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

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

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

Induction into the Hall of Fame symbolizes that the recipient either has made a contribution with far-reaching effects on the quality of life for Chicago's lesbian and gay community or the city of Chicago, or has made a significant long-term contribution to the well-being of Chicago's lesbian and gay community. The selection of inductees for the Hall of Fame is made by former recipients of the award based on nominations from the general public.

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A site on the World Wide Web (www.GLHallofFame.org) is currently under developement by the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame.

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Dear Friends:

No other city in the country has an established, city-sponsored Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame. I am proud that the City of Chicago Commission on Human Relations has taken the lead through its Advisory Council on Gay and Lesbian Issues to recognize the achievements of gay men and lesbians and their contribution to the City of Chicago.

It is gratifying that the Commission and the Advisory Council on Gay and Lesbian Issues are able to work together to end bias, discrimination, and prejudice that adversely affect all citizens of Chicago. The gay and lesbian community has continuously advocated human rights and the fair treatment of all segments of our diverse city. The work of the Commission and its Advisory Council on Gay and Lesbian Issues deserves to be praised. By working together, and in collaboration with the leadership of the gay and lesbian community, we have had an impact not only on city governance but also on citywide organizations and their policies.

The Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame is important to the City of Chicago because it is an opportunity to honor Chicago's gay and lesbian community through individuals and organizations who are committed to making Chicago everyone's city, including all segments of our city's diverse population, and ultimately a "bias free" city.

I offer my sincerest congratulations to the 1997 inductees of the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame for their dedication, personal sacrifice, and commitment to making Chicago a city that works for all its citizens.

Sincerely,

Clarence N. Wood
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RICHARD M. DALEY
MAYOR

October 22, 1997

GREETINGS

As Mayor and on behalf of the City of Chicago, I would like to extend my warmest greetings to all attendees, participants and supporters of the 1997 Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame induction ceremonies and to recognize the achievements of this year's inductees.

Chicago, in its diversity, represents a profile of America and a cross-section of the world. In recognizing and appreciating the differences between us, we also find the common bonds that unite us as a people and a community. Historically, countless members of the Gay and Lesbian communities have made substantial contributions to Chicago and the nation. My administration has striven to create a greater harmony between all of our city's diverse communities, and I am proud of our citizens for their willingness to join together in fellowship.

The Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame chronicles the achievement of individuals who worked to promote fairness and equality and provides a forum for learning and discussion about our city's progress in the field of human rights. I look forward to continuing to work with the Gay and Lesbian community in our efforts to ensure that all of our citizens are treated with dignity and equality.

It is with pleasure that I join with the Commission on Human Relations and the Advisory Council on Gay and Lesbian Issues in expressing congratulations to the 1997 inductees.

My best wishes to each of you for an exciting and memorable event.

Sincerely,

Richard M. Daley
Mayor

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Since the 1970s, Toni Armstrong Jr. has been a leader in documenting, producing, and performing lesbian and feminist music. In the 1990s, as an openly lesbian high school teacher, she has also been in the forefront of efforts to promote the welfare of lesbian and gay students and teachers.

Beginning in 1977, Armstrong has been publisher of *Women's Music Plus*, a directory of resources in women's music and culture that is the only trade directory for the national lesbian-feminist entertainment industry.

Between 1979 and 1982, as a member of Chicago's Mountain Moving Coffeehouse for Womyn and Children collective "the world's longest-surviving women- only, drug- and alcohol-free space" she served as its concert producer, developing contracts and bringing in nationally known lesbian-feminist acts on a regular basis for the first time.

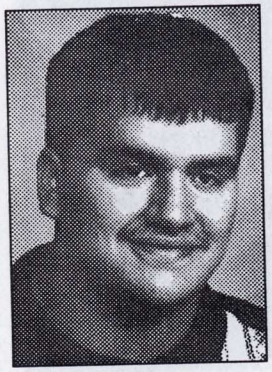
From 1979 into the 1980s, she played bass in the pioneering, openly lesbian punk band Starkissed and later in the openly lesbian comedy band Surrender Dorothy. She played "Surprise (I'm a Lesbian)" with Paula Walowitz on the album *Gay and Straight Together* (produced by Ginni Clemmens and recorded at Marge Summit's His 'n Hers bar), and she played bass on Walowitz's tape *Last Night on School Street*, of Mountain Moving's farewell concert before relocating to Rogers Park. She has also performed with Chicago's lesbian-feminist Artemis Singers, with lesbian-identified bands such as the Dental Damsels, and with musicians at Mountain Moving Coffeehouse.

From 1984 to 1994, Armstrong published the internationally distributed *HOT WIRE: The Journal of Women's Music and Culture*, covering lesbian-feminist woman-identified entertainment and publishing culture, and trained more than 150 women as staff members. She has worked on staffs of *GayLife*, *Windy City Times*, and *Outlines*. Since 1981, she has been a producer of large annual Chicago-area lesbian social events (with Tracy Baim) and of concerts and party-fundraisers.

She has been "more or less out" as a lesbian high school teacher since 1979. In 1995, she organized the first reunion of lesbian and bisexual alumnae of Maine Township High School East, joined the steering committee of GLSTN (Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Teachers Network now GLSEN, the Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network), helped GLSTN Chicago become the nation's third- largest chapter, and spearheaded GLSTN Chicago's Youth Scholarship program. She has worked to focus attention on lesbian, gay, and bisexual issues at Maine East and in 1996 coordinated GLSTN's Midwest Conference on Ending Homophobia in the Schools at Chicago's Bismarck Hotel.

Armstrong has become a visible advocate for lesbian, gay, and bisexual youth activists. In 1996, with 1997 Hall of Fame inductee Miguel Ayala, she cofounded and has served as vice president of Student Pride USA. Since 1996 she has been a traveling public speaker on ending school homophobia. And she now provides a home for two "adopted daughters" lesbian teenagers who need parenting, guidance, and financial support because of their former "at risk" living situations.

