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November 13, 2008

GREETINGS

As Governor of the State of Illinois, I am pleased to welcome everyone gathered for the **2008 Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony**.

Today's event serves as a wonderful opportunity to honor several outstanding Chicagoans for their terrific accomplishments. The gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender communities of Chicago have made wonderful contributions to the growth and wellbeing of the city and state, and they deserve our utmost respect and commendation for the great work they have done. Human rights are basic rights – not special rights. All Illinoisans should be proud of the efforts of these individuals and organizations to promote fairness and equality.

I am honored to congratulate each individual and organization being inducted into the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame in 2008. 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 honoring you on this special occasion.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rod Blagojevich". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rod R. Blagojevich
Governor



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RICHARD M. DALEY
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November 13, 2008

GREETINGS

As Mayor and on behalf of the City of Chicago, I am pleased to welcome everyone gathered for the 2008 Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony.

The lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) communities have made many valuable contributions to our city and continue to play an important role in the growth and development of Chicago. The Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame honors individuals and organizations within the LGBT communities who have demonstrated a commitment to diversity and work to enrich and unify our city. I join with the Commission on Human Relations and the Advisory Council on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Issues in adding my voice to those paying tribute to their accomplishments.

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

May you all have an enjoyable and memorable event.

Sincerely,

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

Mayor



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November 13, 2008

Dear Friends,

Chicago has something no other city in the country has: an established, city-sponsored Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame. On behalf of the City of Chicago Commission on Human Relations, I am honored that our Advisory Council on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Issues is in the forefront of recognizing the contributions that lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) individuals and organizations have made to Chicago.

Our Council and the Hall of Fame belong to a larger family, the family of human rights. The LGBT communities have a well-deserved and long-standing tradition of advocacy for fair treatment for all segments of our diverse city. We urge those communities to persevere in the fight against bias, discrimination, and prejudice.

The Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame is a crucial reminder to the City of Chicago that in honoring a specific community we are also singling our individuals and organizations that are committed to making Chicago everyone's city and ultimately a "bias-free" city.

The 2008 inductees of the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame have my admiration and support. I congratulate them for their achievements and commitment to making Chicago a city that works for all of its residents.

Sincerely,

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

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

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 the City of Chicago Commission on Human Relations, members of the Advisory Council on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Issues, and volunteers.

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

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**2008 INDUCTEES
CHICAGO GAY AND LESBIAN HALL OF FAME**

Jane Addams

Suzanne Arnold

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Sam Coady

Eddie Dugan (Edward L. Davison, Jr.)

Murray Edelman, Ph.D.

Stephen (Wanda Lust) Jones

Joe La Pat

Jesus Salgueiro and Art Smith

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In the text of the following brief biographies of inductees, the abbreviation LGBT repeatedly appears. It is currently a widely accepted term and stands for "lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender." Its use is intended as a reminder of Chicago's diversity.



PHOTO: GERHARD SISTERS

JANE ADDAMS (*deceased*)

Jane Addams is a Chicago icon. Her accomplishments in founding one of the nation's first settlement houses, Hull-House (now spelled Hull House), in 1890 and creating a model for social change and democracy—addressing such issues as child labor, public health reform, garbage collection, labor laws, and race relations—have qualified her for inclusion in any pantheon of Chicagoans.

She was also the first woman to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, in 1931, in recognition of her tireless (and often thankless) activism against war and other forms of violence. In 2007, she was again commemorated when part of Interstate Highway 90 was named in her honor. Although she was born in 1860 in Cedarville, Illinois, and died in Chicago in 1935, her memory remains powerful in Chicago, the nation, and the world.

Biographer Louise Knight has noted the “long silence about the historical significance of Addams’s intimate love life.” Current historical research and insight demonstrate that it is time for Chicago’s LGBT communities to claim Addams as one of our own. Historian Lillian Faderman notes that Addams “spent her adult years, almost until her death, with other women, in long-term relationships that we would describe as lesbian today.”

