He has provided more than 30 years of commitment and work to the gay and lesbian communities. In 1971 he cofounded the Chicago Gay Alliance, which created Chicago's first gay and lesbian community center. He has served on the Chicago Commission on Human Relations' Advisory Council on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Issues since 1989 and has sat on the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame Committee from its inception in 1991 (chairing or cochairing it since 1992).

E. KITCH CHILDS, Ph.D. (posthumous 1993): She was a prominent clinical psychologist and advocate of gay and lesbian human rights legislation since 1973 as a feminist, lesbian activist, and founding member of the Association for Women in Psychology. She worked to revise the American Psychological Association's attitudes toward homosexuality.

THOMAS R. CHIOLA (1998): He was the first openly gay candidate elected to public office in Illinois, winning a Cook County Circuit Court judgeship in 1994. While on IMPACT's board and as a state agency's general counsel, he lobbied to pass state and county sexual-orientation nondiscrimination laws. He is also a veteran leader in the gay sports movement and is a longtime AIDS volunteer.

ANN CHRISTOPHERSEN (1992): As a successful businesswoman (of Women & Children First bookstore), she has provided a positive role model and developed activities and programs to meet the needs of Chicago's gay and lesbian community.

CHRISTOPHER CLASON (posthumous 2004): After launching a career as a locally popular singer-comic and actor, he was diagnosed with HIV and soon led in creating Test Positive Aware Network (TPAN) in 1987, serving as its first executive director. Born in 1953, he died in 1991.

CHARLES E. CLIFTON (posthumous 2004): For nearly 15 years before his 2004 death, the last nine of them in Chicago, he advocated for the health of persons living with HIV/AIDS. He was Test Positive Aware Network's executive director and *Positively Aware* editor, directed the Men of Color HIV/AIDS Coalition, and assisted numerous other efforts to fight AIDS.

JERROLD E. COHEN (posthumous 1993): He helped to form more than a dozen groups, including University of Chicago Gay Liberation, Chicago Gay Alliance, Windy City Gay Chorus, and Chi-Town Squares. He played a key part in the NAMES Project's Chicago chapter and was a charter member of Test Positive Aware Network. Born in 1943, he died of AIDS complications in 1991.

R. SUE CONNOLLY (2003): As a bank officer, she has brought expertise, her employer's resources, and her own to help charities, especially those serving sexual-minority communities. She has been a leader in the Chicago House social service agency, the Gay Games efforts of Chicago 2006, Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, and Center on Halsted.

T. CHRIS COTHRAN (1995, now deceased): He was a veteran member of PrideChicago, which plans the annual pride parade. He helped to lead local and national gay and lesbian business organizations; the National Coalition of Black Lesbians and Gays; Kupona Network; and the current Advisory Council on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Issues' precursors. He died in 1996.

SARAH CRAIG (posthumous 1995): She joined *GayLife's* staff in the late 1970s and rose to become coeditor. Then she started a typesetting business that helped many gay and lesbian groups. She became heavily involved in gay and lesbian political efforts and, as journalist and colorful speaker, pushed for a city gay rights bill. In the late 1980s she was associate editor of *Windy City Times* for five years. She died in 1994.

JON-HENRI DAMSKI (1991, now deceased): He was an essayist and a columnist for *GayLife*, *Gay Chicago Magazine*, *Windy City Times*, and ultimately *Nightlines* and *Outlines*. His lobbying was important to the passage of a Chicago human rights law in 1988 and a Chicago hate crimes law in 1990. Born in 1937, he died of melanoma complications in 1997.

JAMES C. DARBY (1997): After cofounding the Chicago chapter of Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Veterans of America (now American Veterans for Equal Rights), he tirelessly promoted it during a period of intense controversy over equal military service rights. He became recording secretary of the city's Advisory Council on Veterans Affairs and ultimately national president of GLBVA. He is also an inveterate photodocumentarian of gay and lesbian public events.

SAMUEL F. DAVIS, JR. (posthumous 1994): From 1987, as entrepreneur and attorney, he developed a nurturing environment particularly for Chicago's gay and lesbian African Americans. Bars he cofounded were Dēeks, Pangea, and the Clubhouse. He also aided the Kupona Network, the Minority Outreach Intervention Project, and the Reimer Foundation.

JACK DELANEY (1996): A supporter of many groups, he joined Dignity/Chicago in 1977 and later served as its president and a member of DignityUSA's board. He has chaired Chicago House's board, served as Windy City Athletic Association commissioner, cochaired the 48th Ward Gay and Lesbian Coalition, and served on the boards of the Frank M. Rodde III Memorial Building Fund, the Illinois Federation for Human Rights Political Action Committee, and the Edgewater Community Council.

JOHN D'EMILIO (2005): His work in the field of LGBT history has had wide impact. He has published eight books and has been on the faculty of the University of Illinois at Chicago since 1999, where he is professor of history and women's and gender studies. His research was cited in the Supreme Court's *Lawrence v. Texas* decision invalidating sodomy laws. He has lectured widely and served on numerous boards, including that of the Gerber/Hart Library for several years.

DIGNITY/CHICAGO (1997): Since 1972, the local Dignity chapter has served the needs of gay and lesbian Roman Catholics and advocated for the full participation of sexual minorities in church life. It has also been outspoken on issues of lesbian and gay rights in civil society.

LAURIE J. DITTMAN (1998): She has been active in local independent politics and in gay and lesbian organizing. She was a chief lobbyist during passage of city and county laws against sexual-orientation discrimination. A former official of IVI-IPO, IMPACT, and the Human Rights Campaign Fund, she became a deputy city treasurer and the highest-ranking openly gay or lesbian Chicago city official at that time.

THOM DOMBKOWSKI (1992, now deceased): He was a leader in conceiving and organizing Chicago House and Social Service Agency, where he also served as principal fund-raiser and eventually as executive director. He also conceived the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame and brought it to fruition during his tenure on the city Advisory Council on Gay and Lesbian Issues. He died in 2006 of complications from AIDS.

RANDY DUNCAN (1999): An internationally known choreographer, he has used his dance talents to raise funds to fight AIDS and to include gay and lesbian themes in his body of work. He was artistic director of Joseph Holmes Chicago Dance Theatre for seven years, and his works have been performed by other companies including the Joffrey Ballet of Chicago.

KEITH ELLIOTT (2001): A dancer, choreographer, and producer, he has spent more than 13 years in organizing annual "Dance for Life" fund-raisers and ancillary events benefiting dancers and others fighting HIV/AIDS. He has also contributed to other activities such as Howard Brown Health Center "Who's That Girl?" fund-raisers and the Chicago Gay Men's Chorus.