Miguel Ayala



Miguel Ayala

Now a first-year student at DePaul University majoring in political science, Miguel Ayala had compiled an impressive record as an activist for lesbian, bisexual, and gay rights and for other groups' rights even before graduating from high school.

A Chicago native, Ayala graduated in June 1997 from this city's Whitney Young Magnet High School. In his first year there, he helped to persuade the school to start a new Asian and Latino literature class. In his second year, he ran successfully for the Local School Council, on which he still sits.

In his third and fourth years at Whitney Young, he established himself as openly gay by helping to start the Pride student group, which was the first school- approved organization for lesbian, bisexual, and gay students in any Chicago public high school.

He was also involved with the Somos Latino Coalition, Aspira Inc., AIDS Awareness, the school yearbook, the student council, and the senior committee. He took male dates to school dances despite opposition, and he faced administrative meetings alone (supported only by a tape recorder).

In late summer of 1996, Ayala helped to organize Student Pride USA, a national alliance of lesbian, gay, and bisexual high school student clubs. He was the organization's president and primary spokesperson until the summer of 1997, when it became a project of the national Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network (GLSEN). Ayala set up a World Wide Web site for the group on the Internet and helped to secure its Internal Revenue Service recognition as a 501(c)(3) organization. He also led a consciousness-raising campaign about homophobia in the Chicago Public Schools.

In October 1996, he went to Washington, D.C., to participate in a gay youth festival and in La Marcha, a march for Mexican American rights. In 1996 and 1997, he took part in Chicago's Gay and Lesbian Pride Parade in contingents of teenage school-based lesbigay activists.

Since 1996, Ayala has given dozens of interviews in mainstream and gay publications, radio programs, and television shows. He has spoken in a variety of venues, including national and regional educators' and researchers' conferences, and at universities.

In 1997, Ayala was elected to the Chicago School Reform Board of Trustees as the first openly gay and actively Hispanic honorary student member. He is working to get the board to address issues of concern to lesbian, gay, and bisexual students.

At GLSEN's national conference in Salt Lake City, he received the group's 1997 National Pathfinder Award for outstanding contributions to school-based activism. He received GLSEN Chicago's 1997 Youth Scholarship Award of $1,000 for his contributions to ending homophobia in Illinois schools. Ayala also received a Human Rights Campaign award in 1997 for activism and was named by the *Advocate* magazine in 1997 as one of the nation's "Best and Brightest Under 30."

Roger "RJ" Chaffin

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For more than 22 years, Roger J. Chaffin has been one of Chicago's most visible gay businesspersons, as well as a reliable volunteer for many gay and lesbian and AIDS organizations.

An Ohio native, Chaffin moved to Chicago in 1974 and was soon working as a delivery person for the weekly *GayLife*. He quickly moved into pasteup and other production tasks. He has since had a creative role in producing souvenir programs for events such as Circus Vargas Big Top fundraisers and the annual International Mr. Leather Weekend. Until 1982, he served *GayLife* as writer, entertainment editor, reviewer, and business manager, acquiring an informed perspective on Chicago's gay and lesbian community.

In 1977, Chaffin and his then-partner were profiled in a three-part *Chicago Sun-Times* feature on same-sex relationships, which included photo coverage of their ceremony at Chicago's Good Shepherd Parish Metropolitan Community Church.

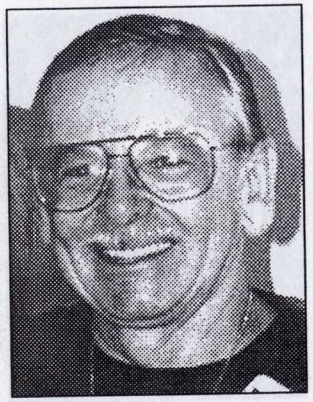
In 1983, he opened R.J.'s Video in the 400 block of North Clark Street when that neighborhood was still an anchor of the city's gay entertainment community. It became the city's first video store to offer a wide selection of general-interest gay and lesbian features, besides providing a comfortable venue in which to rent adult-oriented films. He briefly operated a second video store in Andersonville and then consolidated activities into a single, expanded location (in partnership with Chuck Cox) on North Halsted Street. As a businessman, he has sponsored Metropolitan Sports Association teams and the Righteously Outrageous Twirling Corps (ROTC). His honors include *Gay Chicago Magazine* citations for business achievement in 1986 and (with Gary Chichester) in 1988, one by *The Leather Journal*'s 1992 Pantheon of Leather, and a Chicago House award.

Other business ventures have been Gay Mart (1993 95), with Cox and Shelly Rosenbaum, and Holidaze (1995 97), with Steve Hyde. The latter store has now become Ragin' RaeJean's. Alone and with partners, Chaffin has raised thousands of dollars for Chicago House, Howard Brown Health Center, Horizons Community Services, Open Hand Chicago, and other charitable organizations.

Chaffin also found a niche in special event planning. In 1985, he and Chichester formed Back Door Promotions. Besides much paid work for major events, Back Door has coordinated numerous AIDS charitable activities. In addition, Chaffin produced Chicago House's 1988 Labor of Love Weekend and played Santa Claus at all four of the organization's Holiday Fares.

He coproduced *Crimes of Hate*, a 1989 film on gay-bashing. He volunteered for NAMES Project/Chicago and national Quilt displays, all three national gay and lesbian marches in Washington, and many Pride Parades here. For seven years he has directed International Mr. Leather Weekend's Leather Marketplace, the world's largest vendor fair of its kind. And he has served on boards of Strike Against AIDS, the Chicago AIDS Benefit Committee, and the Northalsted Area Business Association.