Addams had at least two long-term same-sex relationships—one of which, with Mary Rozet Smith, lasted 40 years. Addams and Smith traveled together, shared the same room and bed, and owned property together. Addams consistently addressed Smith as “dearest” and used phrases such as “I am yours ’til death.” Their relationship to each other was recognized by their close associates as intimate. Historian John D’Emilio points out, “No matter how you cut it, these are all marks that we use to understand women and men as lesbian or gay.”

During her lifetime, Jane Addams fought ceaselessly for the rights of the disenfranchised in Chicago and around the world. For her tireless and passionate work on behalf of peace, justice, and equality for all oppressed and exploited people and her exemplary status as a role model both historically and in the present, she is inducted into the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame.



PHOTO: ISRAEL WRIGHT

SUZANNE ARNOLD

Suzanne (Suzi) Arnold has been a mainstay of the local and national LGBT sports community for more than two decades. Born in Wisconsin in 1956, she has resided in Chicago for more than 13 years.

On the Milwaukee, Wisconsin, LGBT sports scene, Arnold served as assistant commissioner of softball. She was also a founding member of the Women's Division of the North American Gay Amateur Athletic Alliance and subsequently served as the organization's women's commissioner. In 2001, Arnold was among the first class of women ever inducted into the NAGAAA Hall of Fame.

Since moving to Chicago, Arnold has been active with the Windy City Athletic Association, serving as assistant commissioner, director of women's softball, and co-director of women's basketball.

She attended Gay Games II in San Francisco and played softball in Gay Games IV. She also attended Gay Games VI in Sydney, Australia, and has served as female vice president of the Federation of Gay Games and a co-chair of Team Chicago and Chicago 2006, Inc. She was sports co-director for Chicago's Gay Games VII in 2006.

Through her many and diverse sports leagues and activities, she has consistently created a safe place for athletes on all levels to compete proudly and openly as LGBT. She has fostered a collegial and friendly working relationship between gay male and lesbian athletes and is recognized as a leader both on and off the field.

For her activism and leadership in Chicago's lesbian and gay athletic community and on the national level as well, Arnold has been selected as a member of the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame.



PHOTO: G. THOMAS WARD

KEVIN G. BOYER

Kevin G. Boyer has been an integral part of Chicago's LGBT communities since the late 1980s. He has 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 has volunteered for a wide range of community nonprofit organizations, donating both his own time and his company's services.

Boyer was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, in 1963. He grew up Mormon in Utah, California, and Arizona and graduated from high school in Rupert, Idaho. He is a graduate of Weber State University in Ogden, Utah, and earned a master's degree from the University of Oregon. He moved to Chicago in 1988 to take up graduate studies at Northwestern University.

In addition to his service as a volunteer, donor, member of the Gerber/Hart Library board of directors and, for two years, board president, Boyer has a long list of commitments to Chicago's LGBT communities. These include co-founding the Chicago Area Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce and for four years co-chairing the organization's board, during which time the organization grew to more than 400 members throughout the Chicago area, becoming the fastest-growing LGBT business organization in the United States.

He also undertook fund-raising and providing a number of other services in conjunction with Chicago's Gay Games VII in 2006; serving as a board member of both the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation's Chicago chapter and the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network; and, today, working with the Federation of Gay Games and Games Cologne (Germany) on Gay Games VIII, scheduled for 2010. He was a member of the Gay Games' Policies and Procedures Committee from 2000 to 2007.

Boyer co-founded Communication Management, Inc., a management and marketing firm that specializes in events, public relations, and the nonprofit community, in 1990. In 1999, he co-founded Third Coast Marketing, which specialized in target marketing to the gay and lesbian communities and provided significant pro bono marketing services to a number of nonprofit organizations, theaters, and community groups. He also served on the board of the National Association of Graduate-Professional Students for two years and from 1990 until 2000 was executive director of NAGPS.

Boyer's induction into the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame honors his committed service to and leadership of a broad range of local and national LGBT organizations.



