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Dear Ms. Mary Ann and Mr. Gary...
As Mayor and on behalf of the State of Illinois...
I am honored to congratulate each of you...
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I look forward to your continued success...

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Pat Quinn
GOVERNOR

November 12, 2014

Greetings!

As Governor of the State of Illinois, I am pleased to welcome everyone gathered for the 2014 Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame induction ceremony.

Today's event serves as a wonderful opportunity to honor outstanding Chicagoans for their accomplishments. The lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender communities have made wonderful contributions to the growth and wellbeing of the city and state, and they deserve our respect and commendation for the work they have done. All Illinoisans should be proud of the efforts of these individuals and organizations to provide fairness and equality.

I am honored to congratulate each individual and organization being inducted into the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame this year. I know that each of you 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 recognizing you on this special occasion.

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

Sincerely,

Pat Quinn

Pat Quinn
Governor



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November 12, 2014

**Ms. Mary Morten & Mr. Gary Chichester
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Dear Ms. Morten and Mr. Chichester:

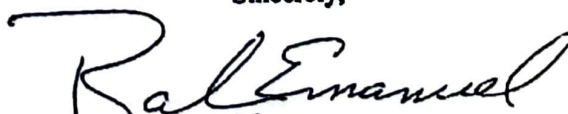
As Mayor and on behalf of the City of Chicago, it is my pleasure to extend warm greetings to all inductees, sponsors, and supporters gathered for the 2014 Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame induction ceremony.

Founded in 1991 with a multifaceted mission centered on uplift and inclusion, the Chicago Gay & Lesbian Hall of Fame has been committed to preserving the distinguished legacies of gay and lesbian activists and leaders since its inception. The lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) communities have made a great many valuable contributions to the City of Chicago. The LGBT community's enduring involvement in the city's cultural, economic, and political spheres highlights the variety of roles it continues to play in our city's bright future. The Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame offers a means for Chicagoans to learn about how individuals and organizations within LGBT and LGBT-friendly communities have often been at the forefront of efforts to unify and enrich our city.

This special event presents an opportunity to celebrate all of those who work to better society by addressing human rights issues and serving the greater community. I congratulate the Chicago Gay & Lesbian Hall of Fame on this, its 23rd anniversary, and commend the organization for creating a lasting institution that underscores human rights issues and the accomplishments of our LGBT residents. I look forward to continued work with the LGBT communities to ensure that all Chicagoans are treated equally and with dignity.

Again, congratulations on this important milestone. I hope you have an enjoyable evening and submit my best wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,


Mayor



COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS CITY OF CHICAGO

November 12, 2014

Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I join with you to celebrate the 23rd Annual Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame, and congratulate this year's inductees. The Chicago Commission on Human Relations serves to protect the rights of all Chicagoans to live in a city free from discrimination and hate. Through the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame, we celebrate the individuals and organizations that challenge harmful stereotypes and who envision a better Chicago for all.

On this 23rd anniversary, I thank the Friends of the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame for their continued commitment and delivery of yet another remarkable and historic event and I thank each inductee for their outstanding work in improving the quality of life for all who call Chicago home.

Inductees are selected for their outstanding contributions that have had a significant impact on the well-being of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer communities and have had an affirmative impact on the City of Chicago. Similar to previous inductees, the thirteen individuals and two organizations selected continue to exemplify selflessness in working on behalf of the larger good—and it is for this reason that we recognize their work and celebrate their achievements. Congratulations to all!

With Warm Wishes,

Mona Noriega
Chairman and Commissioner

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 the world 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, its Advisory Council on Gay and Lesbian Issues (later 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.

Today, after the advisory council's abolition and in partnership with the City, the Hall of Fame is in the custody of Friends of the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame, an Illinois not-for-profit corporation with a recognized charitable tax-deductible status under Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3).

The Hall of Fame honors 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.

A 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 volunteers associated with Friends of the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame.

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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**2014 INDUCTEES
CHICAGO GAY AND LESBIAN HALL OF FAME**

Gerald Arpino

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PHOTO: HERBERT MIGDOLL, JOFFREY BALLET CHICAGO

GERALD ARPINO (*Deceased*)

As co-founder of the Joffrey Ballet in New York with Robert Joffrey in 1956, Gerald Arpino was the nationally known company's associate director for many years and, upon Joffrey's 1988 death, succeeded him as artistic director. In 1995, Arpino and the company moved to Chicago with the help of avid backers here. This year, as the company's 2014–15 season celebrates its 20th year as a major Chicago cultural institution, Arpino joins the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame.

A leading dancer with the company until a 1963 injury, Arpino choreographed his first Joffrey work, *Ropes*, in 1961. In subsequent years, he created more than a third of the Joffrey's repertoire, ranging in theme from social commentary to pure dance. His works have been performed by other troupes worldwide.

He was the only choreographer to have had four ballets performed at the White House (the company was the first to perform there), and he was the first choreographer commissioned to create a ballet honoring the office of the presidency (on its 200th anniversary), *The Pantages and the Palace Present "Two-a-Day,"* a frothy 1989 work. He was the first American commissioned to create a ballet for a city: *Jamboree*, for San Antonio in 1985. In 1993, he produced America's first full-evening rock ballet, *Billboards*, set to music of Prince. The company itself was the first ever to present a rock ballet: Arpino's *Trinity*, which drew acclaim in 1970. In all, Arpino choreographed at least 49 works for the Joffrey Ballet.

Arpino served on numerous boards and councils, including the national advisory council of the USA International Ballet Competition and the board of the Dance Notation Bureau. He fulfilled advisory roles for the New York International Festival of the Arts and the Kennedy Center Honors. He was a member of the Chicago Academy for the Arts board. He held honorary doctorates from the College of Staten Island, the borough where he was born as Gennaro Peter Arpino in 1923; the City University of New York; and Staten Island's Wagner College, which he attended for one year before enlisting in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve in 1942. He received the 1974 *Dance Magazine* award and the Vaslav Nijinsky Medal. The *Chicago Tribune* twice honored him as one of its "Chicagoans of the Year." He died in Chicago in 2008 at age 85.



PHOTO: JENNY FONTAINE

JENNIFER BRIER

Since her 2003 arrival in Chicago as a faculty member in the University of Illinois at Chicago's departments of history and of gender and women's studies, Jennifer Brier has demonstrated her leadership in and commitment to Chicago's LGBT communities, while also advancing the city's LGBT history, education, scholarship, and activism.

She was granted tenure at UIC and is now an associate professor, recently serving as associate dean in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. In 2009, the University of North Carolina Press published her book *Infectious Ideas: U.S. Political Responses to the AIDS Crisis*, based on her Rutgers University doctoral dissertation. She specializes in U.S. gay and lesbian history and the histories of sexuality and gender, and she regularly teaches undergraduate and graduate courses on all these subjects.

Brier has long involved herself in LGBT-related activist, historical, social, and health causes. Examples include being a mentor at the Point Foundation and serving on the planning committee for the "Out at CHM" series at the Chicago History Museum in partnership with Center on Halsted. Since 2005, she has been a speaker in the series or an active and influential voice behind the scenes.

In 2007, Brier was named co-curator with Jill Austin of the CHM's pathbreaking exhibition, *Out in Chicago*, which opened in 2011. That project aimed, as a mainstream history museum exhibition, to tell Chicago's LGBT history and make visitors of all backgrounds, ages, sexualities, and identities aware that LGBT history has been part of Chicago history for more than 150 years. As part of the project, she was also co-editor and a contributing author of *Out in Chicago: LGBT History at the Crossroads*, an accompanying compendium of essays published by CHM, which also preserves some of the most successful and provocative talks from the "Out at CHM" series.

Through her work on boards of the Chicago Cultural Alliance and Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice, Brier has helped to increase visibility of racially and ethnically diverse LGBTQ in Chicago and around the world. She is now director of UIC's Department of Gender and Women's Studies and serves on advisory boards of two university units: the Gender and Sexuality Center and the Jane Addams Hull-House Museum



PHOTO: ISRAEL WRIGHT

KELLY CASSIDY

Kelly Cassidy's first job in Chicago, after arriving here from Florida in 1991, was as legislative director for the Chicago chapter of the National Organization for Women. Her task was to dispel confusion about the legislative process and to empower women to advocate on their own behalf with legislators.

Highlights of her tenure included assisting efforts to pass the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, to defeat numerous bills attacking abortion rights, to pass human rights legislation or amendments at city and county levels, and to resume abortion services at Cook County Hospital (now John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County).

From 1993 to 1997, as she has said, one of her most satisfying jobs was running Illinois state Senator John Cullerton's district office. There she could know that her efforts had solved a constituent's problems, and she learned how often constituent contacts and input led to legislation or intervention with a state agency at a policy level, and ultimately to solutions that affected far more persons than those who may have brought initial attention to an issue. She says she regards using her own district office in the same manner to be her top goal in her current position as state representative.

For 10 years before her April 2011 appointment by Democratic committeemen as state representative of Illinois' 14th District on Chicago's North Side to succeed the incumbent who had resigned, Cassidy was responsible for managing grant and budgetary programs within the Cook County state's attorney's office, for which she had begun to work as a legislative liaison in 1997. There, she led in creating programs for victims of domestic violence, hate crimes, and human trafficking, in addition to programs to address mortgage fraud, support community justice centers, and enhance the use of DNA evidence.

After becoming state representative, she won election to her own full two-year term in 2012. As state representative, her legislative priorities have included small-business economic development, combating gun crimes, and restoring funds for social services. She has also helped to pass marriage-equality legislation and is working on proposals to combat bullying and trans-inclusive hate-crimes legislation.

Cassidy lives in Chicago's Rogers Park neighborhood with her partner, Kelley Quinn; three sons; and two dogs.

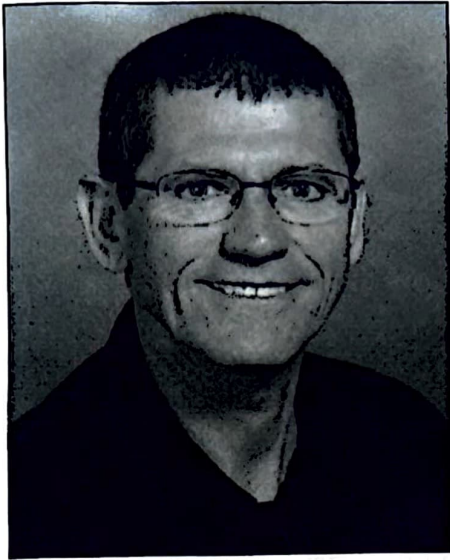


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TERRY COSGROVE

Terry Cosgrove is the president and CEO of Personal PAC. In 1989, he was hired as the political action committee's executive director. In 1999, he assumed his present position. Along with the board of directors, he has been instrumental in developing Personal PAC's sophisticated strategy for electing candidates who support women's right to choose abortion. The strategy incorporates an intensive telephone program that has identified nearly a half million pro-choice Illinois voters, plus a highly developed direct-mail campaign and comprehensive campaign consulting.

Cosgrove's campaign consulting is a major aid to Personal PAC's political strategy. He works closely with candidates to make sure they have the tools to win. He helps them with selecting pollsters, media consultants, direct-mail firms, and paid staffers. He helps them recruit volunteers, conduct fundraising, and organize other activities.

During his Personal PAC tenure, Cosgrove has also assisted other feminist and pro-choice organizations. In 1992, he played a pivotal role in restoring abortion services at Cook County Hospital (now John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County).

Cosgrove has received the Freedom of Choice award from the Chicago Abortion Fund (2004) and was a 2010 recipient of the Impact Award from the Chicago Foundation for Women. In 2008, he received the Harold Washington Award from the Independent Voters of Illinois-Independent Precinct Organization. He is a board member of the Trust Women Foundation, which helps women to gain access to reproductive health-care services. He is also a board member of the Equality Illinois PAC, and he is a member of the Illinois Human Rights Commission by appointment of Governor Pat Quinn.