James C. Darby



James C. Darby

After meeting the founder of Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Veterans of America (GLBVA) at Chicago's 1991 Gay and Lesbian Pride Parade and discovering that the group had no Chicago chapter yet, Jim Darby put an ad in *Windy City Times*. One veteran answered. Together they started the chapter.

Finding members was not easy. Many gay men and lesbians had had such bad experiences with the military that they were not interested in a veterans group, gay or not. But by the spring of 1992, half a dozen members were attending monthly. Then, when two well-known gay veterans, Sgt. Perry Watkins and Sgt. James English, were in Chicago for that year's Memorial Day weekend, Darby enlisted them to help launch the chapter's first public meeting, and it was firmly established.

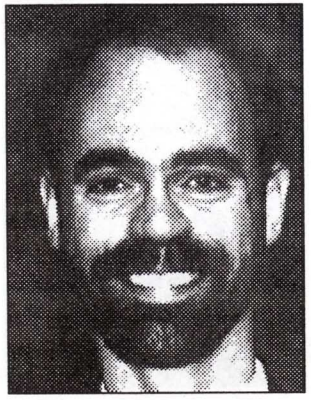
On Veterans Day, 1992, GLBVA laid the first pink triangle wreath at annual ceremonies in Daley Center Plaza. At first the group was warmly received and listed in the program, but American Legion sponsors of the event later tried to exclude them. A yearlong campaign finally convinced sponsors that gay veterans belonged at the ceremony but, rather than list GLBVA with the other 18 groups participating, sponsors simply removed every group's name from the program.

The year 1993 was a watershed for gay, lesbian, and bisexual veterans. The murder of Allen Schindler prompted Chicago veterans to hold a large memorial service for him. GLBVA participated in national veterans activities, and President Clinton said he would lift the anti-gay ban on military service. Darby flew to Washington five times that year, each time hoping to celebrate lifting of the ban. On July 15, when the "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue" compromise was announced, Darby joined others in a White House demonstration. Instead of celebrating, all were arrested.

An award-winning, now-retired Chicago public high school teacher of Spanish and other subjects, Darby served in the Navy from 1952 to 1956 as a cryptographer and radioman during the Korean War. In Washington during 1995 Korean War memorial events, Darby and his lifetime partner since 1963, Patrick Bova, took part in all the patriotic activities and became the only openly gay veterans at the culminating parade. When Veterans of Foreign Wars sponsors saw them, their ejection was demanded. To their dismay, Washington police forced them to leave after they refused to move.

Darby eventually asked James Balcer, director of the Chicago Commission on Human Relations' Advisory Council on Veterans Affairs, to be the council's representative of gay veterans. For the last two years, Darby has been the council's recording secretary and has used the experience to connect gay veterans with available services and to forge ties with veterans of other backgrounds.

After serving as president of GLBVA's Chicago chapter, as regional vice president, and as national executive vice president, Darby was elected national president this year. In that role, he took part in a May 1997 Pentagon meeting to discuss gay and lesbian veterans issues with Frederick F. Y. Pang, Assistant Secretary of Defense (Force Management Policy). At 65, Darby's activism continues.



John R. Hammell

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[posthumous]

As director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois's Gay and Lesbian Rights Project and its AIDS and Civil Liberties Project, John Hammell fought for those too often forgotten in today's society.

He was a highly capable lawyer who devised and implemented strategies that resulted in significant victories under the Fair Housing Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act. He also undertook and succeeded in dozens of important precedent-setting cases, which included the right of same-sex couples to adopt children, the right to have AIDS prevention advertisements posted on Chicago Transit Authority vehicles, and a declaration for the first time that a state law compelling HIV testing was unconstitutional.

Outside the ACLU, Hammell's work was equally important. He was the Illinois representative in the Campaign for Military Service, which sought to end the ban on gay men and lesbians' serving openly in the armed forces. He was the first openly gay representative to the Illinois Nomination Commission, a group established by Illinois's two U.S. senators to propose candidates for vacant federal judgeships. And he worked tirelessly with other activists in Illinois and elsewhere to secure legal protections for lesbians and gay men and for persons with HIV disease.

Before his ACLU tenure, Hammell was a staff attorney for Business and Professional People for the Public Interest, where he litigated several major racial discrimination cases.

From 1985 to 1988, he served on the Howard Brown Health Center board and cochaired its Legal Assistance Program. He was on the board of the Lesbian and Gay Bar Association of Chicago from 1988 to 1990, a member of the Service Providers Council and the Advocacy Committee of the AIDS Foundation of Chicago from 1988 to 1994, and Midwest regional representative to the National Gay and Lesbian Legal Rights Roundtable from 1988 to 1994. He received the 1993 Joseph Alongi Award from IMPACT, the Illinois gay and lesbian political action committee. He received other awards in 1992 from the Public Interest Law Initiative and in 1991 from the Illinois Human Rights Foundation and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

A Detroit native, Hammell earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in communication studies from Northwestern University. He graduated with honors from Harvard Law School in 1982, where he was an editor on the *Harvard Civil Rights Civil Liberties Law Review* and chaired Students for Public Interest Law.

In 1995, Hammell died from complications of AIDS, survived by his life partner, John U. Baker; his parents; four sisters and a brother; and eight nieces and nephews. He was a proud, openly gay man who refused to be an outsider, and he relied on a deep religious faith for sustenance.

Rick Karlin

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Rick Karlin has been an activist in Chicago's gay and lesbian community for more than 20 years. A visible public figure in print and onstage, he has also lent his talents to countless charitable events. Many know him only in his public persona, but he is as comfortable working behind the scenes doing drudge work as he is onstage receiving plaudits.

Karlin's activism began in 1976. As a single gay father, he found it hard to reconcile his status as a parent with that of a gay man. Working with his friend Kathy Ramos, he founded Chicago's first gay parents group. Later, he moved it toward affiliation with Horizons Community Services.