PHOTO: MUCUY KAK MOG MARIN

MICHAL BRODY

Native Chicagoan Michal Brody began her activism during the year of the Stonewall rebellion (1969) at the age of 21 as a founding member of the groundbreaking Hyde Park-based Chicago Gay Liberation. In 1970 she became one of the founders of Chicago Lesbian Liberation. She also joined the collective of the early Chicago lesbian newspaper *Lavender Woman*, writing columns and articles as well as doing production work. Brody documented her experiences and reflections about the early days of CGL and CLL and her years at the newspaper in her landmark book, *Are We There Yet? A Continuing History of Lavender Woman: A Chicago Lesbian Newspaper, 1971–1976*.

Brody also contributed to the early years of women’s music in Chicago. In October 1972, the Chicago Women’s Liberation Union produced a historic concert featuring the first openly lesbian music group in the world, Family of Woman—which also formed in Chicago—and Brody was their opening act. She toured the Midwest with the group and wrote a number of songs that galvanized lesbians wherever they performed. One of Brody’s songs, “Old Woman Song,” is featured on the *High Risk* collection of lesbian feminist performers.

Brody moved to Iowa in 1973, continuing to work long-distance on the production of *Lavender Woman*, maintaining her Chicago ties while extending her media activism. From 1977 to 1985 Brody was a member of Iowa City Women’s Press, the all-woman press responsible for printing periodicals that were vital instruments of lesbian community-building, including *Lesbian Connection*, *Sinister Wisdom*, and *Common Lives, Lesbian Lives*.

Are We There Yet? was published in 1984 (reprinted in 1991). In 1985, Brody moved back to Chicago and again immersed herself in Chicago lesbian community activism. She hosted a number of presentations at Mountain Moving Coffeehouse, including several oral herstory events, and in 1993 co-founded the Institute of Lesbian Studies.

“Even when we were doing the newspaper,” Brody recalls, “we were aware that we *were* the change we were reporting.” *Are We There Yet?* was fueled by Brody’s desire to keep that activism moving forward, by stimulating memory, by reconnecting lesbians, and “by putting a record of dyke experiences out into the world.”

Brody, who has a Ph.D. from the University of Texas, now teaches Mayan linguistics at the Universidad de Oriente in Valladolid, Yucatán, Mexico.

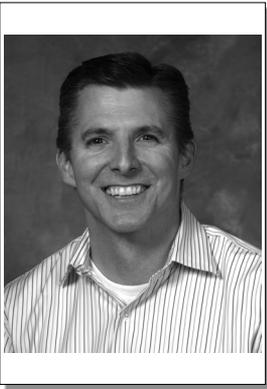


PHOTO: HAL BAIM/WINDY CITY TIMES

SAM COADY

Samuel J. Coady was born in 1964 in Ames, Iowa, where he grew up as the son of a college professor and a nurse for the terminally ill in a family of athletic, community-minded siblings and parents. He moved to Chicago in 1986 and quickly became known for his passionate belief that the LGBT athletic community empowers and advances the whole range of LGBT communities in the city and nationally.

Coady's leadership in Chicago's sports community is remarkable. In 1990, he founded the Chicago Hoops Classic lesbian and gay basketball tournament, which has grown into the largest annual LGBT basketball tournament in the world. At the end of his tenure as director, the tournament was renamed the Coady Roundball Classic to honor his contributions and dedication.

He has repeatedly represented Chicago in the North American Gay Amateur Athletic Alliance's Gay Softball World Series and helped both the Chicago Metropolitan Sports Association and the Windy City Athletic Association run softball tournaments, serving on the WCAA board for seven years.

Coady was a founding member of the Quaker Oats LGBT employees affinity group in the 1990s, leading to Quaker Oats' eventually offering domestic partnership benefits in advance of many other corporations, enhancing LGBT visibility and workplace equality, and helping to create a safe and affirming work environment. He currently works in corporate finance for the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, where he has also been instrumental in securing domestic partnership benefits, and where he secured the first LGBT sponsorship in that company's history with its support of Gay Games VII in 2006.