He received his bachelor's degree in political science and two master's degrees in labor and industrial relations and in social policy from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. In 1980, while at the university, he and a male friend filed and won settlement of a public-accommodations discrimination case against a Champaign bar for refusing to allow them to dance together, which was Lambda Legal's first known such settlement.

As an out student leader who chaired the Urbana Human Relations Commission from 1976 to 1979 and was a student university trustee, Cosgrove also succeeded in winning other local gay-rights victories and lobbied for state legislation. He has said that he sees his present reproductive-rights work as going hand in hand with LGBT equality because they are both civil-rights issues.



PHOTO: BILL KWAN

CHRISTINA KAHRL

Since coming out as a transgender woman in 2002, Christina Kahrl has been a visible member of the community in the high-profile world of professional sports, as well as an advocate on trans issues in Chicago and Illinois.

Kahrl had co-founded the nationally recognized Baseball Prospectus think tank in 1996, editing its best-selling books and its website, and had made frequent appearances as a game analyst on Chicago's CLTV. Thus, her decision finally to act on her sense of self in 2002 could not escape public scrutiny, as she instantly became the nation's first openly trans sports

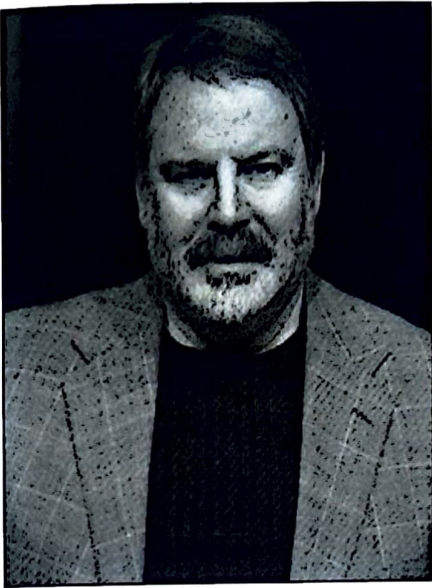
writer. In 2008, she became one of the first four Internet-based writers accepted into the Baseball Writers' Association of America, as well as its first openly transgender member.

Fifteen years of leading Baseball Prospectus operations as executive editor while writing regularly as a columnist led to her being hired by ESPN.com in 2011. There she continues to manage daily content while also contributing content. In 2013, she became the first trans person to cover the World Series.

Having transitioned while in the Washington metropolitan area, she did same-sex-marriage advocacy there with Equality Virginia before League of Women Voters groups. Upon moving back to Chicago, she initially volunteered with Center on Halsted to expand transgender programming. She had previously helped to challenge a Chicago suburban gay dance club's door policy, leading it to begin admitting trans persons.

Later, for Equality Illinois, she worked with the Lakeview Action Coalition to end police harassment of trans women. That campaign resulted in a Chicago Police Department general order on how to treat trans persons. She has also worked with Chicago House, the TransLife Center, and Lambda Legal to achieve fully trans-inclusive health-care coverage in Illinois.

She has been active in organized efforts to make the sports world LGBT- and specifically trans-inclusive in the United States and Canada. She has served locally on boards of Equality Illinois, the Lakeview Action Coalition, ONE Northside, Illinois Gender Advocates, and Chicago House, as well as on the advisory board of the TransLife Center. Nationally, she serves on the board of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation and the advisory board of the StoryCorps OutLoud project, documenting LGBT oral history.



EDWARD MOGUL

A lifelong Chicagoan, Ed Mogul has been a transformational figure in the law, higher education, and LGBT organizations.

As a lawyer, Mogul has been generous in the use of his talents. He was the first attorney for Horizons Community Services (the precursor of today's Center on Halsted) and for the Howard Brown Memorial Clinic (the precursor of today's Howard Brown Health Center). Both organizations have recognized him for his contributions. He was an original member of the late State's Attorney Cecil Partee's pioneering gay and lesbian advisory council. He represents or has

represented many gay-owned businesses in Chicago and elsewhere. He is a board member and legal counsel for Chicago's Leather Archives & Museum.

He is president and a past president of the Illinois Academy of Criminology, a distinguished organization that he has helped to revive and sustain. After he proposed to the Illinois Supreme Court's Special Committee on Capital Litigation that Illinois adopt a new rule for the conduct of prosecutors based on the American Bar Association standard that the duty of a prosecutor is to seek justice, not merely to convict, the court adopted the proposal, which became law in March 2001.

Mogul was one of two original co-trustees of Chicago's Unicorn Foundation. Created upon the death of local businessman John Baran, it distributed more than \$4 million to LGBT and AIDS-related charities in Chicago. Organizations such as Chicago House, AIDS Care, Horizons, Howard Brown, and Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine received grants from the foundation. At a pivotal moment, through Mogul's assistance, a significant gift was provided for the creation of Center on Halsted.

For more than 40 years, Mogul taught at the City Colleges of Chicago, retiring as a professor of humanities. He also taught criminal justice there. He successfully advocated for a program, Scholars at Wright, to teach the Great Books to William Wright College students and community members. For countless students he served as a mentor, teacher, and role model, and he was named a distinguished professor in 2011. He received a B.A. degree from Yale College in 1966, a J.D. degree from the University of Illinois in 1969, and an M.L.A. degree in humanities and philosophy from the University of Chicago in 2010.



PHOTO: JULIE COLE

LISA MARIE PICKENS

Some 25 years ago when few similar options were available for black lesbians on Chicago's South Side, Lisa Marie Pickens opened her home and created the African American Womyn's Alliance, a support group for black lesbian, bisexual, and questioning women that included monthly meetings, group outings, special events, and a monthly newsletter.

In 1993, Pickens served as a key organizer in the efforts of the Ad Hoc Committee of Proud Black Lesbians and Gays (also a Hall of Fame inductee) to openly march in the 64th annual Bud Billiken Parade sponsored by the Chicago Defender Charities. Stirred by this successful

engagement with their black South Side community, Pickens, along with others, worked through a community-based planning process to create a broader support network for the South Side's black LGBTQ communities that culminated in the establishment of Affinity Community Services, likewise a Hall of Fame inductee.

Pickens is a co-founder and board president emeritus of Affinity, an almost 20-year-old social-justice organization that works with and on behalf of black LGBTQ Chicagoans, queer youth, and allies. Pickens's leadership helped Affinity to fully embrace its multiple communities and support their engagement with policymakers about the issues that directly affect their lives.

For more than 15 years, Pickens also served on the board of the Crossroads Fund, co-chairing it for five years until 2012. The fund raises money to support Chicago organizations engaged in social-change and social-justice work.

At the Crossroads Fund, Pickens currently co-chairs the Big Change Endowment Committee and chairs the Evaluation Tool Working Group, tasked to develop a means of planning and assessing grantees' social-justice impact. The tool, called the Social Movement Developmental Model, is based on Pickens's previous consulting work evaluating social-justice organizing efforts and was co-created by her and Crossroads.

As an open black lesbian in her own South Side neighborhood, Pickens has served since 1998 as the Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy (CAPS) co-facilitator for Beat 411. For more than six years, she was a member of the Chicago Commission on Human Relations' former Advisory Council on Gay and Lesbian Issues. She has also chaired the 8th Ward Housing Task Force in conjunction with the ward's alderman.

Inside and outside of LGBTQ communities, Pickens's work has involved years of leadership as an out proud black lesbian.



PHOTO: JILL BRAZEL

DEBRA SHORE

A native of Chicago, Debra Shore grew up in Dallas. After returning to Chicago in 1982, she became an active volunteer in local conservation initiatives, especially helping to restore the forest preserves along the North Branch of the Chicago River. Shore was the founding editor of *Chicago Wilderness Magazine* in 1997, a quarterly publication devoted to the rare nature of the Chicago region.

In 1996, she helped to found Friends of the Forest Preserves and began volunteering on political campaigns, helping to elect more progressive members to the Cook County Board of Commissioners. In 2003,

she was selected to participate in the Illinois Women's Institute for Leadership (IWIL), which recruits and grooms Democratic women to run for office.

Shore ran for a position on the board of commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago in 2006. She came in first in a field of nine candidates in the Democratic primary and began her first term in December 2006. With her election, she became the first openly gay nonjudicial candidate elected countywide in Cook County. During her first term, she was instrumental in the board's decision to provide health benefits for LGBT district employees and their domestic partners.

In 2012, Shore was re-elected, drawing more than 1 million votes in the general election. (Only Wisconsin's U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin and Commissioner Shore have earned more than 1 million votes as openly lesbian candidates.) In 2013, she was recognized as the Public Official of the Year by the Water Environment Federation for her service on the reclamation district board.

In addition to her Cook County elected position, Shore currently chairs the board of the Gay & Lesbian Victory Institute, a national organization with a mission of achieving full equality for LGBT people by building, supporting, and advancing a diverse network of LGBT public leaders. She was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 2008 and 2012. She also serves on the boards of IWIL, the Great Lakes Protection Fund, and Congregation Sukkat Shalom.

Shore graduated in 1974 from Goucher College with a degree in philosophy and visual arts and a membership in Phi Beta Kappa. She earned master's degrees from the Johns Hopkins University and Chicago's Columbia College. She lives with her partner, Kathleen Gillespie, in Evanston.



PHOTO: ISRAEL WRIGHT

ROSS A. SLOTTEN, M.D.

Since starting practice with Dr. Thomas R. Klein in 1984, Dr. Ross A. Slotten has achieved a long history of representing and advancing the interests and well-being of LGBT communities through his medical practice.

Slotten was among the earliest physicians providing sensitive and caring services at Chicago's original Howard Brown Memorial Clinic. He donated countless hours of work to Howard Brown in its relative infancy.

Within a year, Slotten found himself at the epicenter of the looming HIV crisis. Then, few doctors were providing care to gay men. Many closed their eyes to the crisis and avoided providing services to people in desperate need. There was little science on which to rely at that time, and there were no tests to help providers understand what they were facing. However, Slotten, along with Klein, provided supportive medical and personal care for hundreds of men, as well as their families and friends, who were facing the grimmest medical crisis in their lives.

During one's medical career, few persons are able to see the beginning of a major health crisis and its lethal effects on an entire community, yet 30 years later see a major shift from hopelessness to the promise of relatively normal life expectancy for most persons affected. Slotten has been involved in every phase of HIV disease. He was one of the first doctors to provide AZT, in 1987. He was involved in every new Phase III medical trial in an effort to give patients the latest, often life-saving treatments even before FDA approval. During those earlier years, Slotten also received his master's degree in public health and published his first paper on HIV transmission patterns in Namibia.

He has served as a board member for several Chicago-based HIV service agencies. He is a faculty member in the Department of Family Medicine at St. Joseph Hospital, where he has been a role model for at least 150 interns and resident primary-care physicians, who leave their training with strong foundations to provide first-rate medical care for persons with HIV.

Slotten has also published a highly regarded 2004 biography of Alfred Russel Wallace, a colorful Victorian genius who discovered natural selection as Charles Darwin also did but who later disappeared into footnotes while Darwin's fame persisted. In so doing, Slotten, a scientific pioneer himself, clearly recognized the worth of another.

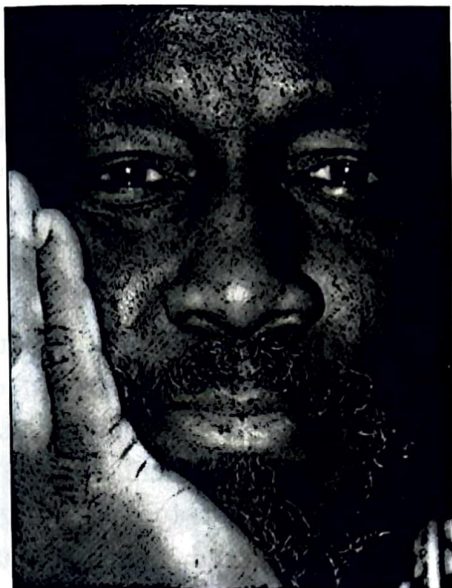


PHOTO: ISRAEL WRIGHT

BENNET WILLIAMS (*Deceased*)

Bennet Williams was an HIV/AIDS advocate and activist whose life had an impact on many Chicagoans. Diagnosed as HIV-positive in 1983, he was a long-term survivor who worked tirelessly to ensure that persons living with HIV/AIDS, particularly African American gay men and persons living on Chicago's West Side, had access to information, resources, and health care.