In 1984 and 1985, he brought to Chicago the Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition International's conference, which he chaired. Later, he served as an executive vice president of the coalition, organized its 1987 March on Washington contingent, and received its President's Award in 1996.

From 1978 to 1982, Karlin wrote for *GayLife* as the Gay Gourmet. Meanwhile, in 1979, he began as a volunteer at Horizons (then Gay Horizons), rose to a board position, and organized Horizons' Saturday Night Coffeehouse at the Jane Addams Hull House Center until 1986. In 1980, *Spin Cycle,* a musical he cowrote with the late Frank DePaul, opened for a three-month run at the Theatre Building and became the first gay-themed musical to be reviewed by Chicago's mainstream press.

In 1982, he began writing for *Gay Chicago Magazine*. His serials, "Tales of the Second City" and "Death on the Rocks," became popular features of the magazine through 1995. In 1988, he began editing the magazine's "After Dark" section, aided in turning the magazine's focus from being a bar guide to being a full entertainment guide, and helped to showcase charity events and benefits on the magazine's covers. He inaugurated the magazine's "Dream Date with *Gay Chicago*'s Most Eligible Bachelors" as a benefit auction for Chicago House, and he made the magazine's "After Dark" Awards into a benefit for the AIDS Foundation of Chicago. In 1996, he moved to *Nightlines* and began broadcasting on Chicago's "LesBiGay Radio" program.

Karlin emceed ceremonies for the NAMES Project's Quilt and has organized or served as auctioneer in benefits for Horizons, the Gerber/Hart Library, Open Hand Chicago, and numerous other groups. Since 1994, he has produced four annual benefit versions of "A Commitment to Love," which received much publicity as the world's first gay and lesbian "wedding fair," and he produced "Night of 100 Drag Queens" benefits in 1994 and 1995.

Besides that, Karlin helped his friend Alyn Toler to establish Chicago's Pink Angels in 1992, was a founding member and enthusiastic publicist for the Chicago chapter of what is now the Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network (GLSEN), has been named one of Illinois's "Most Talented Teachers" and an "Outstanding Teacher" in Chicago, received a Rochelle Lee Fund grant, and reared two sons. He is now working toward his doctorate degree in education.

Corinne Kawecki

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Corinne Kawecki is one of the selfless people who quietly serve behind the scenes at a variety of organizations.

Her volunteer work began on the Horizons Community Services hotline about 1985. The next year, she became Horizons' codirector of volunteer services. From 1987 to 1989, she continued to do volunteer work for Horizons in several capacities: editing the newsletter, cochairing the first Lesbian Health Conference, and serving on the board of directors.

In 1990, partly as a result of her Horizons work, Kawecki was asked to join the board of directors of the Chicago Abused Women's Coalition (CAWC) as a lesbian voice. During the next two years, she was elected as treasurer of the board and cochaired the organization's fifth annual benefit.

In recent years, Kawecki has devoted herself to the Lesbian Community Cancer Project (LCCP), of which she is a founding member. Her work for LCCP has been substantial, and she has played a defining role in its creation and evolution.

She was a member of the LCCP steering committee in 1991, was its first treasurer in 1991 and 1992, ran the LCCP hotline out of her home for a year (1991 92), cochaired the group's second annual benefit, and has served on the board of directors from its beginning in 1993 until now.

During the past two years, she not only has served as president of the LCCP board but also has edited the group's newsletter.

Clearly generous with her time, Kawecki has also been generous with her money, sponsoring a women's softball team in the Metropolitan Sports Association in the late 1980s and early 1990s. For more than 10 years, she has worked tirelessly toward the betterment of our community.

Larry McKeon

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Though a relative newcomer to Chicago politics, Larry McKeon has quickly made a historic, indelible mark in that storied world.

Through his 1996 election as state representative from the North Side's 34th District, McKeon became Illinois's first openly gay or lesbian state legislator. And he did it by appealing to a broad spectrum of interests traditional and more independent political powers, community groups of all stripes, and voters of every variety, including but certainly not limited to lesbian and gay voters.

In the House of Representatives, he is a member of committees on Aging, Criminal Law, Health Care Availability and Access, Higher Education, and Labor and Commerce and of the Task Force on Mental Health and Patient Abuse.

Before election to the House, he served with distinction as director of the Chicago Commission on Human Relations' Advisory Council on Gay and Lesbian Issues (ACGLI). In that role, he also functioned as Mayor Richard M. Daley's liaison to gay and lesbian Chicagoans. He advised city government officials about matters with a gay and lesbian impact, he advocated for gay and lesbian human rights, and he mediated conflict involving access to city government and its services—often working days and evenings, seven days a week.

Prior to his ACGLI service, McKeon was director of information systems and services and a research associate for United Charities of Chicago. Before that, he was an instructor in the public administration program at Chicago's Roosevelt University, concentrating in criminal justice policy and management.

Prior work included positions as a juvenile justice research project specialist at the University of Chicago, as assistant dean of that university's School of Social Service Administration, as a criminal justice policy research project director at the University of Southern California's Social Science Research Institute, and as a sociology lecturer at California State University, Los Angeles.

Early in his career, McKeon was an honorably discharged Army first lieutenant and a member of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, where he reached the rank of lieutenant and was successively a patrol officer, supervisor investigator, watch commander, and director of news media and public relations.

McKeon received his degree as bachelor of arts in political science in 1975 from California State University, Los Angeles, and his degree as master of science in public administration in 1978 from the same institution. He has completed Ph.D. coursework and examinations in the University of Chicago's School of Social Service Administration. And, for his extensive community service, he has been honored by the Human Rights Campaign (1994), IMPACT Illinois (1997), and Dignity/Chicago (1997).

David Ostrow

David G. Ostrow, M.D., Ph.D.

For more than two decades, David Ostrow has been a bold, innovative leader in addressing critical issues of gay men's health.