Coady's personal commitment to athletics and his professional background, along with his determined commitment to Chicago's LGBT communities, provided the critical foundation for his selection to co-chair Chicago's Gay Games VII. His leadership was central to reversing a 25-year trend of unprofitability for this multimillion-dollar event when Chicago's Games finished by breaking even. In addition, the Games generated unparalleled corporate and community involvement, with more than 350 corporate and individual sponsor partners.

Sam Coady is an ongoing contributor to many organizations that serve our communities, including the Center on Halsted, Howard Brown Health Center, Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Equality Illinois, the Human Rights Campaign, the Windy City Athletic Association, and the AIDS Foundation of Chicago. His work has changed lives for the better, both here in Chicago and nationally. For his advocacy of workplace equality and his ongoing contributions to the LGBT sports communities, he has earned a place in the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame.



PHOTO: GAY CHICAGO MAGAZINE

EDDIE DUGAN
(EDWARD L. DAVISON, JR.)
(deceased)

Eddie Dugan, who helped invent the disco phenomenon in the 1970s, was a brilliant showman and popularizer, always ahead of the times. He was also a great asset to the LGBT communities, donating time, space, and financial support to numerous organizations, many of which were then in their infancy.

Dugan supported many artists—dancers, singers, painters, photographers, and comedians. He was the first disco owner to bring recording artists to the club to perform live in front of an audience. He was also instrumental in getting corporations, such as liquor companies, to sponsor events at gay clubs, a practice that is now considered ordinary but at the time broke new ground.

Born Edward L. Davison, Jr., in Chicago on August 20, 1944, he graduated from Carl Schurz High School. After a stint in New York as a window dresser, he returned to Chicago and worked as a bartender in different venues. Under his adopted name Eddie Dugan, he opened Dugan’s Bistro to great fanfare in 1973. The club was an immediate sensation and attracted nationwide interest, serving as a mecca for celebrities passing through the city. The Bistro was frequently mentioned in gossip columns of the daily newspapers, which in those days seldom covered gay issues.

Dugan was an early supporter of many organizations, such as Gay Horizons (precursor of Center on Halsted) and the Human Rights Campaign Fund (now called Human Rights Campaign). He helped with the start-up of *Gay Chicago Magazine*. He also boosted the careers of local comedian Pudgy and singer Frannie Golde.

In 1976, Dugan invested in the Marlin Beach Hotel in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and through his efforts the hotel’s hugely popular “Poop Deck” became nationally known.

The Bistro closed in 1982. Dugan went on to open Paradise in 1984 and Bistro Too in 1986—but nothing ever really compared to the legendary Bistro, which still lives in the memories of many Chicagoans and their friends across the United States. Dugan died in 1987.

Eddie Dugan’s favorite saying was “life is a banquet.” For the many memories and extensive support that he gave to Chicago’s LGBT communities, he has won a place in the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame.

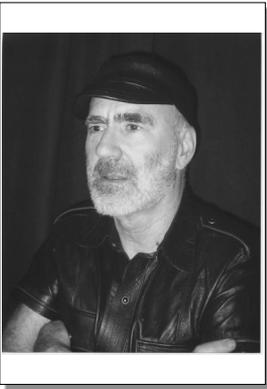


PHOTO: HAWTHORNE HIBISCUS

MURRAY EDELMAN, PH.D.

Murray Edelman was born in Chicago in 1943 and grew up in the city. While a graduate student at the University of Chicago, he was instrumental in bringing the modern-day Gay Liberation movement to Chicago. As a founder and important figure of Chicago Gay Liberation, his work was central to developing a public, visible, and militant LGBT activism during the early years of the movement.

In addition, he served for more than a decade as director of exit polling at Voter News Service, an organization employed by key news and media companies in national elections, where he was responsible for the groundbreaking effort to have gay, lesbian, and bisexual self-identification made part of electoral exit polling.

As a founder of the first Gay Liberation group in Chicago, which was initially based in Hyde Park, between 1969 and 1972 Edelman helped plan and participated in many early demonstrations and public activities, including pride rallies, media “zaps,” and public dances—the latter, in those years, a daring activity that risked police intervention. In a short span of years, CGL decisively shifted the norms of gay and lesbian life and activism by modeling visibility and coming-out and by acting on the proud principle that militancy in pursuit of justice is reasonable and right.