Williams challenged communities to become involved in the process just as he did, whether it was serving on HIV/AIDS planning councils, lobbying health departments and health-care providers, or speaking to community groups and churches as an out African American gay man living with AIDS.

Williams held administrative positions at the Chicago Child Care Society and with the YMCA. From 1993 to 2001, he was a member of the Chicago Black Lesbians and Gays steering committee. He served on the Test Positive Aware Network board of directors and as vice president from 1995 to 1997. He co-founded Brothers United in Support (BUS) in 1995, which he also served as facilitator and president. He founded the WHARP (Westside HIV/AIDS Regional Planning) Council. He served on the Chicago Eligible Metropolitan Area planning council for Ryan White CARE Act funding and on the Ruth M. Rothstein CORE Center's Community Action Committee, and he was involved with the people-of-color campaign for equitable funding by AIDS Walk Chicago.

His advocacy included meetings with Chicago Department of Public Health commissioners, participation in the department's Faces of AIDS campaign, participation in Bud Billiken and African Liberation Day parade activities, and lobbying in Washington as part of AIDS Watch, seeking improved HIV/AIDS resources.

In 2000, he received an award for his advocacy from Chicago's Pathfinders Prevention Education Fund. The group later named an award for him that has been presented to others.

Born on December 24, 1947, Williams moved as a child to Greenwood, Mississippi. Contemplating priesthood, he attended St. Bonaventure Preparatory High School in Sturtevant, Wisconsin, and later joined the Franciscan friary in Burlington, Wisconsin, during which time he changed his name from his birth name of Anthony Jerome Rolling. After two years at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside, he left the monastery and embarked on his social-service career. He died in Chicago on December 30, 2001, at age 54.



OUT & PROUD IN CHICAGO

Created at Chicago's public television station WTTW (Channel 11), Out & Proud in Chicago is an initiative to tell the history of Chicago's LGBTQ communities.

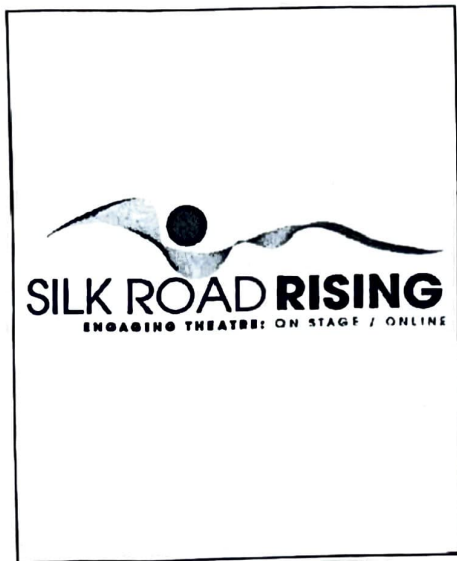
WTTW producers Alexandra Silets and Daniel Andries spearheaded the first part of the initiative with an award-winning 2008 documentary, titled *Out & Proud in Chicago* and narrated by Chicago actress Jane Lynch. The documentary recounts incidents of LGBT life in Chicago from the Civil War to today through the extraordinary stories of 20 everyday Chicagoans, from age 30 to age 80, including men, women, and transgender people.

Through its preservation of history, the production has made significant contributions to community awareness and not only has touched the city of Chicago but also has had a broader reach. Its parallel history of the city tells a story of invisibility, oppression, devastation, revolution, and triumph.

The feature-length film was originally aired both on WTTW in Chicago and on Public Broadcasting System stations nationally. It has been re-aired in later years during Pride Month. In addition, it helped to launch the first comprehensive book about Chicago LGBT community history, titled *Out and Proud in Chicago*, which was published under the editorship of Tracy Baim at the same time as the documentary's release.

Under the Out & Proud in Chicago umbrella, WTTW has produced or broadcast other documentaries about LGBT Chicagoans, including its *Schoolboy to Showgirl: The Alexandra Billings Story* (2009), and Rick Delaup and Sandra Quinn's *Short Fuse: The Story of an AIDS Activist*, a 1990 local documentary about the late artist and activist Danny Sotomayor.

Chicago's role in national LGBT history is often overlooked. Yet major milestones include the country's first chartered gay-rights organization (1924), Illinois' position as the first state to abolish a sodomy law (1961), the pushback that helped bring down Anita Bryant's national campaign of homophobia, and creation of one of the country's premier LGBT community centers, the \$20 million state-of-the-art Center on Halsted. The Out & Proud in Chicago initiative is committed to educating and enlightening people about the key role Chicagoans played in the overall history of LGBTQ Americans. That commitment mirrors the mission of the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame itself.



SILK ROAD RISING

Through live theater and online videos, Silk Road Rising showcases playwrights primarily of Asian and Middle Eastern backgrounds whose works address themes relevant to the peoples of the Silk Road and their diaspora communities—more than 1.5 million of whom live in the Chicago metropolitan area.

Founded in 2002 by two openly gay men and life partners, Malik Gillani and Jamil Khoury, Silk Road Rising (then known as Silk Road Theatre Project) is committed to expanding diversity and representation on Chicago's stages, including LGBT representation. Khoury and Gillani believe it imperative to integrate

the polycultural stories of LGBT peoples into the fabric of American storytelling. Silk Road Rising has been acclaimed for creating a safe and supportive environment for LGBT artists of all backgrounds.

In the wake of the attacks of September 11, 2001, Gillani and Khoury felt galvanized to respond to anti-Arab and anti-Muslim sentiments that swept the United States and to challenge arguments surmising a "clash of civilizations." Their initial aim was to counter negative representation of Middle Eastern and Muslim peoples with representation that was authentic, multifaceted, and grounded in human experience. Their idea soon expanded beyond the Middle East to encompass the vast historical Silk Road, stretching from Japan to Italy.

From the company's inception, beginning with its inaugural production of Khoury's *Precious Stones*, about a lesbian relationship between a Palestinian woman and a Jewish woman (which went on to be performed in 16 cities in 10 states), to the launch of the company's celebrated staged-readings series with Chay Yew's *A Language of Their Own*, about Chinese American gay men and interracial relationships, Silk Road Rising has consistently given voice to Asian and Middle Eastern sexual-minority experiences that are often ignored within both Silk Road communities and mainstream LGBT communities.

From the world première of Yusef El Guindi's controversial *Ten Acrobats in an Amazing Leap of Faith*, the first play ever to include a Muslim character who was both religious and gay, to the Midwest première of Julia Cho's *Durango*, a play that daringly shed light on closeted homosexuality within a Korean American family, to important gay story lines in Richard Vetere's *Caravaggio*, Shishir Kurup's *Merchant on Venice*, and Naomi Iizuka's *36 Views*, Silk Road Rising has compiled a track record of advancing LGBT visibility and empowerment.



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LUCRETIA CLAY-WARD

Lucretia Clay-Ward is an HIV/AIDS survivor, counselor, and advocate and an HIV-prevention educator focusing on youth services.

She provides advocacy and support for sex workers wanting to quit. She offers information on employment, educational services, health care and mental-health services, housing, and domestic-violence referrals, as well as substance-abuse recovery and legal assistance, to all who need a voice, whether LGBT or not, youth or adult.

Clay-Ward has been quoted regarding an earlier life of prostitution that included being sold to a pimp at a young age, being prosecuted many times, and eventually being rescued with the help of a parole agent.

Later, she was employed by Prologue, Inc., as an outreach supervisor, a position in which she counsels transgender sex workers and helps them find their way back into legitimate society. As supervisor for Prologue's Night Moves Mobile Outreach program for the past seven years, Clay-Ward and her staff could be found on weekends from midnight to 6 a.m. in the Boystown neighborhood and citywide, distributing safe-sex kits, condoms, and information. She has also worked as a teacher's assistant at Prologue's alternative high schools, specializing in HIV-prevention education. There, Clay-Ward works with youth who have been expelled from or who have dropped out of traditional schools, and for many this is their last chance.

She occasionally uses her own funds to buy coats, shoes, and food for youth in need. She has even opened her home to youth who were facing homelessness. Students call her for help day and night when they find themselves in trouble.

Clay-Ward was included in a 2006 documentary, *Turning a Corner*, produced by Beyond Media Productions, focusing on survivors of what is called the sex trade industry, who were affiliated with the Prostitution Alternative Roundtable (PART). She has been interviewed by Chicago Public Radio and has been a member of the city's Intersystem Assessment Work Group, which has studied Chicago's response to prostitution. She has been featured in newspaper articles, and the Alexian Brothers' Bonaventure House gave her an award in 2005. She was also honored by the Women's Treatment Center in 2006 for her volunteerism and motivational excellence.

For this history of service, she is inducted into the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame as a Friend of the Community.



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HEATHER A. STEANS

In 2013, as an Illinois state senator representing District 7 on Chicago's North Side, Heather Steans was the chief Senate sponsor of the Religious Freedom and Marriage Fairness Act to provide marriage equality to all Illinois residents.

She helped to guide the bill through the Senate, which approved it on February 14, 2013. It became law when signed by Governor Pat Quinn on November 20, 2013, making Illinois the 16th state at that time to grant same-sex couples the right to marry, though the law did not take effect until June 1, 2014. She had first

introduced a bill for marriage equality in 2009 and reintroduced a similar bill each session until successful passage in 2013.

Steans currently chairs the Senate's Appropriations I Committee, vice-chairs the Environment Committee, serves on the Public Health and Executive committees, and co-chairs the bipartisan, bicameral General Assembly's Advisory Committee on Medicaid.

She has received numerous awards, including the Legislator of the Year Award from AARP, the Richard Phelan Profile in Courage Award from Planned Parenthood, the Legislative Recovery Award from Trilogy, the Partner in Change Award from the Chicago Alliance to End Homelessness, and the Equality Illinois Freedom Award.

Steans graduated from Princeton University with a B.A. degree in urban studies and received her M.A. degree in public policy from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government. Her professional career has focused on government finance, economic development, and education reform. She is the former budget director of the Wisconsin Department of Industry, Labor and Human Relations, served as a strategic planner with the Chicago Public Schools, and was a consultant with Ernst & Young.

She is a lifelong Chicagoan, born into a family committed to improving the lives of Chicago residents. She, her parents, and her sisters established the Steans Family Foundation in 1986 to assist residents of the city's North Lawndale neighborhood. She and her husband, Leo, who have three children, have lived in the Edgewater neighborhood of Chicago for 20 years.

For this history, she is inducted into the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame as a Friend of the Community.

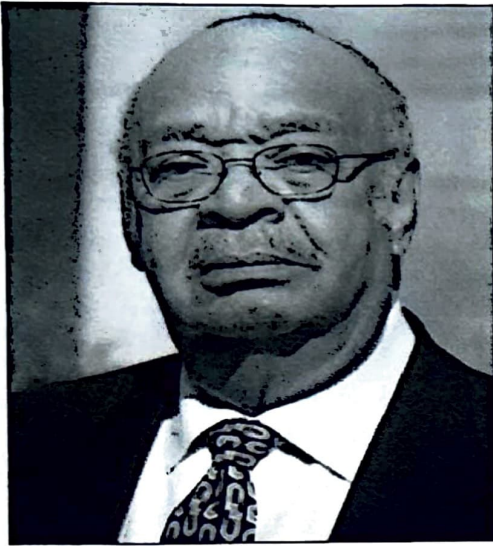


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CLARENCE N. WOOD

For 18 years, Clarence N. Wood headed the Chicago Commission on Human Relations and was the longest-tenured department head during the six terms of Mayor Richard M. Daley. During that time, he was—and he remains—a steadfast ally of Chicago's LGBT communities.