EQUALITY ILLINOIS (2005): Formed in 1992 as the Illinois Federation for Human Rights, this group joined in efforts to pass the Cook County Human Rights Ordinance in 1993 and then benefited all of Illinois in 2005 by shepherding to its successful conclusion a 31-year campaign for a statewide law against discrimination because of sexual orientation and, now, gender identity.

SARA FEIGENHOLTZ (2001): She was selected as a "Friend of the Community" for her service since 1995 as a state representative from the North Side's 12th District in supporting human rights protection and in helping to win funds to fight HIV/AIDS and assist other community projects.

JAMES W. FLINT (1991): A well-known businessman, he is founder and owner of the Miss Continental Pageant, a national contest for female impersonators, and owns the long-established Baton Show Lounge and other businesses. He has also been active in Democratic Party politics.

ROBERT T. FORD (1993, now deceased): He pioneered outreach of the gay cultural experience into the African American community through publication of the 'zine *Thing* and as writer for numerous publications. He died in 1994.

JEANNETTE HOWARD FOSTER, Ph.D. (posthumous 1998): Born in 1895, she was an educator, librarian, translator, poet, scholar, and author of the first critical study of lesbian literature, *Sex Variant Women in Literature* (1956). She was also the first librarian of Dr. Alfred Kinsey's Institute for Sex Research, and she influenced generations of librarians and gay and lesbian literary figures. She died in 1981.

ROBERT BONVOULOIR FOSTER (posthumous 2003): As an openly gay, high-achieving student and lawyer, he was chief founder of the Lesbian and Gay Bar Association of Chicago and a volunteer attorney at Howard Brown Memorial Clinic. He died of AIDS complications in 1991. His bequest helped to open Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund's Chicago office.

FRONTRUNNERS/FRONTWALKERS CHICAGO (1995): Formed in 1982 as Frontrunners Chicago to promote running-related activities, the gay and lesbian club now has dozens of counterparts in this country and abroad. It is the largest walking and running club in Chicago and has raised thousands of dollars for lesbian and gay groups as well as AIDS, lesbian health, and general community charities.

HENRY BLAKE FULLER (posthumous 2000): Born in 1857, he was an author, poet, critic, and composer. He wrote novels and short-story collections that were set in Chicago. His 1896 play *At Saint Judas's* was effectively the first play on a homosexual theme published in America. In 1919, he courageously published a philosophic novel centered on homosexual characters, *Bertram Cope's Year*. He died in 1929.

FRANK GALATI (2004): An internationally known actor, director, screenwriter, and playwright, he has shed new light on the works of Gertrude Stein. He has been an ensemble member of the Steppenwolf Theatre Company since 1985 and Goodman Theatre associate director since 1986. He also teaches at Northwestern University.

RICK GARCIA (1999): After moving to Chicago in 1986, he continued as a high-profile activist and helped to lead the final stage of a 15-year struggle to pass a 1988 ordinance against sexual-orientation discrimination. He was the founding executive director of Equality Illinois. In Roman Catholic circles, he also has worked extensively in behalf of the church's lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender adherents.

RICHARD GARRIN (1993): He was founding director of Windy City Gay Chorus and for more than 15 years brought musical excellence to local and national audiences, serving as an ambassador of goodwill for the gay and lesbian community.

JIM GATES (2002): Soon after his 1967 Chicago arrival, he was a leader in the early homophile organization known as ONE of Chicago. By 1975 he had opened Little Jim's, North Halsted Street's first gay bar, which helped to pave the way for the commercial district's revitalization. This pioneer has consistently supported community charities and encouraged his customers to do so.

GAY CHICAGO MAGAZINE (1991): Originally founded in 1976 as *Gay Chicago News*, the magazine has continued to publish up-to-date information on lifestyle, entertainment, bar, and organization events in Chicago's gay and lesbian community.

CHICAGO CHAPTER OF THE GAY, LESBIAN, AND STRAIGHT EDUCATION NETWORK (2000): Beginning in 1994, through organizing, advocacy, and in-school programming, the group benefited youth, staff members, and the community by fostering nondiscrimination in school settings. In 2006, it became known as Creating Safe Schools for Illinois.

HENRY GERBER (posthumous 1992): He was the founder of Chicago's Society for Human Rights in 1924, the first gay rights organization in the United States.

GERBER/HART LIBRARY (1996): Founded in 1981 and marking its 25th anniversary this year, Gerber/Hart Library is the Midwest's largest and most distinguished LGBT archives, library, and cultural center.

RALPH PAUL GERNHARDT (2004, now deceased): Beginning in 1975, he brought news to Chicago through *Gay Chicago Magazine* and other media. He also launched and sponsored sports groups, organized fund-raisers for a variety of causes, promoted safer sex, and raised thousands of dollars to fight HIV/AIDS. Born in 1934, he died of cancer in 2006.

FRANK GOLEY (posthumous) and ROBERT MADDOX (2001): They helped to pioneer openly gay businesses in Chicago beginning in 1972 with their Male Hide Leathers store. There, Goley created many designs that found favor with leather and motorcycle enthusiasts worldwide, gay and nongay, for their originality and craftsmanship.

ADRIENNE J. GOODMAN (1994): She was named a "Friend of the Community" for her commitment to lesbian and gay inclusion in politics. She chaired Grant L. Ford's openly gay 1975 campaign for 44th Ward alderman. As City Council staffer and Democratic Party activist, she advocated for gay and lesbian rights.

THE GRAHAM FAMILY (2003): William, Nannette, Will, and Amelia Graham received a "Friend of the Community" award for efforts against racism and homophobia within their United Methodist denomination, including their pursuit of a sexual-orientation discrimination claim against a campground in Des Plaines.

JEFF GRAUBART-CERVONE (1993): He has been an activist and advocate for gay and lesbian human rights for more than 25 years in the Midwest and Chicago. He participated in the passage of human rights legislation, the effort to overcome the anti-gay and -lesbian efforts of Anita Bryant, and 1970s demonstrations for same-sex marriage.

RICHARD LEE GRAY (1992): He has committed himself since the 1970s to serve the needs of the African American gay and lesbian community. He also developed and presented educational programs for gay and lesbian youth dealing with sexuality and health.

VERNITA GRAY (1992): She organized a gay and lesbian hotline in 1969 and hosted support groups in her home. She has published extensively in literary and poetry magazines and was an early leader in the Chicago gay liberation movement.

IDA GREATHOUSE (posthumous 1997): Born in 1952, as mother and activist she drew national attention to the needs of herself and of others living with AIDS. She advocated visibly for increased AIDS funding and for special programs for women and children with AIDS. For this, she was selected as a "Friend of the Community." She died in 1995.