Perhaps his most significant contribution took place in 1971, when Edelman disrupted a taping of “The Howard Miller Show,” a local Chicago television talk show. Miller’s guest was the deeply homophobic, but best-selling, Dr. David R. Reuben, author of *Everything You Always Wanted To Know About Sex (But Were Afraid To Ask)*, which had made headlines across the country. Edelman challenged Reuben’s homophobia, and the “zap” became a major local news story in the press and on television. It helped to make “gay lib” a legitimate topic of coverage at a time when few mainstream outlets recognized LGBT issues in any way. The action also helped to put Chicago on the national gay liberation map after *The Advocate* covered it prominently.

More recently, in the 1990s, as a key director of the polling operations of Voter News Service, Edelman ensured that GLB self-identifiers would be included routinely in exit polls. By facilitating studies of GLB voting behavior, this move has enhanced the leverage and bargaining power of LGBT communities and political organizations. While his role in this has remained largely hidden from the general public, its contribution to our communities’ visibility and political clout has been profound.

For helping to bring the modern Gay Liberation movement to Chicago and working to develop a visible and often militant political activism during the early years of the movement in Chicago as well as enhancing LGBT political visibility in recent years, Edelman has been selected for induction into the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame.



PHOTO: THOUSAND WORDS UNLIMITED

STEPHEN (WANDA LUST) JONES *(deceased)*

Stephen Jones, entertainer and health advocate, was known widely in Chicago's gay communities in his 1970s drag persona, "Nurse Wanda Lust." He served quite literally as the poster person for VD testing and is remembered by many for his tireless, groundbreaking promotion of sexual health awareness.

Wanda Lust worked at the Man's Country bathhouse during the early and mid-1970s, where she served as resident comedian, performer, and emcee. In addition to serving as an opening act for a number of nationally known performers, Wanda Lust became well known and loved as a performer in her own right for her humor, fabulous wardrobe, and talented singing and dancing performances.

When the opportunity arose for her to help the gay male community to get testing and treatment for what were then termed "venereal diseases," Wanda Lust traded in her elaborate evening gowns for a nurse's uniform and transformed from Wanda Lust to Nurse Lust. With this new persona, she appeared on posters promoting VD testing in a pose reminiscent of Uncle Sam, stating, "I Want You to Get Tested."

In addition to these posters, Nurse Lust contributed to sexual health and awareness within the gay male community by accompanying a VD van as it made its rounds providing testing at Chicago-area gay bars and baths, by frequently stopping in at the VD clinic within Man's Country, and even by visiting men in the hospital. With her help, the gay male community began to see its sexual health needs addressed in growing numbers and with increasing respect, effectiveness, friendliness, acceptance—and fun.

In 1978 Stephen Jones moved to Kansas City, where he continued his career as a gay community entertainer. On February 19, 1980, he was stabbed after innocently asking a fellow moviegoer to be quiet; he died minutes later in his lover's arms.

While Jones's life was tragically short, his contribution to Chicago's gay communities as both an entertainer and a health activist has provided a legacy worthy of remembrance and recognition, leading to his induction into the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame.

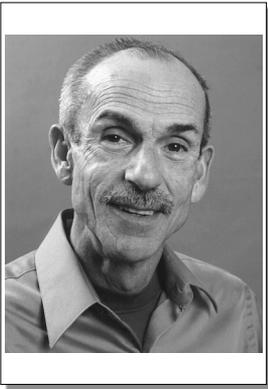


PHOTO: HAL BAIM/WINDY CITY TIMES

JOE LA PAT (*deceased*)

Joe La Pat, born in 1943 in Racine, Wisconsin, built a successful career, restored buildings in Chicago, and supported organizations within LGBT communities. He died unexpectedly on June 29, 2008—the day of Chicago’s annual Pride Parade. Throughout his life, La Pat never sought the limelight; he was always content to remain in the background. But that did not keep him from having an impact on countless lives, whether as a volunteer, a donor, or a businessman.