Much of that rapport may have come from his own family experiences. Wood has a close family member who is openly gay, and he served on the national board of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. In addition, for many years he had a proprietary role at the Jeffery Pub, currently Chicago's oldest gay bar.

In LGBT Chicago, Wood is perhaps best-known for his service in protecting LGBT rights and his support for LGBT community institutions. Most notably, those institutions included the commission's former Advisory Council on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Issues and the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame itself.

While it existed, the advisory council helped to highlight numerous important issues, and its members were always able to count on Wood to support them. His support went beyond lip service and proclamations. When the city honored LGBT veterans, Wood was present, representing the Human Relations Commission and city government generally. Behind the scenes, he always made sure that other communities represented at the commission understood why LGBT individuals deserve an equal place at the table.

One example of Wood's commitment to LGBT rights came in the summer of 2007, when he strongly supported the advisory council's protest of an appearance by reggae singer Buju Banton at an event in Washington Park. The event's promoter claimed to have Chicago Park District sponsorship, and Wood stood firmly behind the advisory council's demand that city government and the Park District dissociate themselves from the event.

During Wood's tenure, the Hall of Fame was created as the first such municipally sponsored institution in the world. In 16 years, Wood missed only one induction ceremony, and he always spoke from the heart in his remarks to those assembled. Wood stepped down from the Human Relations Commission in 2007 but continued to serve as president and CEO of the Jane Addams Hull House Association, which he had done since 2000, until his retirement in 2011.

For this history, he is inducted into the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame as 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 writer 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.

PAUL ADAMS (posthumous 2011): He co-founded Chicago for AIDS Rights (C-FAR, which evolved into ACT UP/Chicago) and the Chicago Anti-Bashing Network; planned and participated in dramatic public demonstrations on AIDS issues; volunteered for Open Hand Chicago and numerous other groups; and wrote columns, designed logos, and researched Native American two-spirit people—besides being Mr. Windy City 1987. Born in Oak Park in 1954, he died in Chicago of AIDS in 2000.

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.

JANE ADDAMS (posthumous 2008): During her lifetime (1860–1935) she fought for rights of the disenfranchised here and elsewhere. Best-known for founding Hull House, one of the nation's first settlement houses, she was also the first woman to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. She had at least two long-term same-sex relationships, one of which lasted 40 years. She is a true Chicago icon, and her passionate work on behalf of peace, justice, and equality makes her an exemplary role model.

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

AIDS FOUNDATION OF CHICAGO (2009): Since 1985, it has been an invaluable leader in the fight against HIV/AIDS and in improving the lives of those affected by the epidemic. It funds, coordinates, and collaborates with service programs, besides conducting public-policy advocacy. It has distributed more than \$15 million for HIV prevention, care, and advocacy

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.

GAYLON ALCARAZ (2013): She is an activist, organizer, and human-rights advocate who has worked for low-income women's reproductive rights, against violence, and for gender equity, health-care access, and recognition of diversity. She was a founding board member of Affinity Community Services.

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.

JAMES L. ALEXANDER (2013): A philanthropic trustee, board member, and public-spirited lawyer, he has helped to develop Chicago's cultural sphere, bolstered its nonprofit organizations' effectiveness, and heightened diversity in their programming and in civic life. He is the co-trustee of the Elizabeth Morse Charitable Trust and the Elizabeth Morse Genius Charitable Trust, and he has helped to develop the LGBT Community Fund housed at the Chicago Community Trust.

AVA ALLEN (1999): Longtime owner of what was the city's oldest lesbian bar, Lost & Found, she 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.

CLAUDIA ALLEN (2010): She is a nationally recognized playwright, has won two Joseph Jefferson Awards, and was selected by *Chicago* magazine in 1999 as Best Playwright. Almost half of her repertoire of produced plays, including *Fossils*, *Hannah Free*, and *Xena Lives!*, have focused on lesbian relationships or have incorporated lesbian or bisexual characters.

AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION OF ILLINOIS (2010): It is a Friend of the Community for its decades of fighting for LGBT rights and the rights of persons with AIDS through litigation and legislation, as part of its historic larger mission of defending civil liberties for all.

AMERICAN VETERANS FOR EQUAL RIGHTS-CHICAGO CHAPTER (2007): Throughout its more-than-20-year history, the group has served as a voice for LGBT veterans; provided them with moral, financial, and social support; and served as an effective advocate for them in the Chicago area.

JACQUELINE ANDERSON (1996): As educator and writer, she has contributed to academic discussion of lesbianism and feminism. She has 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 supported the Institute of Lesbian Studies, the Mountain Moving Coffeehouse, and Gerber/Hart Library.

MARGARET ANDERSON and JANE HEAP (posthumous 2006): This couple were key figures in Chicago's early-20th-century literary renaissance. Through their avant-garde journal *The Little Review*, they provided a forum for some of the era's greatest thinkers and writers. Born in Topeka, Kansas, in 1883, Heap died in London in 1964. Anderson, born in Indianapolis in 1886, died in Le Cannet, France, in 1973.

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

SUZANNE ARNOLD (2008): A mainstay of local and national LGBT sports communities for more than two decades, she has served as female vice president of the Federation of Gay Games and as a co-chair of Team Chicago and Chicago 2006, Inc. She was sports co-director for Chicago's Gay Games VII and has consistently worked to create safe spaces for LGBT athletes on all levels to compete proudly and openly.

ARTEMIS SINGERS (2008): Founded in 1979 as the first lesbian chorus in the United States, it continues to perform at lesbian, LGBT, and women's events. Artemis has been an important part of Chicago's lesbian feminist cultural life. It is composed of women from diverse backgrounds but with a common commitment to exposing audiences to music written by women and to sharing a sense of community.

ASIANS AND FRIENDS CHICAGO (2010): Since 1984, it has provided an opportunity for gay men of Asian descent to engage in social interaction more confidently with the larger community. It sponsors numerous social, cultural, and fundraising activities, and it helped to found and regularly participates in annual international gatherings of similar organizations.

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. He now lives in Washington, D.C.

BAILIWICK REPERTORY'S PRIDE SERIES (1996): Starting in the late 1980s, the annual Pride Series 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 serving the lesbian and gay communities. The series 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 for more than 25 years in offering a voice to all. In 2000, her company bought the *Windy City Times*, which she had helped to found in 1985. She co-founded the Chicago Area Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce as well as Chicago 2006, Inc. In 2008, she set up the chicagogayhistory.com website and has produced numerous books, including a first-of-its-kind history book, *Out and Proud in Chicago*.

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 co-founded 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 co-chaired large fundraisers 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 in New York, he remained an activist for a variety of causes until his death in San Francisco in 2001.

LORRAINNE SADE BASKERVILLE (2000): She founded transGenesis in 1995 as an agency to 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. She served on several Chicago organizational boards and later moved to Thailand.

PAULA BASTA (2009): She has set new standards for supporting the needs of aging LGBT persons by both government and private sectors. Besides this, as a former Equality Illinois board president, she has helped to widen the base of LGBT activism through involving more women and encouraging attention to women's rights. She is regional director in charge of Chicago's Northeast (Levy) Senior Center.

MINISTER LOIS BATES (posthumous 2012): She was an advocate for LGBT teenagers and youth, a transgender community activist, and a United Church of Christ clergywoman who worked for HIV prevention and education. She also served as vice president of Windy City Black Pride. Her activism bridged divides of age, ethnicity, and gender identity. Born in 1970, she died in Chicago in 2011.

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.

JAMES L. BENNETT (2013): He has been a powerful and humorous voice for LGBT concerns in the United Methodist Church, in Chicago sexual-minority communities, in theater and broadcast media, and in legal activism. He has written and performed in gay sketch-comedy revues, been an on-air commentator, directed Lambda Legal's Midwest Regional Office, and chaired the Illinois Unites for Marriage coalition.

CARYN BERMAN (1995, now deceased): A psychotherapist and social worker, for more than two decades she worked professionally and as a volunteer and political activist to improve Chicagoans' lives. Focusing on the health and civil rights of lesbians and gay men, she also skillfully built coalitions and was an influential HIV/AIDS educator and policymaker. Born in New York City, she died of cancer in Chicago on September 1, 2014, at age 62.

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

DAVID BLATT, M.D., and DAVID MOORE, D.O. (2007): For more than 25 years, Drs. Blatt and Moore have been outstanding advocates and champions of the LGBT and HIV/AIDS communities, putting a human face on AIDS and offering compassionate and personal attention to patients at a difficult time.

KEVIN G. BOYER (2008): He served as president of Chicago's Gerber/Hart Library and as a member of the original coordinating committee for the national Gay and Lesbian History Month. He was a co-founder of the Chicago Area Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce and was a leader in preparing for Chicago's Gay Games VII in 2006 and Cologne's Gay Games VIII in 2010.

LORA BRANCH (2001): A public health professional, video producer, and 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 co-chaired Chicago Black Lesbians and Gays.

CAROL MOSELEY BRAUN (2007): As the first African American woman elected to the U.S. Senate, and throughout her entire political career, she has been a staunch and outspoken supporter of LGBT rights and marriage equality. She opposed the U.S. military's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy at a time when many others were willing to accept it as a compromise. For this, she was selected as a Friend of the Community.

MICHAL BRODY (2008): A Chicago native, she was a founding member of Chicago Gay Liberation in 1969, helped to found Chicago Lesbian Liberation, and helped to produce the newspaper *Lavender Woman*. She also contributed to the early years of women's music in Chicago at Mountain Moving Coffeehouse. In 1993 she co-founded the Institute of Lesbian Studies. She later taught Mayan linguistics in Yucatán, Mexico.

ROGER BROWN (posthumous 2004): Through his internationally known paintings as a leader of the movement called Chicago Imagism, he commented pointedly on social issues, urban infrastructure, nature, history, and events both personal and societal. He also was a noted collector. Born in Hamilton, Alabama, in 1941, he died in Atlanta of complications from AIDS in 1997. Two of his mural locations are the Howard Brown Health Center and the façade of 120 North LaSalle Street.

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.

ROBBIN BURR (2007): As a result of her efforts, American Airlines became the first major U.S. air carrier to implement domestic-partnership benefits. She served as the first executive director of Center on Halsted, where her nationally recognized credibility and leadership were integral to completing its construction and solidifying relationships with donors, community leaders, and community organizations.

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

JAMES A. BUSSEN (1994, now deceased): Beginning in 1973, his engaging personality and senses of humor and fairness aided many Chicago gay and lesbian efforts. Besides much activity in gay rights lobbying and fundraising, he was a longtime leader of Dignity/Chicago, the organization for lesbian and gay Roman Catholics, and was president of Dignity/USA from 1985 to 1989. Born in 1949, he died on July 6, 2013.

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. Born in 1952, she died in 2000.

GREG CAMERON (2011): As a key player in Chicago's cultural and arts communities, he has constantly brought attention to LGBT concerns. As a Museum of Contemporary Art official, he worked to include LGBT and AIDS topics in programming and helped to partner the museum with About Face Theatre. He has been a board member and fundraiser for numerous organizations, and now as chief operating officer for WTTW and WFMT he has maintained his commitment to LGBT inclusivity.

LORI CANNON (1994): She was named a Friend of the Community for her work with Chicago House and the NAMES Project and for co-founding 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 fundraiser and board member, she has helped to sustain numerous groups.

ALDO CASTILLO (2005): A tireless fundraiser, an ardent and expert advocate of Latin American art, and a committed human-rights activist, this openly gay, openly HIV-positive, and award-winning gallery owner and curator blazed trails of distinction since coming to Chicago from Nicaragua in 1985. In 2010, he moved to Florida and has since directed art fairs in Miami and Shanghai.

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 co-wrote official guidelines on psychotherapy with lesbian, gay, and bisexual clients and has held leadership posts in state and national professional groups.