PEG GREY (1992): She has provided key leadership over two decades in building lesbian and gay athletic programs and organizations and in organizing lesbian and gay teachers, besides being a champion athlete herself.

ARLENE HALKO (1996): After joining Dignity/Chicago in 1975, she became its first lesbian president and was on its board for five years. She was a cofounder of Chicago House in 1985 and has tirelessly assisted it. As a medical physicist, she was a familiar face on Cook County Hospital's AIDS ward until 1993, and as owner of Piggens Pub from 1982 to 1989 she used the bar as a community support vehicle.

JOEL HALL (1993): As impresario, choreographer, company founder, and dance instructor, he is one of Chicago's cultural treasures. With international credentials and recognition, he is committed to the art of dance and the training and presentation of Chicago's youth through the dance medium.

JOHN R. HAMMELL (posthumous 1997): As an American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois lawyer, he fought for gay and lesbian rights and for the rights of persons living with HIV and AIDS. He also helped to lead in other groups, including Howard Brown Health Center and the AIDS Foundation of Chicago. Born in 1957, he died of AIDS complications in 1995.

PHILIP A. HANNEMA (2000): For many years, he has provided ongoing and reliable volunteer support to a variety of Chicago gay and lesbian community organizations as staff member and officer, treasurer and photographer, cheerleader and fund-raiser, and constant donor. He celebrated his 80th birthday in 2006.

RENEE C. HANOVER (1991): A well-known attorney who often provided her services pro bono, she was long a high-visibility advocate for lesbian and gay rights. She has worked for civil rights legislation of all kinds and has vigorously opposed all forms of discrimination in the law and in society. In 2000, she retired to Los Angeles, where she now lives at age 80.

LORRAINE HANSBERRY (posthumous 1999): Born in Chicago in 1930 and best known for *A Raisin in the Sun*, which in 1959 became the first play by an African American woman to open on Broadway, she was an early supporter of equal rights regardless of sexual orientation. Same-sex attraction figured in some of her work, and she is credited with writing two pro-lesbian 1957 letters in *The Ladder*, an early lesbian periodical. She died in 1965.

JEAN V. HARDISTY (1995): She helped to open Chicago's first shelter for battered women; has written and organized for women's social and health needs; and, besides private philanthropy, cofounded the Crossroads Fund, a nontraditional funder of many gay, lesbian, and AIDS groups. In 1981, she formed what is now Political Research Associates, of Cambridge, Mass., which educates the public on right-wing tactics.

JORJET HARPER (1998): For more than 20 years, she has commented on gay- and lesbian-related topics in publications throughout the country. Her "Lesbomania" columns and performances have tackled homophobia and built community through humor. Books include *Lesbomania* and *Tales from the Dyke Side*. More recently, she has been a speaker and educator on lesbian and gay issues and history.

GREGORY "GREG" HARRIS (1996): Since 1992, as an openly gay man living with AIDS, he has been chief of staff for 48th Ward Ald. Mary Ann Smith. He has given much volunteer time to AIDS-related causes and was cofounder and first president of AIDS Walk Chicago and of Open Hand Chicago. He was instrumental in securing same-sex domestic partnership benefits for Chicago city government employees. In 2006, he was picked by the Democratic Party to replace retiring state Rep. Larry McKeon.

PEARL M. HART (posthumous 1992): She spent her entire legal career of 61 years defending the civil rights of all persons.

DERRICK ALLEN HICKS (1999, now deceased): He organized in the African American lesbian and gay communities of Chicago and Washington, D. C., for more than 20 years. He founded *Diplomat* magazine and helped to lead AIDS, political, and social service groups. Born in 1955, he died in 2002.

EARNEST E. HITE, JR. (1994): In 1987, he cofounded Image Plus to provide social support for young gay and bisexual males of African descent. As an HIV/AIDS health educator and youth worker who is openly HIV-positive and gay, he has assisted community-based groups, especially those serving African Americans.

SARAH LUCIA HOAGLAND (2000): She has been an influential exponent of lesbian feminist values during some 20 years on the faculty of Northeastern Illinois University, where she is professor of philosophy and women's studies. Her work includes a 1988 book, *Lesbian Ethics: Toward New Value*. She is a collective member of the Institute of Lesbian Studies.

HORIZONS COMMUNITY SERVICES (1992): Established in 1973 as Gay Horizons, the organization served as the Midwest's largest and most comprehensive social service agency meeting the needs of Chicago's diverse gay and lesbian community. The services traditionally provided by it will form the core of programming at Center on Halsted.

HOWARD BROWN HEALTH CENTER (1991): Founded in 1974 as Howard Brown Memorial Clinic, it has distinguished itself as the Midwest's leading provider of support services to and for people living with AIDS and HIV disease, and as an internationally recognized center for hepatitis and AIDS/HIV research.

TONDA L. HUGHES, Ph.D., R.N. (2003): As researcher, advocate, and educator, she has made outstanding contributions in the area of lesbian health. Besides innovative research projects, she has advised government and private health and social service agencies, organized conferences, and made many public educational presentations. She teaches at the College of Nursing in the University of Illinois at Chicago.

CHUCK HYDE (2001): While working out of the limelight as businessman and fund-raising advisor, he has helped sexual-minority community organizations since 1982 to produce successful benefits and has assiduously fostered relationships between them and underwriters in the business community.

ANTONIO DAVID JIMENEZ (2001): A social service administrator and HIV/AIDS educator, he conducted more than a decade of innovative risk-reduction activism among African American and Latino men who have sex with men, chiefly as leader of the Minority Outreach Intervention Project.

JUDITH S. JOHNS (1991): She was inducted as a "Friend of the Community" for her dedication to the gay and lesbian community in the development and promotion of programs and services in response to the AIDS pandemic.

CAROL A. JOHNSON (1991): She was the Midwest AIDS Project Coordinator at the Service Employees International Union in Chicago. She presented workshops for lesbians, lobbied for legislation, and worked to institute public policies favorable to the lesbian and gay community.

ARTHUR L. JOHNSTON (1998): For three decades, he has been a community activist. As partner in the innovative video bar Sidetrack, he aided gay and lesbian businesses' growth and made many contributions to charitable and political efforts. He was an early leader of what is now the Metropolitan Sports Association, and he was an important organizer in passage of Chicago, Cook County, and Illinois human rights legislation.

IRA H. JONES (posthumous 1998): In Mattachine Midwest and other venues, for well over 20 years he was one of Chicago's most visible, energetic spokespersons for sexual-minority rights. He was a leader in the gay and lesbian business community, active in Episcopal religious circles as an openly gay advocate, committed to racial justice, a worker in Regular Democratic organizations, and a leader in many gay and lesbian groups. He died in 1986 of a heart attack.