La Pat grew up poor; his mother raised him and three older sisters by herself after his father committed suicide when La Pat was only three years old. He learned the value of hard work and the importance of family and friends early on. In 1964 he enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving a three-year tour of duty as a military policeman with honor and distinction.

Not long after his discharge from the Army, La Pat met Dick Uyvari. Their life partnership flourished for 39 years and five weeks, as did their ongoing business partnership. As openly gay urban pioneers, they helped revitalize Chicago's Sheridan Park neighborhood by buying and restoring properties and by activity in neighborhood associations. Their work was recognized repeatedly; in 1986, for example, four Sheridan Park buildings the partners had restored were cited as examples of historically significant structures in a petition for the neighborhood's designation as a National Historic Landmark District.

During the 1980s, La Pat and Uyvari became involved with LGBT sports and fundraising, volunteering with the first and subsequent Proud To Run races, helping to organize Strike Against AIDS, and supporting other LGBT charities, ranging from the Lesbian Community Cancer Project to Howard Brown Health Center to Chicago House to the Center on Halsted. After selling much of their rental property in 2003, the couple ratcheted up their philanthropy, providing early seed money for Gay Games VII at a time when there were doubts about the ability of Chicago’s LGBT communities to make the Games a reality. Notably, the couple’s personal donations and fundraising made it possible for the Chosen Few lesbian soccer team from Soweto, South Africa, to attend the Games in 2006. They also provided approximately 80% of the Games’ Scholarship Fund, which helped bring nearly 200 athletes from all over the world to Chicago.

In a letter from the Chosen Few team written after La Pat’s death, Coach Leigh-Ann Naidoo said: “I would like to thank Joe for role modeling a different way of being a successful gay white male. And I hope that his life has inspired many of you to be active citizens of our world, especially at this challenging time.” As a citizen of Chicago and the world, Joe La Pat stands as an exemplary inductee into the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame.



PHOTO: MARY FREY

JESUS SALGUEIRO AND ART SMITH

Openly gay celebrity chef Art Smith considers himself “a cultural ambassador who promotes family diversity through the culinary arts.” With his life partner Jesus Salgueiro, an artist who

emigrated from Venezuela to the United States in 1979, he is the founder of Common Threads, an internationally known children’s charity dedicated to fostering familial environments where children learn to value each other and discover universal understanding and mutual acceptance.

In 2006, for their charitable efforts, Salgueiro and Smith became the first openly gay couple to be recognized by *Chicago* magazine with its “Chicagoans of the Year” award. “Without Jesus,” Smith says, “my life is incomplete, and without him Common Threads would not exist.” The organization was founded in 2001 in the wake of a visit the couple made to New York City shortly after 9/11. It was a mission of healing; Smith, then probably best known as Oprah Winfrey’s personal chef, had been asked to cook dinner for a mother and her three school-age children. “The father had disappeared in the rubble, making a delivery to Tower 2,” Smith recalled. “It was as if time had stopped for this family.”

After returning to Chicago, Salgueiro returned to his studio to paint, while Smith began writing. “Our world is a quilt,” he wrote, “its people the fabric, all joined by common threads.” Thus the charity had its genesis. Today, it operates out of an office at Kendall College in Chicago. The nonprofit teaches children aged 8 to 12 valuable lessons about nutrition, food preparation, and other countries’ customs and traditions.

Throughout his career, Smith has participated in and contributed to many fundraisers for charitable organizations, within and outside LGBT communities, including the successful Gender PAC–sponsored celebrity cook-off benefiting the Center on Halsted. Smith was also instrumental in arranging donation of the Center’s kitchen facility. Salgueiro creates dazzling renderings of manhole covers from cities around the world; he sees his art as “an expression of love.” The two travel together to teach cooking and art to children around the world, sharing their love and their talents in places as diverse as South Africa, Croatia, and Los Angeles.

For their ongoing dedication to teaching children to learn to value each other and fostering universal understanding and acceptance, and for their philanthropy that extends worldwide from Chicago, Smith and Salgueiro have been selected for induction into the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame.