In 1974, Ostrow helped to found what is now Howard Brown Health Center as a place to provide confidential and high-quality testing and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases for gay men. Following Ostrow's leadership, the Center has evolved to become the Midwest's leading private provider of HIV/AIDS services and the largest gay, lesbian, and bisexual health center in the region.

From the onset of the AIDS crisis, Ostrow has been at the forefront of research. At his suggestion, the National Institutes of Health started the Multicenter AIDS Cohort Study (MACS), the largest and longest-running HIV/AIDS study in the world. It examines the clinical progression of HIV through blood samples of thousands of HIV-positive gay men across the country. MACS data have produced more than 500 scientific and theoretical papers in major journals and at international conferences, and they have helped to establish viral load as a better predictor of HIV clinical outcome than T-cell levels.

With colleagues at the University of Michigan, Ostrow later established the National Institutes of Mental Health sponsored Coping and Change Study (CCS), which examined the behavior and mental adaptations of Chicago MACS participants over the past 14 years and has itself generated more than 50 scientific papers and presentations.

Ostrow has been honored for his HIV/AIDS research with more than a dozen awards, including the 1995 Achievement Award from the National Lesbian and Gay Health Association. Since 1975, he has written eight books on various issues concerning sexually transmitted diseases and HIV/AIDS. He has written or contributed to nearly 300 articles and abstracts in almost every American medical and psychiatric journal and has made presentations at 12 international AIDS conferences.

He is the principal investigator on Howard Brown Health Center's Awareness Intervention for Men study, which is designed to help gay and bisexual men to become more aware of personal triggers for unsafe sex and to provide them with means of maintaining safer sex practices. More than 50% of the study's participants are from communities of color, where the epidemic's spread is most rapid.

Ostrow is acting director for STOP AIDS Chicago; coordinator of gay, lesbian, and HIV psychiatry at Illinois Masonic Medical Center; professor of epidemiology and biostatistics at the University of Illinois School of Public Health; and director of prevention research at Howard Brown Health Center. He is on the editorial boards of eight publications, including the recently established *Journal of the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association*, and is coeditor of the "AIDS Prevention and Mental Health" book series. He has also taught at Northwestern University, the University of Michigan, and the Medical College of Wisconsin. Ostrow holds three University of Chicago degrees: S.B. in biochemistry with honors (1969), Ph.D. in biochemistry (1974), and M.D. with honors (1975).

Ida Greathouse

[posthumous]

Ida Greathouse

As mother and activist, Ida Greathouse drew national attention to the needs of herself and others living with AIDS.

A native of Peru, Illinois, Greathouse was always an outspoken person and left home at age 17 for Chicago. Here she met and married Silvano Vanegas, with whom she had a son, Silvano. After a divorce, she later married Carlos "Charlie" Romero, who was to die of AIDS complications in 1993.

Greathouse tested positive for HIV in 1984. In 1988, after a close friend died from AIDS complications, she watched helplessly as the friend's young son was shifted among four foster homes in seven months. She then decided that her son would not fare similarly, and she became increasingly active in AIDS-related causes.

Along with Jeannie Pejko, Michael Thurnherr, Daniel Sotomayor, William M. McMillan, and others, she cofounded the PISD (People with Immune System Disorders) Caucus of ACT UP Chicago. In 1990, she helped to organize ACT UP Chicago's participation in an Atlanta demonstration against the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention with a goal of including various opportunistic infections unique to HIV-positive women as conditions qualifying for an AIDS diagnosis.

She lobbied city, state, and federal officials for more attention to AIDS programs, especially for women and children. She publicly challenged Chicago officials to increase the city's AIDS budget and lobbied aldermen for it. Helping to lead a demonstration to Governor Jim Edgar's office in 1992, her determination was instrumental in increasing the state's AIDS budget.

One of the first women in Chicago to disclose her HIV status publicly, she served on Cook County Hospital's Fantus Clinic Board, where she advocated for a separate program for women and children with HIV/AIDS, and was a trainer for the Midwest AIDS Training & Education Center. In 1994, she was honored by the AIDS Foundation of Chicago for leadership and courage in the fight against AIDS.

Deciding that Silvano would not be shuffled around after her death, she successfully petitioned a court in 1992 to award guardianship to their close friend, Rock Simcina, an openly gay man whom they had met when he was an Open Hand Chicago volunteer. "Women should be able to make the final decision about where their children go," she told *People* magazine in 1993. Beginning with Chicago's first AIDS Walk's opening rally in 1988, she took her story to National Public Radio, Jerry Springer's television show, and Chicago's annual Gay and Lesbian Pride Parade rally.

Greathouse was a regular volunteer at the Test Positive Aware Network and served on the Chicago/Cook County HIV Services Planning Council. She died on June 17, 1995, of complications from AIDS.

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As alderman of Chicago's diverse 48th Ward, Mary Ann Smith has been responsive to gay and lesbian issues and has encouraged gay and lesbian leadership in her ward.

She knows that community groups and block clubs have been strengthened by the dedication of gay and lesbian Chicagoans. She has reached out enthusiastically to such residents, business owners, and agencies to encourage them to locate in the 48th Ward. Smith also strongly supported the location of the first Chicago House facility and of the San Miguel Apartments in the ward.

As alderman, Smith convened the 48th Ward Gay and Lesbian Coalition (GLC), now known as the North Lake Shore Gay and Lesbian Community (North Lake Shore GLC). It has grown significantly, and its membership now includes residents from several wards.

Early in her tenure, Smith hosted a meeting in her home between GLC members and three police commanders from districts in the ward to ensure responsiveness to gay and lesbian issues. She was an early supporter of the Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy (CAPS).