RICK KARLIN (1997): For more than 20 years, he has been a visible public figure in print and onstage. He has lent his talents to countless charitable events, cofounded the city's first gay parents group, volunteered extensively for Horizons Community Services, been a leading advocate for gay and lesbian teachers, and contributed his writings to all the local gay and lesbian media.

NANCY J. KATZ (2000): She became the first self-identified lesbian judge in Illinois when she was appointed in 1999 as an associate judge of the Cook County Circuit Court. She was later elected to a full judgeship. Her community and professional work dates to the 1970s in lesbian feminist, domestic violence, political, legal assistance, and family welfare settings.

CORINNE KAWECKI (1997): Beginning in 1985, she became a quiet but indefatigable volunteer and leader at Horizons Community Services. She has also been active in women's sports groups, the Chicago Abused Women's Coalition, and the Lesbian Community Cancer Project, serving as president of the latter.

CLIFFORD P. KELLEY (1998): A former member of the Chicago City Council, he is a "Friend of the Community" for having become in 1973, at some political risk, the pioneering lead sponsor of Chicago's first proposed ordinance to ban sexual-orientation discrimination. His perseverance helped to get it taken seriously. Though his Council tenure had already ended, a version of the proposal finally passed in 1988.

WILLIAM B. KELLEY (1991): Since 1965, he has led in many pioneering efforts—among them helping to organize the first national gay and lesbian conferences (1966), cofounding the *Chicago Gay Crusader* and Illinois Gays for Legislative Action (early 1970s), taking part in the first White House gay rights meeting (1977), cochairing the Illinois Gay Rights Task Force (late 1970s), and cofounding the National Lesbian and Gay Law Association (1988). Now a lawyer, he chaired the Cook County Commission on Human Rights for its first 12 years until 2003 and is still a member.

NICK KELLY (1995): As an activist and a creative talent, he was a vibrant part of Chicago's gay and lesbian community for decades before moving to Wisconsin. He helped to organize Gay Liberation and the Chicago Gay Alliance as the 1970s dawned. As a graphic designer, he produced much material for Chicago gay and lesbian organizations. He was founding president of Toddlin' Town Performing Arts, encompassing gay and lesbian band and choral groups, and later headed the Chicago Gay Men's Chorus.

BILLIE JEAN KING (1999): Building on her tennis stardom to create social change, she has elevated the self-esteem of girls and women through her lifelong struggle for equality in the sports world. She has also raised large sums to fight AIDS, has contributed funds to combat homophobia in schools, and has supported efforts to stem gay and lesbian teenage suicide rates.

DOROTHY KLEFSTAD (1998): She is a "Friend of the Community" for having begun a ceaseless career as a volunteer for lesbian, gay, and AIDS causes after learning that her daughter was a lesbian. This has been in addition to her ongoing volunteerism in nongay church, cultural, health, and environmental activities.

FRANKIE KNUCKLES (1996): As producer, remixer, and DJ, he is the inventor and popularizer of "house" music, known worldwide as "Chicago house" and named after Chicago's Warehouse nightclub, where he drew huge crowds between 1977 and 1987. He is now a DJ and an album producer of international stature.

BRUCE KOFF (1994): He has significantly aided Chicago's and the nation's gay and lesbian community in social services and mental health, especially from 1984 to 1990 as executive director of Horizons Community Services after being on its staff since 1976. He now has a clinical and teaching practice in psychotherapy.

DANNY KOPELSON (2000): Since 1981, he has been an indefatigable arts and AIDS fund-raiser and a mainstay of the Chicago Gay Men's Chorus, of which he is a founding member. He has produced special events, including "Dance for Life," that have raised millions of dollars to fight AIDS.

SUZANNE MARIE KRAUS (2004): She has fostered social change through activism since 1977. She was a founder of the Lesbian Community Cancer Project, helped to promote the 1993 March on Washington, developed sexual-minority outreach by the Cook County state's attorney's office, and was a leader of the International Network of Lesbian and Gay Officials. She currently works for Windy City Media Group.

MARIE J. KUDA (1991): For 40 years, she has worked as activist, historian, archivist, writer, lecturer, and publisher to promote and preserve positive images of lesbians and gay men. She organized five national lesbian writers conferences, published the first annotated lesbian bibliography, *Women Loving Women*, and is still contributing to literary reference materials and writing columns.

LOUIS I. LANG (2002): As a state representative, he has distinguished himself by his attention and commitment to human rights and human welfare. For this and for his support of AIDS funding and of laws against hate crimes and sexual-orientation discrimination, he was chosen as a "Friend of the Community."

NANCY LANOUE (1993): She is a leader in the movement to combat violence against women and to promote their self-defense. Herself a survivor, she has also been a major leader in education, outreach, and service delivery for survivors of breast cancer.

MICHAEL A. LEPPEN (2001): As philanthropist, fund-raiser, and board member, he has provided leadership and financial support for a large variety of nonprofit organizations in the Chicago area and elsewhere, many of them serving sexual-minority communities and addressing concerns such as HIV/AIDS, lesbian health, youth work, and mass media.

LESBIAN COMMUNITY CANCER PROJECT (1999): Since 1990 as the first effort of its kind in the Midwest, it has provided one-on-one support, direct services, and peer support groups for women with cancer and their families of choice. It has also educated medical providers about lesbian health needs.

LESBiGAY RADIO (1998): Founded by Alan Amberg, for more than five years it was unique for presenting a Chicago-area radio broadcast serving a lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender audience. It was the nation's first such show in a daily drivetime slot. It launched many service projects, helped to publicize the activities of all community sectors, and achieved wide local and national recognition.

ELLIS B. LEVIN (1994): An Illinois state representative from 1977 to 1995, he was named a "Friend of the Community" for his longtime sponsorship of lesbian and gay rights bills, women's rights measures, and other legislation addressing gay and lesbian, AIDS, and women's health concerns.

LINCOLN PARK LAGOONERS (2004): This group, which developed from volleyball games regularly held in the park during the 1970s, is devoted to social interaction, organized activities, and charitable fundraising. It has contributed thousands of dollars over the years to groups fighting HIV/AIDS, cancer, and homophobia.

LIONHEART GAY THEATRE COMPANY (1994): It was the first Midwest performing arts organization to produce gay and lesbian works. This all-volunteer group under Rick Paul's guidance mounted more than 40 original plays in more than 100 performances from the 1970s to 1994, often donating proceeds to lesbian and gay organizations.