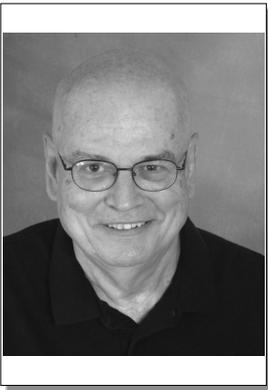


PHOTO: ISRAEL WRIGHT

GUY WARNER

Guy Warner was born in Chicago in 1942 as the eldest of seven children. When he was growing up, one of his neighbors was the lesbian novelist Valerie Taylor, who had three sons about his age. Warner served in the U.S. Air Force between 1962 and 1966 and thereafter worked for the Social Security Administration until retirement.

Warner's activism in Chicago's gay communities began in the 1970s, when he reached out to Mattachine Midwest through its advertised phone number and did not receive a return call. He joined the organization, had the answering service transferred to his home number, and reactivated the group's dormant referral service.

In 1975 Warner was elected Mattachine Midwest's sixth president, with the organization floundering in purpose and drowning in debt. Under his leadership, the debt was reduced, a gay Alcoholics Anonymous group established, and the newsletter reinstated. The newly invigorated group continued to serve the community for more than another decade. During his tenure, the Pearl M. Hart Memorial Plaque was initiated, honoring community activists for furthering the ideals of the late lawyer and social-change advocate who had assisted the organization's founders.

Warner also founded an early group for parents and friends of gays, which, unlike other similar organizations, also included gay and lesbian children themselves, anticipating the pattern that would one day be accepted by Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG). He co-chaired the city's first long-lasting umbrella organization of LGBT businesses and community groups, the Gay and Lesbian Coalition of Metropolitan Chicago, which worked on such projects as defeating California's notorious Briggs Initiative, initiating a boycott of Florida orange juice, and organizing a mass demonstration against Anita Bryant's appearance at Medinah Temple. He was also instrumental in bringing discharged Air Force Tech. Sgt. Leonard Matlovich to Chicago, where Matlovich's several speaking engagements raised the visibility of Chicago's gay communities.

With the onslaught of the AIDS epidemic in the city, Warner volunteered on a regular basis at the AIDS ward of Illinois Masonic Hospital and later also volunteered with the food delivery program that would become Open Hand.

Today, he works part-time for the Lyric Opera of Chicago and continues to assist the community where and when he can. For his pioneering work on behalf of Chicago's LGBT communities, his calm and steady leadership in the early years of LGBT rights activism, and his founding of a pioneering group for the parents of lesbian and gay individuals, he is inducted into the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame.



ARTEMIS SINGERS

Artemis Singers is the first lesbian chorus in the United States. The group continues to perform at lesbian, LGBT, and women's events today, 29 years after its founding.

Artemis's initial meeting took place in June 1979. By December 1980 Artemis was formally introduced at the second annual Chicago Gay/Lesbian Community Band and Windy City Gay Chorus concert, "Don We Now . . . II." And by 1982, Artemis had earned the Paul R. Goldman Award from the early homophile group ONE of Chicago for outstanding contributions in the field of performing arts in Chicago.

Also in 1982, Artemis performed at the first gathering of gay and lesbian choruses, at Lincoln Center in New York City, out of which grew today's international Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses. Alongside all the men's and mixed ensembles there, Artemis was the only lesbian chorus to perform, and the other groups were so supportive that Artemis received a standing ovation even before it began to sing.

In 1984, Artemis participated in the first National Women's Choral Festival, and in 1986 Artemis hosted the third festival here in Chicago, which included women's choruses from Minneapolis, Kansas City, Lansing, Milwaukee, Cincinnati, St. Louis, and Madison. Artemis has long participated in the Sister Singers Network, a nationwide cooperative web of feminist choirs, singers, and musicians.

In 1987 Artemis sang in the historic "A Show of Concern: The Heart of America Responds," a major fundraising event for the AIDS Foundation of Chicago at the Chicago Theatre, emceed by Angela Lansbury.