In the City Council, Smith has strongly supported such measures as a resolution against spending city money on travel to Colorado because of its unconstitutionally anti-gay Amendment 2; an ordinance recognizing city government employees' domestic partnerships; the city's human rights legislation that includes a ban on sexual-orientation discrimination; and budget initiatives for gay and lesbian health issues.

Her contributions to her community and the city demonstrate dedication and foresight, as she endeavors to enhance the quality of life for everyone. She believes in community-directed development and grapples with issues that challenge a metropolis on the brink of the 21st century, such as traffic and vanishing open space. She introduced traffic circles to the ward, which slow drivers and discourage collisions at intersections. She helped improve ward schools and play spaces, and she persuaded developers to adopt community-friendly designs. She prevailed on the Chicago Park District to acquire additional park space in the ward and helped to create an extension of the city's lakefront bicycle path into a newly designated historic district on Bryn Mawr Avenue.

Smith is a model for conscientious public service and for supporting innovation and inclusiveness in community development.

Dignity / Chicago

Dignity/Chicago has its roots in a spiritual organization created by Mary Houlihan in 1970. She was a member of the Legion of Mary who learned of a need to minister to the gay community. After meeting with a group of interested gay Roman Catholics, it was decided to begin holding a special Mass for the community. The first one was held in the apartment of Wayne Evans, a former Benedictine monk, on October 14, 1970.

Such masses continued until February 1971, when they drew negative attention from the late Cardinal Cody and were temporarily stopped until oral permission was received from him to continue two months later. Eventually, the masses settled into a home at St. Sebastian Church, and in February 1972 oral permission was granted to hold them on Sunday evenings. About that time, the fourth chapter of Dignity was being formed in Chicago, and in July 1972 Dignity unofficially took over organizing the Mass for the gay and lesbian community.

In early years, Dignity/Chicago was among the few non-bar gathering places for lesbians and gay men and assumed the role of an increasingly strong political organization. It became a starting point for many actions in the Chicago and national lesbian and gay movement.

Dignity/Chicago's activism was visible in the 1970s. It helped to cofound Call to Action, a major coalition of progressive Catholics, in 1977. That same year, the Chicago chapter hosted Dignity/USA's third national convention. In 1978, Dignity/Chicago cosponsored the Orange Ball, a Chicago fundraiser to combat Anita Bryant backed anti-gay referenda nationwide. Later that year, Dignity/Chicago chartered two buses to Wichita, Kansas, to try to defeat an anti-gay measure.

During the 1980s and 1990s, the number of groups providing outreach to the gay and lesbian communities steadily increased, and Dignity turned its political focus on the Roman Catholic Church itself. In the 1980s, Dignity's affirmation of its members' sexual activity came under official church criticism. Members were told to comply with traditional church beliefs on homosexuality or no longer to consider themselves one with the archdiocese. The membership was torn apart. Some left altogether. Others joined the Archdiocesan Gay and Lesbian Outreach (AGLO). Still others remained with Dignity/Chicago and searched for a new worship space, since they were no longer allowed to meet at St. Sebastian or any other church property.

In the 1990s, Dignity has continued to assert its role as "a Roman Catholic, gender-inclusive community celebrating the holiness of all sexual orientations and committed relationships." The group has maintained involvement with community gay and lesbian organizations and with Call to Action. After 25 years, Dignity/Chicago is in its third home since St. Sebastian, at the Broadway United Methodist Church, and has been awarded a grant by the First United Church of Oak Park for its programs of support and education. It continues to seek inclusion of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered people in the life of all faith communities and especially as full, equal members of the Roman Catholic Church.

PREVIOUS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

AD HOC COMMITTEE OF PROUD BLACK LESBIANS AND GAYS (1993): The committee was formed to create positive gay and lesbian visibility in Chicago's African American community and to march as open lesbians and gay men in the 64th annual Bud Billiken Parade. After filing and mediating a human rights charge, the group marched and was warmly received by the community.

ROBERT J. ADAMS (1994, now deceased): Originally a practicing lawyer, he led Chicago's NAMES Project chapter and from 1989 to 1991 was the first fulltime executive director of IMPACT, the political action committee. He then joined the staff of openly gay U.S. Rep. Gerry Studds; returned to Chicago in late 1992 as development director for the Chicago Department of Health's AIDS programs; and resigned for health reasons in 1993.

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

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

BAILIWICK REPERTORY'S PRIDE SERIES (1996): Since 1989, the annual Pride Series has presented more than 120 gay and lesbian plays, musicals, and performance pieces as part of the only regional theater in America with an ongoing programming arm that serves the lesbian and gay community. The series has also financially empowered nonprofit lesbian and gay organizations through benefit performances.

TRACY BAIM (1994): In lesbian and gay journalism since 1984, she has labored untiringly as publisher, reporter, editor, columnist, and photographer in offering a voice to all segments of our community. She now produces the weekly *Nightlines* and *Outlines*, plus *BLACKlines, En La Vida, Clout!*, and the *OUT! Resource Guide*, and she cochairs the Chicago Area Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce.

ROBERT SLOANE BASKER (1993): He founded and headed Mattachine Midwest in 1965, began Chicago's first gay and lesbian telephone hotline, and initiated discussions with police during a period of arbitrary raids and arrests. He also took part in pre-Stonewall national gay rights organizing and in Dade County organizing during the Anita Bryant era. Now a 79-year-old San Franciscan, he remains active in numerous social change movements and is on the board of the San Francisco NAACP chapter.

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

HIV/AIDS educator and policymaker. She delivered AIDS training to more than 35,000 health care professionals and is now a corporate consultant on communication and management topics.

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

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

LORI CANNON (1994): She was named a "Friend of the Community" for her work with Chicago House and the NAMES Project and for later cofounding ACT UP Chicago and Open Hand Chicago. For Open Hand, she has drawn on her early organizing skills as a show-business bus driver and has raised funds, handled public relations, and overseen a food pantry's development.