PATRICIA M. LOGUE (2003): For 13 years since opening Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund's Chicago office, she has worked tirelessly to achieve full recognition of the civil rights of lesbians, gay males, bisexuals, transgender persons, and persons living with HIV disease, both here and nationally. Cases in which she has led, including *Lawrence v. Texas*, have established important national precedents.

PATRICIA S. McCOMBS (2000): She is a veteran organizer and social service volunteer. Besides cofounding Executive Sweet, a "traveling club" for women of color, she has assisted the Michigan Womyn's Music Festival for decades and has helped to lead several lesbian and African American organizations.

MIKE McHALE (2005): During law school, then as an assistant Cook County state's attorney since 1991, as a leader of Equality Illinois, and as a neighborhood activist, he has distinguished himself by professional excellence, personal openness, and mentorship. In 2006, he won the Democratic nomination for judge of the Cook County Circuit Court.

LARRY McKEON (1997): He made a historic, indelible mark on Chicago politics in 1996 by winning an Illinois House of Representatives seat as the state's first openly gay or lesbian state legislator. In his fifth term, he chaired the Labor Committee and vice-chaired the Housing and Urban Development Committee. Earlier, he served effectively as director of Chicago's Advisory Council on Gay and Lesbian Issues, held leading positions in social service administration, and was a police officer. He will retire from the Legislature at the end of his term in January 2007.

HARLEY McMILLEN (1992): He played an important role in formation of the Howard Brown Memorial Clinic, now known as the Howard Brown Health Center. He was instrumental in organizing the AIDS Action Project, which contributed in large part to development of the City of Chicago's comprehensive AIDS Strategic Plan. He is now retired in Wisconsin.

SCOTT McPHERSON (1992, now deceased): He was one of the first openly gay, HIV-positive American artists, a renowned playwright and accomplished actor. He was the author of the critically acclaimed play *Marvin's Room*, later made into a film. Born in 1959, he died of AIDS complications in 1992.

ROBERT MADDOX (2001): See FRANK GOLEY and ROBERT MADDOX.

MATTACHINE MIDWEST (2002): From 1965 to 1986, the group carved a permanent place for itself in Chicago history as the city's first enduring gay rights organization. Formed in a period of repression, it pursued a course of political activity, education, and social service that blazed paths for successor organizations. Many of its members have already died, but their contributions remain.

MERRY MARY (2005): She was inducted as a "Friend of the Community" for her countless volunteer contributions since 1979 to Howard Brown Health Center, local choruses and Roman Catholic groups, Chi-Town Squares, Vital Bridges, and other community efforts.

METROPOLITAN SPORTS ASSOCIATION (1992): This group is a recognized leader in the Midwest and the nation in providing organized athletic activities, including local, national, and international athletic events.

ELLEN A. MEYERS (2001): As a lesbian and gay political organizer and now deputy director of intergovernmental affairs for Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White, she has spent more than 15 years in supporting human rights laws, persons affected by HIV/AIDS or aging, and electoral involvement.

TONY MIDNITE (1996): After coming to Chicago in 1951 as a female impersonator, he opened a costume design studio and eventually worked 16-hour days to meet worldwide demand. He defied police disapproval of such shows in the early 1950s by booking the Jewel Box Revue for a sold-out run, which set a precedent. In 2000, he moved to Las Vegas. His reminiscences span more than 50 years of visible gay life.

Rev. SID L. MOHN, D. Min. (1993): He was the first openly gay individual ordained in the Illinois Conference of the United Church of Christ. He continues to be a prominent leader in Chicago's not-for-profit social service community, having major impact on policies and services to meet the needs of immigrants, refugees, homeless, youth, and persons living with HIV and AIDS.

MARY F. MORTEN (1996): The first African American president of the National Organization for Women's Chicago chapter, she contributed to books and created a video documentary on African American lesbians' experiences. She campaigned for a revised home-based-business ordinance, chaired the Chicago Abortion Fund and the city Advisory Council on Women, and directed the city Advisory Council on Gay and Lesbian Issues and the city Office of Violence Prevention. She now heads her own social-change consulting firm.

MOUNTAIN MOVING COFFEEHOUSE FOR WOMYN AND CHILDREN (1993): It was the longest-lived, continuously-running, women-only space in the nation. For more than 30 years, it presented lesbian-feminist-oriented culture and music. The collective was operated totally by volunteers and was open to "all womyn-born womyn" who wished to participate. It presented the final performances of its final season in 2005.

MULRYAN AND YORK, ATTORNEYS AT LAW (2004): Since 1989, this professional partnership of Mary M. York and Rosemary Mulryan has been a resource for specialized legal representation as well as a contributor of leadership and expertise to numerous nonprofit organizations.

KATHRYN MUNZER (2001): As a social service professional and volunteer arts booker, she has spent more than 20 years in helping Chicago's Mountain Moving Coffeehouse, in developing lesbian musicians and other artists, and in fostering lesbian culture.

NAMES PROJECT CHICAGO CHAPTER (2002): Since being formed in the wake of Washington's 1987 AIDS Memorial Quilt display, Chicago's NAMES Project chapter has been a Quilt custodian and has brought its message to schools, churches, and other venues during the continuing battle to bring an end to AIDS.

IFTI NASIM (1996): Born in Pakistan, he wrote *Narman*, an award-winning book of Urdu poetry—said to be the first direct statement of “gay” longings and desires ever to appear in that language. Its courageous publication met with revilement but critical acclaim and inspired other Pakistani poets. He cofounded Sangat/Chicago and has been president of the South Asian Performing Arts Council of America.

CHARLES EDWARD NELSON II (2002): Since 1989, when he helped to found the Minority Outreach Intervention Project, he has worked on HIV-prevention programs for same-gender-loving men of color. Always self-identifying as gay, he developed a “down low” social categorization that has helped in devising new prevention programs for such men.

DAWN CLARK NETSCH (1995): She was selected as a “Friend of the Community” for her long career of public service as Illinois constitution writer, legislator, and state comptroller, especially her support of lesbian and gay rights and of efforts against HIV/AIDS.

CHARLOTTE NEWFELD (1996): A civic activist and tenacious advocate for gay and lesbian Chicagoans since the early 1970s, this “Friend of the Community” lobbied for human rights ordinances, for a mayoral liaison and committee on gay and lesbian issues, and for an increased city AIDS budget. She led the Lake View Citizens' Council's board in support of a domestic partnership ordinance in 1996. For more than 30 years she has urged and actively backed gay and lesbian political participation.