JORGE CESTOU (2013): He has worked to improve the lives of immigrant communities since 1997 through such organizations as ALMA, Unid@s LGBT, and the annual NGLTF Creating Change conferences. He has advocated for culturally sensitive HIV services for Latinos, has been active in Chicago leather community events and organizations, and has been director of programs and services for Vida/SIDA.

ROGER "RJ" CHAFFIN (1997, now deceased): 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 produced numerous large charitable and special events, raised thousands of dollars for local organizations, gave his own money as well, co-produced a hate crimes documentary film, and was an active member of business groups. Born in Ohio in 1952, he died in Chicago in 2011.

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 co-founded and became first president of Asians and Friends—Chicago, a group for gay Asians and non-Asians that is now 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 Albuquerque, New Mexico, in 2004, where he is still involved in gay and electoral organizing.

CHI-TOWN SQUARES (2012): Since 1987, it has grown from about 30 to more than 125 members as the largest and the only gay square-dancing club in the metropolitan area. It has provided alternative recreational opportunities for LGBT persons in addition to bridging a cultural gap between LGBT and non-LGBT square-dance communities.

CHICAGO BLACK GAY MEN'S CAUCUS (2012): Established in 2005 by the city Department of Public Health and black gay community organizers, it was created to bridge gaps between traditional and nontraditional health-care providers that serve black men who have sex with men. It aims to decrease new HIV infections among such men through innovative programming.

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 HISTORY MUSEUM (2010): It is a Friend of the Community for its commitment to preserving sexual-minority history as part of its larger Chicago history mission. Since 2004, its Out at CHM series has featured thought-provoking presentations and discussions of LGBT experiences. In 2011-12, it mounted its major "Out in Chicago" exhibition, drawing on its own and others' resources to document some 150 years of Chicago sexual-minority crises, accomplishments, and contributions.

CHICAGO HOUSE AND SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCY, INC. (1994): Opening its first facility in 1986, it 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 HIV diagnosis to those with late-stage AIDS.

CHICAGO 2006, INC./GAY GAMES VII (2007): The board and staff of Chicago 2006, Inc., brought a great gift of pride, athletic competition, and celebration to LGBT Chicagoans in the form of Gay Games VII, planning and coordinating a series of sporting events that encompassed Chicago and several suburban venues.

GARY G. CHICHESTER (1992): He has provided more than 40 years of commitment and work to the gay and lesbian communities. In 1971 he co-founded the Chicago Gay Alliance, which created Chicago's first gay and lesbian community center. He served on the Chicago Commission on Human Relations' former Advisory Council on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Issues from 1989 to 2011 and has been a part of Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame activities since their 1991 inception, chairing or co-chairing them 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. Born in 1937, she died in 1993.

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 also is a veteran leader in the gay sports movement and is a longtime AIDS volunteer. Since retiring from the bench, he has been a Chicago theater performer and producer.

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.

ROCCO J. CLAPS (2013): He is Illinois' first openly gay cabinet member as director of the state Department of Human Rights since 2003, where he helped to secure inclusion of sexual orientation in the Illinois Human Rights Act in 2005. As a public servant since 1987, he has held several significant county, state, and federal positions as well as positions with the Democratic National Committee.

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 at age 45, the last nine of those years 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.

SAM COADY (2008): He has been a leader and supporter in Chicago's LGBT athletic community since moving here in 1986, serving as a co-chair of Gay Games VII and on the boards of numerous organizations. He has also been a strong advocate for workplace equality. He is known for his passionate belief that the LGBT athletic community empowers and advances the whole range of LGBT communities here and nationally.

JERROLD E. COHEN (posthumous 1993): He helped to form more than a dozen groups, including 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.

CONGREGATION OR CHADASH (2006): Founded in 1975, in response to the prejudice and invisibility that LGBT Jews faced in mainstream synagogues, the congregation has provided a home where Chicago's LGBT Jews can pursue religious, social, cultural, and educational interests.

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.

LOU CONTE (2009): A dancer, choreographer, and teacher, he founded Hubbard Street Dance Chicago in 1977 and led it to earn international acclaim. Its fusion of ballet and jazz styles has made it one of the most prominent U.S. dance companies and a worldwide cultural symbol of Chicago.

LORI A. COOPER (2009): As an out lesbian in the Chicago Police Department since 1992, she has been a pioneer in promoting liaison between police and LGBT Chicagoans, recruiting them for the force, fostering equal opportunity there, and heightening efforts against hate crimes and domestic violence.

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 precursors of the former city Advisory Council on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Issues. He died in 1996.

SARAH CRAIG (posthumous 1995): She joined *GayLife's* staff in the late 1970s and rose to be co-editor. 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.

JACQUES CRISTION (posthumous 2006): A lifelong Chicagoan, he performed in, choreographed, and designed costumes for South Side drag balls and dance concerts. For several decades he hosted his own annual Halloween drag balls. He died in Chicago in 2003.

RICHARD M. DALEY (2006): His years in office as mayor of Chicago marked the longest uninterrupted period of LGBT-inclusive policies in the city's municipal history. From his election in 1989 to his retirement in 2011, Daley was consistently one of the LGBT communities' most significant allies, for which he was inducted as a Friend of the Community.

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 1988 Chicago human-rights law and a 1990 Chicago hate crimes law. Born in 1937, he died of melanoma complications in 1997.

JAMES C. DARBY (1997): After co-founding 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 former 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 co-founded were Dēeks, Pangea, and the Clubhouse. He also aided the Kupona Network, the Minority Outreach Intervention Project, and the Reimer Foundation. Born in 1958, he died in 1993.

ST. SUKIE DE LA CROIX (2012): This English native has collected LGBT Chicago history since 1987. His findings have appeared in columns or blog entries in print and online. He was a historical consultant for a 2008 WTTW documentary, *Out & Proud in Chicago*; has led LGBT-focused city tours; and served on the Gerber/Hart Library and Archives board. In 2012, his book, *Chicago Whispers: A History of LGBT Chicago Before Stonewall*, was published by the University of Wisconsin Press.

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

The Rev. GREGORY R. DELL (2008): Inducted as a Friend of the Community, he has served as an exemplary ally to LGBT communities in Chicago and beyond and as a model activist for social justice. He is a former pastor of Chicago's Broadway United Methodist Church and is now retired. Involved for decades in issues of social change, he has been a pioneering and courageous supporter of same-sex unions in the face of opposition from his own church and elsewhere.

JOHN D'EMILIO (2005): His work in the field of LGBT history has had wide impact. He has published eight books and was on the faculty of the University of Illinois at Chicago from 1999 to 2014, where he was professor of history and of 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.

DAN DI LEO (posthumous 2010): A professional journalist, he was co-founder of *Gay Chicago Magazine* with Ralph Paul Gernhardt. He also helped to found Strike Against AIDS and the Mr. Windy City contest and was one of the original contributors to Howard Brown Memorial Clinic. Born in Chicago in 1938, he died here from AIDS complications in 1989.

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.

TARRINA DIKES (2007): For many years, she has been a dynamic presence as one of the most dependable and committed lesbian members of Chicago's LGBT communities. Her background in accounting and business operations was a significant asset to Gay Games VII, where she served as a member of the board's executive committee and as board secretary.

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 was main fundraiser and then executive director. He also conceived the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame and brought it to fruition while a member of what was then the city Advisory Council on Gay and Lesbian Issues. Born in 1950, he died in 2006 of complications from AIDS.

KATHERINE "KIT" DUFFY (2008): In 1984 she was appointed by then-Mayor Harold Washington as his liaison to Chicago's gay and lesbian communities, the city's first such position. Then she became the AIDS Foundation of Chicago's first executive director. After Washington died in 1987, she took part in 1988's successful effort to pass a historic city ordinance against sexual-orientation discrimination. Inducted as a Friend of the Community, she remains an ardent advocate.

EDDIE DUGAN (EDWARD L. DAVISON, JR.) (posthumous 2008): A brilliant showman and popularizer, he helped invent the 1970s disco phenomenon and helped break new ground by getting corporations to sponsor events at gay clubs. He was an early supporter of many organizations, including the start-up of *Gay Chicago Magazine*. His legendary club, Dugan's Bistro, still lives in the memories of many Chicagoans and their friends nationwide. Born in 1944, he died in 1987.

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. He currently chairs the Chicago Academy for the Arts' dance department.

MURRAY EDELMAN, Ph.D. (2008): Born in Chicago and a founder and central figure in Chicago Gay Liberation, he worked to develop public, visible, and militant LGBT activism during the movement's early years. He was later responsible for path-breaking work to have gay, lesbian, and bisexual self-identification made part of electoral exit polling.

KEITH ELLIOTT (2001): A dancer, choreographer, and producer, he organized Dance for Life fundraisers and ancillary events beginning in 1992 to benefit dancers and others coping with HIV/AIDS. He also contributed to other activities such as Howard Brown Health Center fundraisers and the Chicago Gay Men's Chorus.

EQUALITY ILLINOIS (2005): Formed in 1992 as the Illinois Federation for Human Rights, it joined in efforts to pass the Cook County Human Rights Ordinance in 1993 and then benefited all of Illinois in 2005 by leading to success 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.

ANTONIA "TATA" FLORES (posthumous 2011): In 1987, she and two motorcyclist friends joined Chicago's Pride Parade, and Dykes on Bikes was born. The group became a parade tradition, and Flores led in supporting it as well as other social venues for lesbians. Passionate about the diversity that is a part of community, she took part in countless events. Born in Chicago in 1958, she died here of breast cancer in 2008.

GRANT LYNN FORD (2011): In 1975, he co-founded Chicago's *GayLife* newspaper and later assisted with several LGBT efforts, including the anti-Anita Bryant Orange Balls I and II. After a 1978 run for 44th Ward alderman, he served as pastor of Hinsdale's Holy Covenant Metropolitan Community Church from 1979 to 1986, when he moved to Florida and led what became the MCC denomination's largest congregation, Fort Lauderdale's Sunshine Cathedral. He now lives in San Antonio.

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. Born in 1961, he died in 1994.

JEANNETTE HOWARD FOSTER, Ph.D. (posthumous 1998): Born in 1895 in what is now Oak Park, 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 in Pocahontas, Arkansas.

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. Born in 1955, he died of AIDS complications in 1991. His bequest helped to open Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund's Chicago office.

SCOTT FREE (2010): He is one of the leading openly gay male musical artists in the nation. In addition, he founded the long-running queer performance series Homolatte, has produced the annual fundraising Alt Q music festival, is active in Chicago's Gay Liberation Network, and has organized against homophobia in popular music.

FRONTRUNNERS/FROTWALKERS 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 community charities.

HENRY BLAKE FULLER (posthumous 2000): Born in Chicago in 1857, he was an author, poet, critic, and composer. He wrote novels and short stories 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 here 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. He has also been a Goodman Theatre associate director and a professor emeritus at Northwestern University.

BOB GAMMIE (2010, now deceased): He was an activity organizer and fundraiser in Chicago's gay communities since he moved here in 1949. He organized some of the first large social events outside bar settings, including barbecues, softball and volleyball games, and the long-running Lincoln Park Lagooners club—as well as fundraising parties for AIDS charities and other groups that attracted thousands of people. Born in 1925, he died in Chicago on January 30, 2014.

MARTIN GAPSHIS (2007, now deceased): He was a leader and role model for Chicago's LGBT communities, noted not only for a wide range of philanthropic and fundraising efforts—benefiting Center on Halsted, the AIDS Foundation of Chicago, and a range of other organizations—but also for his ever-present humility and the depth of his kind and generous spirit. Born in Chicago in 1946, he died here of a heart attack in 2010.

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 and has later been policy director of The Civil Rights Agenda. In Roman Catholic circles, he also has worked extensively in behalf of the church's lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender adherents.

ROBERT GAROFALO (2011): A physician who came to Chicago in 2001, he created a partnership between Children's Memorial Hospital and Howard Brown Health Center to improve health care for LGBT youth. At Howard Brown, he led a program for HIV-positive and at-risk LGBT youth, and in 2004 he led in establishing the Broadway Youth Center. He has published studies on LGBT youth's health issues and has served as president of the national Gay and Lesbian Medical Association.