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

JOHN CHESTER (1994): Since 1971, he has been a leader in lesbian and gay rights efforts, philanthropic organizing, Chicago House development, and both gay and non-gay religious activism. 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.

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

GARY G. CHICHESTER (1992): He has provided more than 25 years of commitment and work to the gay and lesbian communities. In 1971 he cofounded the Chicago Gay Alliance, which created Chicago's first gay and lesbian community center. He has served on the Chicago Commission on Human Relations' Advisory Council on Gay and Lesbian Issues from 1989 and has sat on the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame Committee from its inception in 1991 (cochairing it since 1992).

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

JERROLD E. COHEN (posthumous 1993): He was involved in forming more than a dozen community groups including University of Chicago Gay Liberation, Chicago Gay Alliance, Windy City Gay Chorus, and Chi-Town Squares. He was a key participant in the NAMES Project's Chicago chapter and a charter member of Test Positive Aware Network.

T. CHRIS COTHRAN (1995, now deceased): He was well known both in broader gay and lesbian groups and in those specific to lesbian and gay African Americans. He was a veteran member of PrideChicago, which plans the annual pride parade. He helped to lead local and national gay and lesbian business organizations; the National Coalition of Black Lesbians and Gays; Kupona Network; and the Advisory Council on Gay and Lesbian Issues and its precursor committee.

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.

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

JON-HENRI DAMSKI (1991): He has been a columnist for *GayLife, Gay Chicago Magazine, Windy City Times,* and now *Nightlines* and *Outlines*. His lobbying efforts were critical to the passage of the Chicago human rights ordinance in 1989 and the hate crimes ordinance in 1990.

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

JACK DELANEY (1996): A supporter of many community groups, he joined Dignity/Chicago in 1977 and later served as its president and a member of Dignity/USA's board. He has chaired Chicago House's board, served as Windy City Athletic Association commissioner, cochaired the 48th Ward Gay and Lesbian Coalition, and served on the boards of the Frank M. Rodde III Memorial Building Fund and the Illinois Federation for Human Rights Political Action Committee. In 1995 he was elected to the Edgewater Community Council.

THOM DOMBKOWSKI (1992): He was a leader in the development and formation of Chicago House and Social Service Agency, where he also served as principal fundraiser and eventually as executive director. He also proposed establishment of the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame and brought this idea to fruition during his tenure on the Advisory Council on Gay and Lesbian Issues.

JAMES W. FLINT (1991): A well-known businessman, he is founder and owner of the Miss Gay Continental Pageant, a national contest for female impersonators. He is also active in Democratic Party politics.

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

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

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.

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

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

GERBER/HART LIBRARY (1996): As a repository of gay and lesbian history and culture, the library holds more than 10,000 titles and has a growing archival collection, said by some to be unparalleled in the Midwest. As a cultural center, it often mounts or cosponsors readings and exhibitions. Recent years have seen computerization, an Internet presence, and its first fulltime director.

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

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

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

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

PEG GREY (1992): She has provided key leadership for more than a decade in building lesbian and gay athletic programs and organizations and in organizing lesbian and gay teachers.

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

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

RENEE C. HANOVER (1991): A prominent, now retired civil rights attorney who often provided her services pro bono, she has long been a high-visibility advocate for lesbian and gay rights. She has worked for civil rights legislation of all kinds and has vigorously opposed all forms of discrimination in the law and in the community.

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

GREGORY "GREG" HARRIS (1996): Since 1992, as an openly gay man living with AIDS, he has been chief of staff for 48th Ward Ald. Mary Ann Smith. He has devoted untold amounts of volunteer time to AIDS-related causes and was cofounder and first president both of AIDS Walk Chicago and of Open Hand Chicago. He was instrumental in securing domestic partnership benefits for Chicago city government employees and cofounded Lesbians and Gays in Government.

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

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

HORIZONS COMMUNITY SERVICES (1992): Established more than 20 years ago as Gay Horizons, the organization continues to serve as the Midwest's largest and most comprehensive social service agency meeting the needs of Chicago's diverse gay and lesbian community.

HOWARD BROWN HEALTH CENTER (1991): Established more than 20 years ago 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

MARIE J. KUDA (1991): For nearly 30 years, she has worked as historian, archivist, writer, lecturer, and publisher to promote and preserve positive images of lesbians and gay men. She organized five national lesbian writers conferences and published the first annotated lesbian bibliography, ***Women Loving Women***.

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

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

LIONHEART GAY THEATRE COMPANY (1994): 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.

HARLEY McMILLEN (1992): He played an important role in the 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.

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.*

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

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

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

MARY F. MORTEN (1996): The first African American president of the National Organization for Women's Chicago chapter, she has contributed to books and has created a video documentary on the experiences of African American lesbians. She campaigned for a revised home-based-business ordinance and chaired the Chicago Abortion Fund and the city Advisory Council on Women. In 1997, she became director of the Advisory Council on Gay and Lesbian Issues.

MOUNTAIN MOVING COFFEEHOUSE FOR WOMYN AND CHILDREN (1993): It is the oldest continuously-running, women-only space in the country. For some 20 years, it has presented lesbian-feminist–oriented culture and music. The collective is operated totally by volunteers and is open to any woman who wishes to participate.

IFTI NASIM (1996): Born in Pakistan, he wrote *Narman,* an award-winning book of gay-related poetry in Urdu—said to be the first direct statement of "gay" longings and desires ever published in that language. Its publication required courage amid controversy, met with revilement but critical acclaim, and has inspired other Pakistani poets. He was cofounder of Sangat/Chicago, a group for gay and lesbian South Asians, and has been president of the South Asian Performing Arts Council of America.