MONA NORIEGA (2002): As an activist since the 1970s, she has developed programs to serve lesbian mothers and their families, organized programs for Latina lesbians and other lesbians of color, helped to open Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund's Midwest office, served as a business consultant, and cochaired the original effort to bring the 2006 Gay Games to Chicago.

RENAE OGLETREE (1998): She has engaged in wide-ranging volunteer and professional activities that have brought people together around issues of diversity, development, and health care within Chicago's gay and lesbian communities. She is a health care activist, a professional youth services executive, and cofounded and has cochaired Chicago Black Lesbians and Gays.

DEAN ROBERT OGREN (1998): He is an exemplar volunteer who has tirelessly shared his talents with many organizations, including the NAMES Project, Open Hand Chicago, AIDS Walk Chicago, Habitat for Humanity, Special Olympics, United Way, International Mr. Leather, and state Rep. Larry McKeon's historic 1996 electoral campaign. He puts in more volunteer hours in a year than many do in a lifetime.

OPEN HAND CHICAGO (1994): Founded in 1988, it became Chicago's only in-home meals program for persons living with AIDS and served more than 3 million meals. It expanded throughout the city, added other nutrition programs, and cooperated with other groups targeting specific ethnic populations. In 2002, it merged into the new Vital Bridges organization.

DOM OREJUDOS (posthumous 1992): He was a dancer and choreographer with the Illinois Ballet Company for 15 years, a respected businessman, a major figure in founding the International Mr. Leather pageants, and an internationally known artist, famous for his male physique studies drawn under the name Etienne. Born in 1933, he died of AIDS complications in 1991.

KATHY OSTERMAN (posthumous 1993): As a "Friend of the Community," 48th Ward alderman, city special events director, and longtime political activist, she helped to forge critical links between Chicago government and the lesbian and gay community. She played a crucial role in passage of the city's human rights ordinance. Born in 1943, she died of cancer in 1992.

DAVID G. OSTROW, M.D., Ph.D. (1997): He has been a bold, innovative leader in addressing critical issues of gay men's health for more than three decades. He was a cofounder of Howard Brown Health Center, inspired and helped to lead major national HIV/AIDS studies, and is an award-winning writer and teacher in psychiatry, biochemistry, and epidemiology.

PFLAG/CHICAGO (2004): This chapter of the national Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays traces its local origins to a group organized by Guy Warner in 1977 called Parents of Gays. For serving both parents and their children so devotedly over the years, this group consistently receives acclaim whenever it makes a public appearance.

JOSÉ (PEPIN) PENA (1995): As a pioneering video artist at Sidetrack, he has created a unique style of showtune entertainment in a bar environment for thousands of Chicagoans and visitors to enjoy as they grow communally. With his business and domestic partner, he has also made the bar into a source of political and financial support for AIDS work and lesbian and gay rights efforts.

JOHN PENNYCUFF (2003): On front lines, on sidelines, and behind the scenes, besides supporting reproductive choice and AIDS funding, he has been an outspoken, proud, and ceaseless activist since 1991 for sexual-minority rights in civil society and his United Methodist denomination. His commitment, courage, and energy have made him a model for direct-action, educational, and political work toward equality.

ADRENE PEROM (1999, now deceased): She was a "Friend of the Community" whose North Side gay bar, Big Red's, nurtured Chicago institutions in their growth during the 1970s and 1980s. She sponsored sports teams that were supportive social milieus for hundreds, held countless fund-raisers, worked with other business owners, and helped to start and supported Chicago House. Born in 1935, she died in 2000.

RICHARD W. PFEIFFER (1993): For more than 30 years he has been an activist and organizational volunteer. He headed the Chicago Gay Alliance (which ran the city's first community center) and founded the Gay Activists Coalition (the first gay and lesbian organization at a City Colleges of Chicago campus). He is best known for leading PrideChicago, which facilitates the annual pride parade.

JIM PICKETT (2005): As writer, activist, openly HIV-positive gay man, and policy leader, he has played a community role for more than a decade. He has worked to empower those in the LGBT and the HIV/AIDS populations to take responsibility for their health. He is now director of public policy at the AIDS Foundation of Chicago.

MARY D. POWERS (1992): She was recognized as a “Friend of the Community” for what is now more than 30 years of commitment in addressing abusive police behavior and being a consistent advocate for gay and lesbian rights both in civil society and in her church as a Roman Catholic.

QUEER NATION CHICAGO (1995): As a direct-action group supporting those who are bisexual, gay, lesbian, or transgender (collectively, queer), it developed test cases under nondiscrimination ordinances, mounted public protests and commemorations, and sponsored an annual antiviolence march.

The Rev. JUAN REED (2005): Since his 1991 arrival at St. Martin’s Episcopal Church as an out and affirming vicar, this ex-social worker has made a once-declining parish into a place where progressive GLBT persons can share worship openly with their fellow heterosexual Christians.

CHARLES “CHUCK” RENSLOW (1991): An internationally known gay businessman and photographer, he opened the Gold Coast in the early 1960s. It was one of Chicago’s first openly gay enterprises and one of the first leather bars in the world. He also published *GayLife*, has financially aided many gay rights efforts since the 1960s, and has been active in local and national Democratic Party politics. He cofounded the International Mr. Leather contest and set up the Leather Museum and Archives.

LINDA S. RODGERS (1993): As a successful businesswoman, fund-raiser, and activist, she combined her business acumen and community consciousness to promote projects and political actions in support of lesbian and gay human rights and community needs. She now lives in Florida.

JULIO RODRIGUEZ (2004): For nearly 20 years, he has been a tireless advocate for Latinos and Latinas among LGBT persons and for LGBT persons among Latinos and Latinas. In 1989, he cofounded ALMA, the city’s first group for gay and bisexual Latinos. He has aided the Center on Halsted, the AIDS Foundation of Chicago, and philanthropic and youth substance abuse programs.

CAROL RONEN (2005): She was inducted as a “Friend of the Community” for more than 10 years as a state legislator who has worked tirelessly for a law against sexual-orientation and gender-identity discrimination and for greater HIV/AIDS funding, as well as a variety of other progressive goals including children’s development, health care, violence prevention, women’s rights, education, nurse utilization, and economic justice.

RON SABLE, M.D. (1993, now deceased): As an openly gay physician he cofounded the first comprehensive HIV/AIDS clinic at Cook County Hospital. He was active in local politics, running as an openly gay candidate for 44th Ward alderman and founding IMPACT, a gay and lesbian political action committee. Born in 1945, he died in 1993 of AIDS complications.

TIFFANI ST. CLOUD (1996): By age 18 in 1996, she had become a chief organizer of the Pride group at Chicago’s Whitney Young High School. It quickly became the school’s second-largest organization, despite some initial student resistance. Its goal was to support the self-esteem and rights of students, including those who are gay, lesbian, or bisexual.