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): Founded in 1976 as *Gay Chicago News*, the magazine continued to provide up-to-date information on lifestyle, entertainment, bar, and organization events in Chicago's gay and lesbian communities until it ceased publication in 2011.

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 supporting nondiscrimination in school settings. It has now merged into the Illinois Safe Schools Alliance.

SANFORD E. GAYLORD (2012): As actor, activist, and writer, he has used his creative skills for community good. He co-founded A Real Read, the African American performance ensemble, and has appeared in LGBT-focused documentaries. He wrote columns about being an HIV-positive African American gay man, directed HIV education performances, served on AIDS-related research and planning boards, and led an Internet-based risk-reduction project for black bisexual men.

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. Born in 1892 in Passau, Bavaria, then part of the German Empire, he died in Washington, D.C., in 1972.

GERBER/HART LIBRARY (1996): Founded in 1981, 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 launched and sponsored sports groups, organized fundraisers for a variety of causes, promoted safer sex, and raised thousands of dollars to fight HIV/AIDS. Born in 1934 in what is now Park Ridge, he died in Chicago of cancer in 2006.

FRANK GOLEY (posthumous) and ROBERT MADDOX (now deceased) (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 non-gay, for their originality and craftsmanship. Born in 1943 near Pineville, Kentucky, Goley died in Chicago in 1994. Maddox, who had been born in Hamilton County, Ohio, in 1935, later sold the business but continued living in Chicago until his death in 2009. Both of them were buried in Pineville.

GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH (2011): The congregation held its last service in 2007 after 37 years as the first church expressly for LGBT communities in the Midwest. During its existence, it assisted numerous institutions, including Open Hand, the Illinois Gay and Lesbian Task Force, and Illinois Masonic Hospital's AIDS ward. It was one of the city's first gay meeting places that was not a bar, and it performed "blessed" or "holy" unions long before marriage equality became a nationally debated issue.

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 1978 campaign for 44th Ward alderman. As City Council staffer and Democratic Party activist, she advocated for gay and lesbian rights.

TED GRADY (2011): As an owner of J&L Catering, he has underwritten event costs for a host of nonprofit organizations, saving them hundreds of thousands of dollars. He has also devoted personal time to fundraising and board service for nonprofits, in addition to partnering with Sweet Miss Giving's bakery in its job training for the underprivileged.

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.

PEARL M. HART (posthumous 1992): She spent her entire legal career of 61 years defending the civil rights of all persons. Born in 1890 in Traverse City, Michigan, she died in 1975 in Chicago, where she had lived since 1892.

JANE HEAP (posthumous 2006): See **MARGARET ANDERSON** and **JANE HEAP**.

DERRICK ALLEN HICKS (1999, now deceased): He organized in 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 Chicago in 1955, he died in 2002 in Oak Park of HIV complications.

MARCIA HILL (2011): For three decades, she has been a constant participant, coach, manager, and board member in the Chicago Metropolitan Sports Association and its precursors. She was its president from 2007 to 2010 and helped grow it to nearly 4,000 members as what is said to be the Midwest's largest nonprofit, all-volunteer sports group.

EARNEST E. HITE, JR. (1994, now deceased): In 1987, he co-founded 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 was openly HIV-positive and gay, he assisted community-based groups, especially those serving African Americans. Born in 1954 in Urbana, Illinois, he died in a 2008 car accident in Porter, Indiana.

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

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 it traditionally provided were later to 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): She has made outstanding contributions to lesbian health. Besides innovative research, she has advised government and private health and social service agencies, led conferences, and made public educational presentations. She is a professor and associate dean for global health in the College of Nursing of the University of Illinois at Chicago, where she is also director of research for UIC's National Center of Excellence in Women's Health.

CHUCK HYDE (2001): While working out of the limelight as businessman and fundraising adviser, 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.

INTERNATIONAL MR. LEATHER (2010): Founded in 1979 by Chuck Renslow and Dom Orejudos, it is one of the oldest LGBT institutions in the United States and has made far-reaching contributions in Chicago's gay business, entertainment, health, and tourism arenas. It brings thousands of gay men and an increasing number of others to Chicago each Memorial Day weekend for a leather pageant that also addresses community social issues, supports the Leather Archives & Museum, and encourages sexual health and camaraderie.

MARK ISHAUG (2012): For nearly 30 years, he has been a local and national LGBT leader for the rights of vulnerable populations and for building healthier communities. After a period of service in Mozambique, he began working at the AIDS Foundation of Chicago in 1991. From 1998 to 2011, he led it to greater levels of funding diversity, service provision, and national respect. In 2012, he became president and chief executive officer of Thresholds, Illinois's major mental-health service provider.

TONY JACKSON (posthumous 2011): He rose from poverty to fame as an innovative pianist, singer, and composer of ragtime and other popular music, including "Pretty Baby." Known for a distinctive sartorial and entertainment style, he was openly gay at a time when that was not common. Born in New Orleans in 1876, he died in Chicago in 1921.

JENNER & BLOCK LLP (2011): The distinguished, Chicago-based law firm has led in advocating for LGBT communities in the courtroom and in society. In 2003 in the Supreme Court, a firm partner successfully argued *Lawrence v. Texas*, a Lambda Legal case that struck down sodomy laws nationwide and helped to pave the way for ending other discrimination. The firm's list of other significant pro-LGBT cases is long, and it has aided a long list of LGBT community organizations.

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. A former executive director of Howard Brown Memorial Clinic and assistant commissioner at the Chicago Department of Health for HIV/AIDS policies and programs, she is now CEO of Holy Cross Services Corporation in Notre Dame, Indiana.

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

E. PATRICK JOHNSON (2010): An award-winning author, nationally touring performer of the spoken word, recognized scholar, and fundraiser, he has published several books centering on African American LGBT life. One, *Sweet Tea*, was the basis for his similarly titled one-man play. He is the Carlos Montezuma Professor of Performance Studies and African American Studies as well as director of graduate studies at Northwestern University's School of Communication.

RUDOLPH JOHNSON, JR. (posthumous 2013): A native of the Lakeview neighborhood, he led several local business groups with distinction, ran the North End bar that has sponsored numerous gay sports teams and events, and aided many local social-service and political organizations. He was the longest-serving president of what is now the NorthHalsted Business Alliance. Born in 1947, he died suddenly in Chicago in 2006.

ARTHUR L. JOHNSTON (1998): For more than 30 years, 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 Chicago Metropolitan Sports Association and was a lead organizer in passing Chicago, Cook County, and Illinois human-rights legislation.

IRA H. JONES (posthumous 1998): For well more than 20 years, in Mattachine Midwest and other early venues, he was one of Chicago's most visible, energetic advocates for sexual-minority rights. He was a leader in gay and lesbian activist and business communities, involved in Episcopal religious circles as an openly gay member, committed to racial justice, and a worker in Regular Democratic organizations. Born in Chehallis, Washington, in 1925, he died in Chicago of a heart attack in 1986 and was buried in his earlier hometown of Portland, Oregon.

STEPHEN (WANDA LUST) JONES (posthumous 2008): An entertainer and health advocate, he was known widely in Chicago's gay communities in his 1970s drag persona, Nurse Wanda Lust. He served as the poster person for VD testing and is remembered by many for his tireless promotion of sexual health awareness. Born in 1944, he was murdered in 1980 in Kansas City, where he had moved two years earlier. He was buried in Bloomfield, Indiana.

RICK KARLIN (1997): During three decades, he has been a visible public figure in print and onstage. He has lent his talents to countless charitable events, co-founded 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 named in 1999 as an associate judge of the Cook County Circuit Court. 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 ultimately a 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.

OWEN KEEHNEN (2011): A writer, interviewer, activist, and historian, he has recorded the views and remembrances of hundreds of famous and lesser-known persons during the past two decades. More than 100 of them were represented in his book, *We're Here, We're Queer: The Gay '90s and Beyond*. He has also co-written three Chicago LGBT history books, written novels and articles, helped to found The Legacy Project, and been a volunteer in several LGBT and AIDS organizations.

CLIFFORD P. KELLEY (1998): A former Chicago City Council member, now a WVON radio host and an American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois board member, he is a Friend of the Community for becoming in 1973, at 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 from 1966 to 1970; co-founding *The Chicago Gay Crusader*, Illinois Gays for Legislative Action, the National Lesbian and Gay Law Association, and the Chicago Access Corporation; taking part in the first White House gay rights meeting; and serving on the Mattachine Midwest and National Gay Task Force boards. 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 communities for decades before moving to Wisconsin. He helped to organize Chicago 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 non-gay church, cultural, health, and environmental activities.

FRANKIE KNUCKLES (1996, now deceased): As producer, remixer, and DJ, he was 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 1982. He was later a DJ and album producer of international stature. Born in 1955 in the Bronx, New York City, as Francis Warren Nicholls, Jr., he died in Chicago of Type 2 diabetes-related complications on March 31, 2014.

BRUCE KOFF (1994): He has significantly aided Chicago's and the nation's gay and lesbian communities 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 is now chief operating officer and a partner in a clinical and teaching practice in psychotherapy.

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

SUZANNE MARIE KRAUS (2004): She has pursued 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 has also served on the Lesbian Leadership Council of the Chicago Foundation for Women.

MARIE J. KUDA (1991): For more than 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 until recently was still contributing to literary reference materials and writing articles. She was lately a nursing-home patient pending other housing assistance.

JOE LA PAT (posthumous 2008): Born in 1943 in Racine, Wisconsin, he built a successful career restoring buildings in Chicago and, with his partner Dick Uyvari, supported many LGBT community organizations, as well as providing early seed money for Gay Games VII. He died unexpectedly in Chicago in 2008 on the day of the annual Pride Parade, but his impact on countless individuals and organizations lives on.

LAKESIDE PRIDE MUSIC ENSEMBLES (2011): Under several names beginning with the Chicago Gay Pride Band in 1979, the organization has brought friends and members of LGBT communities together through music—at the same time building goodwill and promoting social acceptance. Its four instrumental ensembles appear in parades and concerts year-round and serve as cultural ambassadors by performing at events nationwide, including President Obama's 2009 inaugural parade.

LAMBDA LEGAL—MIDWEST REGIONAL OFFICE (2013): Established in 1983, the office in Chicago has participated in some of the national organization's most important LGBT rights cases, including the Iowa and Illinois marriage-equality cases, a Minnesota case protecting gay and lesbian students from harassment, and cases involving the rights of lesbian and gay parents and children, AIDS- and transgender-related discrimination, and student clubs.

LOUIS I. LANG (2002): As the state representative of Cook County's 16th District, 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, fundraiser, 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): Beginning in 1990 as the first effort of its kind in the Midwest, it provided one-on-one support, direct services, and peer support groups for women with cancer and their families of choice. It also educated medical providers about lesbian health needs. In 2007, it merged with Howard Brown Health Center to become the center's Lesbian Community Care Project.

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): A state representative of Chicago's North Side 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.

MARCIA J. LIPETZ, Ph.D. (2009): Trained as a sociologist, for more than 30 years she has put her professional and leadership skills to work for Chicago nonprofit groups, among them the AIDS Foundation of Chicago, Center on Halsted, Donors Forum of Chicago, WPWR-TV Channel 50 Foundation, and the Executive Service Corps of Chicago.

PATRICIA M. LOGUE (2003): For more than 13 years since opening Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund's Chicago office, she worked tirelessly for full recognition of the civil rights of LGBT persons and persons living with HIV disease, here and nationally. Cases in which she led, including *Lawrence v. Texas*, established important precedents. In 2007, she became an associate judge of the Cook County Circuit Court.

PATRICIA S. McCOMBS (2000): She is a veteran organizer and social service volunteer. Besides co-founding 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.

JEFFREY E. McCOURT (posthumous 2007): As founding publisher of *Windy City Times* newspaper, businessperson, theater producer, and activist, he made significant contributions to Chicago and its LGBT communities during the 1980s and 1990s. Born in Newburgh, New York, in 1955, he died in Chicago in 2007 of complications from HIV.