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

CHARLOTTE NEWFELD (1996): A well-known civic activist and a tenacious advocate for gay and lesbian Chicagoans since the early 1970s, this "Friend of the Community" lobbied for city and county human rights ordinances, for a mayoral liaison and committee on gay and lesbian issues, and for an increased city AIDS budget. She led the Lake View Citizens' Council's board in support of a domestic partnership ordinance in 1996. For more than 20 years she has urged and actively backed gay and lesbian political participation.

OPEN HAND CHICAGO (1994): Founded in 1988, it became Chicago's only in-home meals program for persons living with AIDS and is estimated to have delivered more than 1.2 million meals. It has expanded throughout the city, added other nutrition programs, and cooperated with other groups targeting specific ethnic populations.

DOM OREJUDOS (posthumous 1992): He was a major figure and choreographer with the Illinois Ballet Company for 15 years, a respected businessman, and an internationally known artist.

KATHY OSTERMAN (posthumous 1993): As a "Friend of the Community," 48th Ward alderman, 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 the passage of the city's human rights ordinance.

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

RICHARD W. PFEIFFER (1993): For more than 25 years he has been an activist and volunteer in numerous organizations, having headed the Chicago Gay Alliance (which ran the city's first community center) and founded the Gay Activists Coalition (the first gay and lesbian organization at a City Colleges of Chicago campus). He is best known for his leadership of PrideChicago, which facilitates the annual gay and lesbian pride parade.

MARY D. POWERS (1992): She was recognized as a "Friend of the Community" for her 30 years of commitment in addressing abusive police behavior and being a consistent advocate for gay and lesbian civil rights.

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

CHARLES "CHUCK" RENSLOW (1991): In the early 1960s he opened the Gold Coast leather bar, one of the first openly gay establishments in Chicago. He also published *GayLife*, financially aided many gay rights efforts of the 1960s, 1970s, and 1980s, and has been active in city and state Democratic Party politics.

LINDA S. RODGERS (1993): As a successful businesswoman, fundraiser, and activist, she combines her business acumen and community consciousness to promote projects and political actions in support of lesbian and gay human rights and community needs.

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

TIFFANI ST. CLOUD (1996): By age 18 in 1996, she had been the motivating force behind formation of the Pride group at Chicago's Whitney Young Magnet High School. It quickly became the school's second-largest organization, despite some initial student-body resistance. It was formed to bolster the self-esteem of students, including those who are gay, lesbian, or bisexual, and to advocate for their rights.

BRUCE C. SCOTT (1993): He has been a Chicago resident for more than 50 years and 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. He was also an early officer of Mattachine Midwest.

DAVID B. SINDT (posthumous 1995): In the 1970s and 1980s, he vigorously fought homophobia not only in civil society but also in his own Presbyterian faith. As a gifted social worker, he advocated for gay parents and gay children. As an ordained minister, he organized what is now Presbyterians for Lesbian and Gay Concerns, but in 1977 he had to leave the ministry. He died of AIDS complications in 1986, and his West Lake View house became the first Chicago House–owned residence.

NORM SLOAN (1996): Since 1988, as a volunteer registrar, he has registered at least 38,000 voters. In some weeks, he has registered as many as 1,000 or 2,000, all in pursuit of a vision in which lesbians and gay men would have their say in the democratic process. He helped form the Lesbian and Gay Progressive Democratic Organization and later has worked through the Illinois Federation for Human Rights. He also gives volunteer aid to Chicago dance and theater efforts.

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

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 since the 1980s, has headed the AIDS Foundation of Chicago's Service Providers Council, and has served on numerous boards including that of Kupona Network.

JAMES MONROE SMITH (1995): As a quietly persistent young lawyer, in 1988 he founded the AIDS Legal Council, an unprecedented vehicle for involving Chicago's general legal community in helping persons with HIV/AIDS. When he left ALC in 1993, its staff had grown to eight persons, and he received the Chicago Bar Association's Maurice Weigle Award for his work. His textbook, *AIDS and Society*, was published in 1996, and he has taught AIDS-related college and law school courses.

MAXSONN "MAX" C. SMITH (1991): He has been active in addressing political and social hostility toward the African American gay and lesbian community. He has been a contributor to numerous publications, including *BLK* and *Blacklight*.

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

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

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

VALERIE TAYLOR (1992): She has been an outspoken advocate of lesbian and gay concerns since the 1950s and is the author of several lesbian-themed novels and poems. Now retired in Tucson (though still writing in her 80s), she edited the *Mattachine Midwest Newsletter* while in Chicago and was active in the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

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

JOANNE E. TRAPANI (1993): After a decade of New York City political activism, she cochaired the Illinois Gay and Lesbian Task Force for several terms, leading efforts to pass human rights legislation at state, county, and local levels. She has served as liaison to state and local governments and agencies, and in 1997 she was elected to the Oak Park village board as the first open lesbian elected to office in Illinois.

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

RICHARD B. TURNER (1991): He is director and senior program officer for the Elizabeth Morse Charitable Trust and was cofounder and national president of Funders Concerned About AIDS. Previously he was director of development and communications for the Chicago Community Trust. He has been a leader of numerous civic, cultural, and charitable organizations and currently is on the Human Rights Campaign's national board and the Hubbard Street Dance Chicago Advisory Board.

STEVEN F. WAKEFIELD (1994): He has held gay and lesbian executive positions since 1976, including Howard Brown Memorial Clinic until 1988. He later directed Test Positive Aware Network and the Night

Ministry; has been a leader in many social service and religious organizations, including several African American ones; and now sits on the Chicago Board of Health.

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

YVONNE ZIPTER (1995): A syndicated columnist, she has often documented the lives of Chicago lesbians and gay men. An award-winning poet and essayist, she also wrote a book on lesbian softball, *Diamonds Are a Dyke's Best Friend*. In September 1997, Gerber/Hart Library chose her for its second annual Sprague-Todes Literary Award. In the 1980s, she was part of groundbreaking publication efforts involving the literature, music, and culture of lesbians and other women.

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