VICTOR A. SALVO, JR. (1998): After chairing Chicago’s 1987 National March on Washington Committee, he helped to found the Lesbian and Gay Progressive Democratic Organization and IMPACT, joined the NAMES Project’s local host committee, helped to start Open Hand Chicago’s meals-on-wheels and grocery programs, promoted the 1993 March, and cofounded Gay and Lesbian Building and Trade Professionals.

NORMAN L. SANDFIELD (1999): For more than 30 years, he has been an organizer of gay and lesbian Jewish activities and of Jewish AIDS programs in Chicago and internationally as part of his membership in Chicago's Congregation Or Chadash. He cofounded the Jewish AIDS Network—Chicago and has worked on interfaith relations.

MIKE SAVAGE (posthumous 2005): A social-service activist, he led in building a 41-clinic network for medically underserved persons. He also worked to help persons with addictions and AIDS, the homeless and poor, immigrants, and women with cervical cancer, and he was active in GLBT civil rights and Roman Catholic groups. He was born in 1952 and died in a 2004 rafting accident.

NAN SCHAFFER, D.V.M. (2004): Having achieved distinction by both charitable and scientific contributions, she has donated hundreds of thousands of dollars and much time and wisdom to a wide range of Chicago organizations during the past three decades. As a veterinary doctor, she is also an internationally known expert on rhinoceroses and their reproduction.

BRUCE C. SCOTT (1993, now deceased): A Chicago resident for more than 50 years, he successfully fought federal anti-gay employment policies in groundbreaking lawsuits. In a 1965 decision with far-reaching implications, the U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington, D.C., ruled that a vague charge of "homosexuality" could not disqualify one from federal government jobs. Scott was also a founding officer of Mattachine Midwest. Born in 1912, he died in 2001.

GREGG SHAPIRO (1999): He is both a literary figure and a music and literary critic. Besides writing his own poetry and fiction, he has fostered awareness of Chicago's gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender literary excellence. His expertise in popular music is widely recognized.

HELEN SHILLER (2000): She was inducted as a "Friend of the Community" for more than 30 years as a progressive activist and for service as 46th Ward alderman since 1987, during which periods she has often advocated for sexual-minority communities and for persons living with HIV and AIDS.

CATHERINE SIKORA (2005): She has successfully campaigned for sexual-orientation and gender-identity legal protection at city, county, and state levels; documented Chicago LGBT life and activism through skilled photography, including permanently exhibited works depicting the transgender community; and served in numerous organizational board seats and volunteer roles.

DAVID B. SINDT (posthumous 1995): In the 1970s and 1980s, he fought homophobia in civil and religious spheres. As a social worker, he advocated for gay parents and gay children. As a clergyman, he formed what became Presbyterians for Lesbian and Gay Concerns but later had to leave the ministry because of gayness. Born in 1940, he died of AIDS complications in 1986. His house became the first Chicago House—owned residence.

LAWRENCE E. SLOAN (posthumous 2005): He was an innovative Chicago director, producer, and playwright who attracted new, broader audiences to Remains Theatre. He was also the first executive director of Season of Concern, an AIDS fund-raising organization in the theater community. Born in 1959, he died of AIDS complications in 1995.

NORM SLOAN (1996): Since 1988, as a volunteer registrar, he has registered at least 38,000 voters. In some weeks, he registered as many as 1,000 or 2,000. He helped to form the Lesbian and Gay Progressive Democratic Organization and later has worked through Equality Illinois. He also gives volunteer aid to Chicago dance and theater efforts.

ADRIENNE J. SMITH, Ph.D. (1991, now deceased): She was one of the first openly lesbian psychologists within the American Psychological Association. She wrote and edited several publications and appeared on local and national television and radio programs promoting gay and lesbian rights. Born in 1934, she died of cancer in 1992.

ARMANDO L. SMITH (1995): A licensed clinical social worker, he has worked in community-based organizations for more than 20 years and is a mainstay of Chicago lesbian, gay, and AIDS groups. He has led Horizons Community Services' telephone helpline, has headed the AIDS Foundation of Chicago's Service Providers Council, and has served on numerous boards including that of Kupona Network.

CHRISTINA SMITH (2002): Since at least 1994, when she joined efforts to set up a South Side community center for African American lesbian and bisexual women, she has worked to assist women of color. She helped to form Affinity Community Services and served it as board president.

JAMES MONROE SMITH (1995, now deceased): As a quietly persistent young lawyer, in 1988 he founded the AIDS Legal Council of Chicago, an unprecedented vehicle for involving the city's general legal community in helping persons with HIV/AIDS. Before leaving ALCC in 1993, he received the Chicago Bar Association's Maurice Weigle Award for his work. He published two textbooks on AIDS and health care and taught AIDS-related college and law school courses. Born in 1957, he died in 2003.

MARY ANN SMITH (1997): As alderman of Chicago's diverse 48th Ward, this "Friend of the Community" has encouraged gay and lesbian ward leadership and advocated for gay and lesbian rights. Despite opposition, she also firmly backed location of Chicago House's first facility and the San Miguel Apartments in the ward.

MAXSONN "MAX" C. SMITH (1991): This lifelong political and cultural activist has resided in Chicago since his 1976 graduation from Michigan State University. He has been treasurer of the Illinois Gay Rights Task Force; the founder of the Chicago chapter of the National Coalition of Black Gays; an organizer of United Faith Affinitas Church; a member of Adodi Chicago; a columnist for *BLACKlines* and *Identity* magazines; and editor of a book on black men's same-gender-loving relationships, *Staying Power!*

DANIEL SOTOMAYOR (posthumous 1992): He was an openly gay, nationally syndicated political cartoonist and prominent Chicago AIDS activist. He died of AIDS complications in 1992.

LAURENCE E. SPANG, D.D.S. (2003): After losing his job as a federal prison dentist in 1991 because of his HIV status, he led in organizing a Chicago dental clinic for low-income HIV-positive persons, persons with tuberculosis, and those of advanced age. He has also been active in a range of community service activities and now resides in California.

GREGORY A. SPRAGUE (posthumous 1994): Nationally known for research in Chicago lesbian and gay history, he cofounded the Committee on Lesbian and Gay History of the American Historical Association and was active in the Gay Academic Union. In 1978 he founded the Chicago Gay History Project, a precursor of the Gerber/Hart Library.

LAUREN SUGERMAN (2002): For more than 20 years, she has led as an out lesbian in improving economic status and working conditions for women in construction and manufacturing trades. In 1981, she cofounded Chicago Women in Trades, of which she has been director and president. She has served on state and federal boards and chaired the national group Tradeswomen Now and Tomorrow.