JOEY McDONALD (2009): He has moved from being an openly gay and honorably discharged sailor in the 1970s to years of involvement with the International Mr. Leather organization, assistance to Equality Illinois, and a long list of volunteer achievements in helping leathermen and other gay men cope with hepatitis, HIV/AIDS, and substance abuse, all in the unselfish name of "giving back to your community."

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

LARRY McKEON (1997, now deceased): He made a historic 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. Later he became known as openly HIV-positive and then a cancer survivor. In earlier life, he directed Chicago's Advisory Council on Gay and Lesbian Issues, worked in social service administration, and was a police officer. Born in 1944 in Nampa, Idaho, he retired at the end of his term in January 2007 and died four months later in Springfield after a stroke.

HARLEY McMILLEN (1992, now deceased): 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. Born in 1942, he died of a stroke in 2013 in Viroqua, Wisconsin, where he was retired.

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 in Columbus, Ohio, he died of AIDS complications in Chicago in 1992.

ROBERT MADDOX (2001, now deceased): See FRANK GOLEY and ROBERT MADDOX.

AMY MAGGIO (2009): She is widely known as a leader in many HIV/AIDS and LGBT organizations, for which she has increased donor and volunteer involvement and has helped to raise millions of dollars during more than two decades. Her marketing and development skills have been deployed in both for-profit and nonprofit health-care sectors, where she has focused on HIV/AIDS needs.

MARIGOLD BOWL (2006): From its opening in 1941 to its closing in 2004, Lake View's Marigold Bowl, owned and operated by members of the Fagenholz family, was a vital neighborhood meeting place and charity outlet for gay and lesbian Chicagoans, standing as a beacon of inclusiveness in that neighborhood. For this, it was inducted as a Friend of the Community.

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, now deceased): 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. Born in 1934 in Chicago as Mary Broderick, she died here in 2011 of cancer, under her marital surname of Featherston, but was known to thousands as Merry Mary.

METROPOLITAN SPORTS ASSOCIATION (1992): Now known as the Chicago Metropolitan Sports Association, this group is a recognized leader in the Midwest and the nation in providing organized athletic activities, including local, national, and international athletic events.

JILL M. METZ (2006): Since the 1970s she has served Chicago's LGBT communities through her law practice, civic activities, and personal commitment. She helped to found Tortoiseshell Productions and Footsteps Theater Company and has been involved with numerous legal and activist groups. She has served as board president of the American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois.

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.

CHARLES R. MIDDLETON, Ph.D. (2006): As president of Chicago's Roosevelt University since 2002, he is the first openly gay man to serve as a major U.S. university president. He has been active in national education and civic boards and serves on the boards of several Chicago nonprofit and activist organizations.

TONY MIDNITE (1996, now deceased): 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. Born in 1926 in Texas as Tony Murdock, he died in 2009 in Las Vegas, where he had moved in 2000.

CARLOS T. MOCK, M.D. (2007): He has provided years of dedicated service to Chicago's LGBT communities as physician, activist, and author. He has been active in many organizations, including Orgullo en Acción, Equality Illinois, and Howard Brown Health Center.

The 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. As president of Heartland Alliance for Human Needs & Human Rights, he continues to be a prominent leader in Chicago's nonprofit 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. He will retire in 2015.

DAVID MOORE, D.O. (2007): See DAVID BLATT, M.D., and DAVID MOORE, D.O.

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 heads her own social-change consulting firm and still creates documentaries.

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): Starting in 1989, this professional partnership formed by 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. York, who was born in 1955, died of renal cancer in 2008; Mulryan continues in practice.

DAVID ERNESTO MUNAR (2010): A community organizer and AIDS activist, he headed the Association of Latin Men for Action (ALMA) and is now president and chief executive officer of the AIDS Foundation of Chicago, where he has worked since 1991. He is a nationally known advocate on AIDS issues and has served on numerous local and national boards and scientific committees.

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, now deceased): Born in 1946 in what is now Faisalabad, Pakistan, he wrote *Narman*, an award-winning book of Urdu poetry said to be the first direct statement of gay longings and desires to appear in that language. Its courageous publication met with revilement but critical acclaim and inspired other poets. He came to this country in 1971, co-founded *Sangat/Chicago*, and was president of the South Asian Performing Arts Council of America. He died in 2011 of a heart attack in Chicago.

EDWARD NEGRON (2006): He has provided years of dedicated service to Chicago's LGBT, Latino/a, and recovering communities, promoting social welfare, justice, and LGBT health while speaking publicly about his life as a former addict, gang member, and drug dealer. He works as the housing assistance coordinator for the AIDS Foundation of Chicago.

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, now deceased): She was inducted as a Friend of the Community for her long and distinguished 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. Born in Cincinnati in 1926, she died in Chicago in 2013 of complications from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis.

LEE A. NEWELL II (2013): He played critical roles in maintaining Chicago’s LGBT social-service infrastructure from the mid-1970s to the mid-1980s, was also active in broader community groups, and became a photodocumentarian of Chicago LGBT life for almost 10 years. He helped to rescue Gay Horizons from debt. He was the last president of OPEN, the city’s first LGBT political action committee, and some 5,000 of his photos are in the Chicago History Museum. He now lives in Florida.

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 increased city AIDS budgets. She led the Lake View Citizens’ Council’s board in support of a domestic-partnership ordinance in 1996. For some 40 years she has urged and actively backed gay and lesbian political participation.

THE NIGHT MINISTRY (2011): Since 1976, the group has built relationships with vulnerable youths and adults on the city’s nighttime streets. Its services value nonjudgmental listening and compassion while connecting people with needed resources. It is the city’s leading provider of emergency housing to runaway and homeless youths, an estimated 20 to 40 percent of whom are LGBT. It also conducts mobile HIV testing.

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 co-chaired the original effort to bring the 2006 Gay Games to Chicago. In 2011, Mayor Rahm Emanuel appointed her to head the Chicago Commission on Human Relations.

ACHY OBEJAS (2010): An author, journalist, and political activist, she began her journalism career at the *Chicago Sun-Times* in 1981. Mayor Harold Washington appointed her to the city’s first Committee on Gay and Lesbian Issues. Her books of fiction and nonfiction have received awards and presented her as an out lesbian. She has taught writing at several Chicago-area universities.

RENAE OGLETREE (1998, now deceased): She engaged in wide-ranging volunteer and professional activities that brought people together around issues of diversity, development, and health care within Chicago's gay and lesbian communities. Besides activity in several LGBT groups, she was a health care activist, a professional youth services executive, and a public schools official. She co-founded and co-chaired Chicago Black Lesbians and Gays. Born in 1950 in Passaic, New Jersey, she died in Chicago in 2010 of complications from lung cancer.

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.

PAUL G. OOSTENBRUG (2010): He has been a quietly effective, exemplary volunteer organizer and fundraiser in Chicago for more than a decade. Beginning in 1998, he has helped to lead Team Chicago in local and international sports activities, including Gay Games in Sydney, Chicago, and Cologne. He also has been a board member and treasurer of Chicago House and Social Service Agency.

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 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 Chicago in 1933, he died of AIDS complications in 1991 in Boulder, Colorado.

DAVID ORR (2012): He was named a Friend of the Community for nearly 40 years of supporting LGBT goals during his political career as a campaign manager, Chicago alderman, and Cook County clerk. As clerk, he has vocally backed not only the county domestic-partnership registry but also marriage-rights litigation and legislation.

KATHY OSTERMAN (posthumous 1993): As 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 1988 human-rights ordinance. For all of this, she was named a Friend of the Community. Born as Kathleen Lonergan in the Bronx in 1943, she died of ovarian cancer in 1992 in Chicago.

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 co-founder of Howard Brown Health Center, has inspired and helped to lead major national HIV/AIDS studies, and is an award-winning writer and teacher in psychiatry, biochemistry, and epidemiology.

PATÉ (2013): The bar personality known as Paté, a Chicago native, has been active in the city's LGBT communities since she began working at the Swan Club and The Closet in 1986. Her loyal customer base and her volunteer work for LGBT and AIDS groups have brought her acclaim, but she has regarded nothing as more meaningful than her years of animal-rescue commitment in such groups as Found Chicago.

ANDREW PATNER (2013): A lifelong observer of the arts and a third-generation native Chicagoan, he is one of the city's most influential social and cultural critics, particularly at WFMT and the *Chicago Sun-Times*, as well as in publications worldwide. He was a pioneer in writing and speaking in the first person about being gay for Chicago media and was an early Chicago House volunteer.

PFLAG/CHICAGO (2004): Inducted as a Friend of the Community, 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, Arthur L. Johnston, he has also helped make the bar into a source of political and financial support for AIDS work and lesbian and gay rights efforts.

JOHN PENNYCUFF (2003, now deceased): On front lines, on sidelines, and behind the scenes, besides supporting reproductive choice and AIDS funding, he was an outspoken, proud, and ceaseless activist since 1991 for sexual-minority rights in civil society and the United Methodist Church. His commitment, courage, and energy made him a model for direct-action, educational, and political work toward equality. Born in Chicago in 1964, he died here in 2012.

CHILLI PEPPER (2007): For more than three decades, Chilli Pepper has entertained thousands of people as a female impersonator, serving as an ambassador for LGBT communities, building bridges with other communities, and gaining media exposure in the days when people barely acknowledged drag, drag queens, or HIV/AIDS.

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 milieux for hundreds, held countless fundraisers, worked with other business owners, and helped to start and supported Chicago House. Born in 1935 in Chicago as Adrene Bodenstein, she died in 2000.

LAIRD PETERSEN (2006, now deceased): A Chicago native, he contributed more than 25 years of service to LGBT communities, helping to raise more than \$12 million for community-based organizations, working with Center on Halsted, on HIV/AIDS issues, and with Equality Illinois, and volunteering for numerous other organizations. Born in Evanston in 1957, he had been diagnosed with HIV for more than 27 years and died in 2010 in Richmond, Virginia, where he had moved with his partner of 16 years and became director of social services for the Fan Free Clinic.

RICHARD W. PFEIFFER (1993): For some 40 years he has been an activist and an organizational volunteer. He headed the Chicago Gay Alliance (which ran the city's first sexual-minority 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 Pride Chicago, which facilitates the annual Pride Parade.

JIM PICKETT (2005): As writer, activist, openly HIV-positive gay man, and policy leader, he has played a prominent 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 advocacy at the AIDS Foundation of Chicago.

POW-WOW (2013): Known in full as Performers or Writers for Women on Women's Issues, the group was formed in 2003 to provide performance space, to mentor young women and teen girls aspiring to be full-time artists, to provide arts-based educational and literacy programs, to foster poetry, and to offer other services, especially to South Side women of color, youth, and those with low incomes or who are disabled or LGBTQ.

MARY D. POWERS (1992): She was recognized as a Friend of the Community for what is now, at age 92, more than 40 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.

PROUD TO RUN (2012): Since the first annual race by 40 participants in 1982, Proud to Run has grown to more than 1,400 who want to celebrate Pride Week in a way meaningful for themselves while strengthening LGBT organizations financially. It has raised more than \$300,000 for beneficiary groups during its existence.

BILL PRY (2012): As business owner, philanthropist, and advocate, he has made numerous long-term community contributions. Through BBJ Table Fashions, he has provided tens of thousands of dollars of in-kind donations to programs and events. He has also been a vocal advocate for LGBTQ youth concerns, emphasizing the importance of their well-being to the future of the whole society.

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 anti-violence march.

MIKE QUIGLEY (2009): During his decade on the Cook County Board, this Friend of the Community oversaw adding gender-identity protection to county law, providing health insurance for county government employees' same-sex partners, and creating a same-sex domestic-partnership registry for county residents. As a U.S. House member since 2009, he has been a prominent sponsor of LGBT legislative efforts.

A REAL READ (2007): From 1996 to 2001, people from all over the city flocked to the performances of this African American LGBT performance ensemble. Through original poetry, prose, and plays, it gave voice to a community and issues that had often been silenced. Even after the ensemble dissolved, its impact continued to have a ripple effect.

The Rev. JUAN REED (2005): After his 1991 arrival at St. Martin's Episcopal Church as an out and affirming vicar, this ex-social worker made a once-declining parish into a place where progressive LGBT persons could 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 1958. 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 co-founded the annual International Mr. Leather contest and established the Leather Archives & Museum.

LAURA RICKETTS (2013): She is a Chicago philanthropist in LGBT and broader communities and, as part owner of the Chicago Cubs, is the first openly gay woman to own a Major League Baseball franchise. After practicing law, she co-founded an ecotourism enterprise. She has served on boards or councils of several groups, including Lambda Legal; Housing Opportunities for Women; Opportunity Education, which helps educate children in developing nations; LPAC, the first lesbian political action committee; and the Democratic National Committee.

JOSE RIOS (2010): Since 2001, as an openly gay police officer and the 23rd Police District's LGBT liaison, he has helped to break down barriers that historically have compromised access to police services for sexual-minority Chicagoans. He has also helped to train police officers and has served on the boards of the Association of Latin Men for Action and the Lesbian and Gay Police Association/Gay Officers Action League.

FRANK M. ROBINSON (2009, now deceased): This journalist, activist, and award-winning novelist gave crucial help to early-1970s Chicago LGBT groups in publicizing and memorializing their work. Later, in San Francisco, he wrote speeches for Harvey Milk and produced numerous individual works and anthologies of fiction, including science fiction. Born in Chicago in 1926, he had a history of heart problems and died in San Francisco under hospice care on June 30, 2014

LINDA S. RODGERS (1993): As a successful businesswoman, fundraiser, and activist, she combined her entrepreneurial skills 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.

CHUCK RODOCKER (2012): For more than 40 years, he has been a stalwart of community-building and activism in Chicago. He was a founding member of the Tavern Guild of Chicago and its Rodde Fund (the early precursor of Center on Halsted). Through his long-running Touché bar he has hosted meetings and benefits, supported the leather community, and provided sponsorship and financial aid to sports, social, cultural, and AIDS groups.

JULIO RODRIGUEZ (2004): For more than 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 co-founded ALMA, the city's first group for gay and bisexual Latinos. He has aided 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 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 co-founded 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 in Kansas City, Missouri, he died in Chicago in 1993 of AIDS complications.

TIFFANI ST. CLOUD (1996): By age 18 in 1996, she was a chief organizer of the Pride group at Chicago's Whitney Young High School. It soon became the school's second-largest organization, despite some initial student resistance. It aimed to support the self-esteem and rights of students, including gay, lesbian, and bisexual students. She now works for the Association of American Medical Colleges in Washington, D.C.

JANE M. HUSSEIN SAKS (2009): She has consistently been a social change activist on a variety of fronts, has led numerous institutions in responding to LGBT issues in programming and grantmaking, and is the first executive director of the Ellen Stone Belic Institute for the Study of Women & Gender in the Arts and Media at Chicago's Columbia College.

JESUS SALGUEIRO and ART SMITH (2008): The openly gay celebrity chef Art Smith and his husband, the artist Jesus Salgueiro, founded Common Threads, a charity that supports familial environments where children learn to value each other and discover universal understanding and mutual acceptance. The two have contributed to charitable fundraisers within and outside LGBT communities, including the Center on Halsted, and their philanthropy extends worldwide.

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 co-founded Gay and Lesbian Building and Trade Professionals and The Legacy Project.

ZAIDA SANABIA (2009): In her teens, she became an advocate for LGBT youth and made a prize-winning video on forming a high school Gay-Straight Alliance. The video resulted in her own suspension from school, but she graduated; formed Amiguitas, the first queer Latina youth group in Chicago; stimulated high school organizing throughout Illinois; and has put her documentary skills to work for the LGBTQ safe-schools movement.

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 co-founded the Jewish AIDS Network Chicago and has worked on interfaith relations. He is currently a Gerber/Hart Library and Archives board member.

MIKE SAVAGE (posthumous 2005): A social-service activist, he led in building a 41-clinic network for medically needy 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 in Fairfield, Illinois, and died in a 2004 rafting accident near Anchorage, Alaska.

HEATHER C. SAWYER (2012): As a Lambda Legal lawyer for a decade beginning in 1996 when she joined the group's Chicago office, she contributed in a wide range of cases crucial to LGBT persons. She later became minority counsel for the House Judiciary Committee, where she led work for federal recognition of marriage rights.

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 in Portland, Oregon, he died in 2001 in Chicago.

KAREN C. SENDZIAK (2007): She served the Gerber/Hart Library for more than 20 years with intense devotion. In a variety of positions, including recent terms as president and as treasurer, she was one of the key individuals responsible for nourishing and protecting that important resource for all Chicagoans.

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.

PATRICK SHEAHAN (2007): He has compiled a record of civic, business, banking, educational, and LGBT community leadership in Chicago since 1995, most notably as a prime mover behind the 2007 opening of Center on Halsted, the most comprehensive LGBT community center in the world.

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 that time, she often advocated for sexual-minority communities and for persons living with HIV and AIDS. She retired from office in 2011.

BRETT SHINGLEDECKER (2011): In 1988, he and Carrie Barnett opened People Like Us, Chicago's first free-standing, explicitly gay and lesbian bookstore, which operated until 1997. Serving also as something of a community center, it was often the first stop many people made when visiting Chicago. Through it, he and Barnett aided numerous organizations and helped to heighten community empowerment.

SIDETRACK (2006): Since opening as a bar in April 1982, Sidetrack, its owners, and its staff have been indispensable elements of LGBT campaigns, hosting countless activist events and making untold donations of goods, services, and money to a broad range of organizations, groups, and political figures.

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

JON SIMMONS (posthumous 2011): Born in Pittsburgh in 1955, he graduated in 1980 from Chicago's Columbia College and soon moved from being a dance company executive director and writing for *Windy City Times* to chairing the city's first Committee on Gay and Lesbian Issues under Mayor Harold Washington, later serving Mayors Eugene Sawyer and Richard M. Daley as their chief official adviser on such issues. In 1991 he began studies at IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law, and less than four months after his 1994 graduation he was found murdered in Beverly Hills, California, while on holiday.

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 he later had to leave the ministry because of gayness. Born in Minneapolis in 1940, he died in Chicago in 1986 of AIDS complications. His house became the first residence owned by Chicago House.

PATRICK SINOZICH (2009): For more than 20 years, this pianist, choral director, arranger, composer, and accompanist has been a leader in Chicago LGBT musical organizations, including Chicago Gay Men's Chorus and Windy City Chorus. He has also been music director of a vocal ensemble, *Chicago a cappella*, and a member of the music staffs of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and the Grant Park Music Festival.

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 fundraising organization in the theater community. Born in 1959, he died in Chicago 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 much volunteer aid to Chicago dance and theater efforts.

The Rev. STAN SLOAN (2010): He is the longest-serving CEO in the history of Chicago House and Social Service Agency, doubling its services and revenue and opening its Sweet Miss Giving's bakery as a funding and job-training vehicle. An Episcopal priest, he has led in the homeless and AIDS service communities for more than 15 years and was founding president of the Chicago Alliance to End Homelessness.

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 Chicago in 1934, she died here 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.

ART SMITH (2008): See JESUS SALGUEIRO and ART SMITH.

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 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 in New Hartford, Connecticut.

MARY ANN SMITH (1997): As alderman of Chicago's diverse 48th Ward, this Friend of the Community 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. She retired from office in 2011.

MAXSONN "MAX" C. SMITH (1991): This lifelong political and cultural activist has resided in Chicago since 1976. He was treasurer of the Illinois Gay Rights Task Force; 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, notably as part of ACT UP/Chicago. His creativity heightened visibility for anti-AIDS efforts. Born in Chicago in 1958, he died here 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.

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 chief executive officer of Center on Halsted.

RENE A. VAN HULLE, JR. (2000, now deceased): Since the 1970s, he was vigorously active in community organizations and instrumental in many of their fundraising projects. He co-founded the Tavern Guild of Chicago and for years helped to raise community center funds, sponsored sports teams, and supported Chicago House. Born in Chicago in 1953, he died here in 2007.

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 works in community education for an HIV vaccine trials program.

AL WARDELL (1993, now deceased): From 1978, he was a prominent leader in Chicago gay and lesbian communities and a stalwart 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 Chicago in 1995.

GUY WARNER (2008): His activism began in the 1970s with Mattachine Midwest, when he revived its telephone referral hotline. In 1975, he became its sixth president. Under his leadership, the newsletter was reinstated, debt reduced, and a gay AA group founded. He was a founder of an early group for parents and friends of gays, a volunteer in the AIDS ward of Illinois Masonic Hospital, and co-chairperson of the Gay and Lesbian Coalition of Metropolitan Chicago, among other activist engagements.

HAROLD WASHINGTON (posthumous 2007): As mayor of Chicago from 1983 to 1987, he promoted and facilitated LGBT political participation and empowerment, helping to pave the way for eventual passage of the city's 1988 ordinance banning discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. He had also supported LGBT rights as a state legislator. Born in 1922 in Chicago, he died in office here in 1987. For this record, he was selected as a Friend of the Community.

LAURA S. WASHINGTON (2012): For almost 30 years as a respected, influential journalist and editor, besides having been Mayor Harold Washington's deputy press secretary, this Friend of the Community has stood up publicly for sexual-minority equality before wider audiences. She has often provided detailed looks at less-publicized LGBT-related social issues, including those involving ethnic minorities.

VERA WASHINGTON (2007): For more than 25 years, she has served Chicago's LGBT communities as an organizer, promoter, youth community activist, social service volunteer, STD and HIV/AIDS counselor, and youth services coordinator. She co-founded Executive Sweet, a social and networking club for women of color.

BRENDA WEBB (2013): She is a Friend of the Community because of her role at Chicago Filmmakers in creating and leading Reeling: The Chicago LGBT International Film Festival, which in 1981 became the second such festival in the world. The festival has fostered celebration of LGBT identities and enlightenment of the general public.

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 spinning records to paving the way for African American lesbians to gather freely and safely. She has also organized large commercial social events.

HONEY WEST (2012): Her charm and versatility as a transgender singer and comedian have won a wide following. Her extensive onstage work has included performing for dozens of AIDS and LGBT fundraisers, and she has worked tirelessly to break down walls and to dispel myths about trans performers.

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 is also a senior lecturer in theater 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 co-chaired the National Black Lesbian and Gay Leadership Forum. He is now president and chief executive officer of the Black AIDS Institute.

MARK E. WOJCIK (2010): He has inspired and mentored students since 1992 as a professor at the John Marshall Law School, where he formed the Gay and Lesbian Law Association earlier while still a student. He founded and headed the Chicago Bar Association's Committee on Legal Rights of Lesbians and Gay Men, has headed the Lesbian and Gay Bar Association of Chicago, was co-author of the first casebook on AIDS law, has written numerous articles on sexual-minority legal issues, is an international-law expert, and has lobbied for pro-LGBT legislation.

TERRI WORMAN (2004): An openly lesbian community organizer for AARP, she has produced film festivals and senior health and benefits fairs, developed presentations on aging and job issues, and co-chaired the Chicago Task Force on LGBT Aging Issues. She is AARP's Illinois associate state director for community organizing.

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. He is corporate secretary of Team Chicago and has served as the Federation of Gay Games' officer of technology.

DAVID ZAK (2013): He has been nurturing LGBT theater for more than three decades—from 1982 to 2009 as artistic director at Chicago's Bailiwick Repertory Theatre, which premiered many gay and lesbian plays during its annual Pride Series. He has won multiple Joseph Jefferson Awards for directing and writing and has directed on three continents. Today, he is executive director of Pride Films and Plays and annually spearheads the Great Gay Play Contest.

YVONNE ZIPTER (1995): As 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*. She is now an editor at the University of Chicago Press.

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