MARGE SUMMIT (1993): As a successful businesswoman, she has contributed time, energy, and resources to numerous community organizations. She was a founder of the Chicago chapter of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG), appeared in several video projects, and initiated the "Gay \$" project.

VALERIE TAYLOR (1992, now deceased): Born in 1913, she was an outspoken advocate of lesbian and gay concerns from the 1950s onward and wrote several lesbian-themed novels and poems. She edited the *Mattachine Midwest Newsletter* while in Chicago and was active in the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. Retired in Tucson, she was writing and active in social change until her 1997 death.

STUDS TERKEL (2001): The renowned author and oral historian, broadcast host, commentator, arts supporter, and activist is a "Friend of the Community" because of more than half a century during which his championship of social justice has consistently been marked by support for sexual-minority rights, from backing Pearl M. Hart for alderman in the 1940s to including gay interview subjects in his books.

TEST POSITIVE AWARE NETWORK (2005): Founded in 1987 by Hall of Fame inductee Christopher Clason and 16 others, TPAN has enabled HIV-positive persons to share experiences and information in order to combat isolation and fear. It publishes a renowned national magazine, *Positively Aware*, and has touched and saved many lives.

ELIZABETH E. TOCCI (1994): She opened her first gay bar in 1963 and, beginning in 1971, owned and ran The Patch in Calumet City, which became one of the oldest lesbian-owned establishments in the nation. She is active in local business circles and has long given financial aid and a supportive environment to lesbian and gay persons.

JOANNE E. TRAPANI (1993): After a decade of New York City political activism, she cochaired the Illinois Gay and Lesbian Task Force for several terms and has served as liaison to state and local governments and agencies. In 1997 she joined the Oak Park village board as the first open lesbian elected to office in Illinois, and in 2001 Oak Park voters elected her as village board president. She retired from the board in 2005. She is also a member of the Cook County Commission on Women's Issues.

THOMAS M. TUNNEY (1995): In his early 20s he bought Lake View's venerable Ann Sather Restaurant in 1981 and built it into a virtual community center for lesbian and gay Chicagoans and for older adults. He has been active in neighborhood business groups, IMPACT, Human Rights Campaign, and the Democratic Party. He backed Open Hand Chicago's home-meals program, hosted countless gay and lesbian efforts and the White Crane Wellness Center, and in 2003 was elected Chicago's first openly gay alderman.

RICHARD B. TURNER (1991): As a senior philanthropic administrator, he was cofounder and national president of Funders Concerned About AIDS. He is now manager of corporate contributions for Peoples Energy Corporation. He has led in numerous civic, cultural, and charitable groups and is on Hubbard Street Dance Chicago's advisory board.

MODESTO "TICO" VALLE (1998): He founded the Chicago NAMES Project in 1989, helped to take the 1996 display of the entire AIDS Memorial Quilt to Washington, D.C., and helped to create a national high school Quilt curriculum. He was Open Hand Chicago's first Volunteer Services Director, served on the Horizons Community Services board, and is now deputy executive director of the Center on Halsted.

RENE A. VAN HULLE, JR. (2000): Since the 1970s, he has been vigorously active in community organizations and instrumental in many of their fund-raising projects. He cofounded the Tavern Guild of Chicago and for years has helped to raise community center funds, sponsored sports teams, and supported Chicago House.

LUULE VESS (1998): By founding Project VIDA in 1992, she took the battle against HIV and AIDS far from the lakefront to the streets of Chicago's low-income South Lawndale neighborhood. Project VIDA has won awards and has quickly grown into a major lesbian-gay-friendly AIDS service provider. Earlier, she helped to develop a Cook County Hospital substance abuse program for homeless, HIV-positive injection drug users.

STEVEN F. WAKEFIELD (1994): He has held gay and lesbian executive positions since 1976, including leadership of Howard Brown Memorial Clinic until 1988. He later directed Test Positive Aware Network and the Night Ministry; was a leader in many social service and religious organizations, including several African American ones; and served on the Chicago Board of Health. In 2000, he moved to Seattle, where he directs community education worldwide for a major HIV vaccine trial program.

AL WARDELL (1993, now deceased): From 1978, he was a prominent Chicago gay and lesbian community leader and a mainstay of the Illinois Gay and Lesbian Task Force. He helped to initiate the first sensitivity training on gay and lesbian concerns for the Chicago Police Department and developed gay and lesbian counseling materials for Illinois public schools. Born in 1944, he died in 1995.

DJ SHERON DENISE WEBB (2003): She has been "playing music to suit any occasion" for more than 30 years. During that time, her contributions expanded from simply playing music to paving the way for African American lesbians to gather freely and safely. She has also organized large commercial social events.

JESSE WHITE (1999): This "Friend of the Community" is a longtime Chicago political figure and African American community leader whose support for lesbian and gay rights is part of supporting equal rights for all. In 1974, he became a state legislator and backed bills against sexual-orientation discrimination and hate crimes. He continued to uphold sexual-minority rights as Cook County recorder of deeds and now does so as Illinois secretary of state.

ALBERT N. WILLIAMS (2003): Since 1970, as journalist, theater artist, teacher, and activist, he has made important contributions to Chicago cultural life. His *Chicago Reader* theater reviews won a George Jean Nathan Award, and in the 1980s he was an award-winning editor of *GayLife* and *Windy City Times* newspapers. He has performed and written for musical theater and participated in activist groups. He also teaches at Columbia College.

PHILL WILSON (1999): A Chicago native, he has achieved national prominence as an advocate for persons with AIDS, particularly those of color. He has served as an innovative executive in Los Angeles AIDS agencies and has made many national media appearances. He also helped to found and cochaired the National Black Lesbian and Gay Leadership Forum. He is now chief executive officer of the Black AIDS Institute.

TERRI WORMAN (2004): An openly lesbian community organizer for AARP, she has organized film festivals and senior health and benefits fairs, developed presentations on aging and job issues, and cochaired the Chicago Task Force on LGBT Aging.

ISRAEL WRIGHT (2000): For more than 20 years, he has held volunteer leadership posts in business, social service, cultural, AIDS, and African American organizations. His photographs of community life, including the lives of leathermen, African Americans, and persons with AIDS, have been widely published.

YVONNE ZIPTER (1995): A syndicated columnist, she has often documented the lives of Chicago lesbians and gay men. An award-winning poet, humorist, and essayist, she wrote a book on lesbian softball, *Diamonds Are a Dyke's Best Friend*, as well as *The Patience of Metal* and *Ransacking the Closet*.

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