Through the years, Artemis has been a mainstay in Chicago's lesbian-feminist cultural life, performing for groups such as Kinheart, Jane Addams Bookstore, and Mountain Moving Coffeehouse and for events such as Illinois NOW's state conference and the historic Judy Chicago *Dinner Party* installation. In 2003 the chorus did a benefit concert in tandem with the Lesbian Community Cancer Project.

Artemis is composed of women with diverse backgrounds who are dedicated to performing music written or arranged by women; to highlighting historical, political, and personal events and experiences common to women; to exposing audiences and singers to music written by women; and to sharing a sense of community with its audiences.

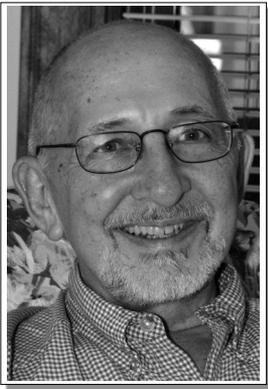


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THE REV. GREGORY R. DELL

The Rev. Gregory R. Dell, now retired, is the former pastor of Broadway United Methodist Church in Chicago. Dell has a 44-year history of involvement in issues of social justice and has been a pioneering and courageous supporter of same-sex unions in the face of opposition from his own church and elsewhere. He is a staunch friend of LGBT communities in Chicago, across the United States, and around the world.

A native Chicagoan, Greg Dell was born in 1945 and raised mostly on Chicago's South Side. While still in high school in Midlothian, Illinois, Dell participated in the marches and efforts to challenge racism in Chicago neighborhoods led by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

As a student at Illinois Wesleyan University, from which he graduated with honors in 1967, he provided leadership in challenging racially restrictive policies at the school and in the community. In 1970, he graduated magna cum laude from Duke Divinity School, where he participated in efforts to unionize workers at Duke University.

Dell was ordained in 1968 and began serving churches in Northern Illinois two years later. His appointments included congregations in Naperville, Minooka, Evanston, Oak Park, and Chicago. His far-ranging travels have included trips to China, Cuba, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Lebanon, Palestine, Israel, and Iran (during the U.S. hostage crisis).

In March 1999, Dell was subjected to a nationally publicized church trial that resulted from charges filed against him within the United Methodist Church for conducting a Service of Holy Union for two gay men from his Broadway United Methodist Church congregation. The result of the trial was a yearlong suspension from his pastoral duties. Afterward, Dell returned to the Broadway church and continued his activities as an ally in the struggle for racial-, gender-, and sexual-orientation-based justice. He has received numerous awards, including a Chicago Commission on Human Relations award in 2000 and honorary doctorates from Illinois Wesleyan University (1999) and Chicago Theological Seminary (2007).

Dell was forced by illness to take early retirement from pastoral ministry in mid-2007. He and his wife, Jade, who have been married for 40 years, today reside in the Logan Square neighborhood of Chicago. Throughout his career, he has served as an exemplary ally to LGBT communities in Chicago and beyond and as a model activist for social justice. For his life and work, he has been chosen for induction into the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame as a Friend of the Community.



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KATHERINE "KIT" DUFFY

Kit Duffy has earned a place as a Friend of the Community in the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame. Born in Hagerstown, Maryland, in 1944, she has resided in Chicago since 1964. In February 1984, she was appointed by then-Mayor Harold Washington as his liaison to Chicago's gay and lesbian communities. This was the first such appointment in Chicago history.

One of her first actions as liaison was to arrange an open-ended meeting between city department heads and a wide-ranging group of lesbian and gay activists and leaders. "That was very symbolic of what Harold was trying to do for the whole community," Duffy recalled in 2007, emphasizing that Washington was determined to give everyone equal access to city services and power. It was a heady era, as Washington fought to make Chicago's government more responsive to residents' desires and concerns.

"The one thing that really struck me throughout the time that I served as liaison to the community was the way that process paralleled what Harold was trying to do for the entire city. It was certainly time for that change," she continued. "We were flying blind, but with a complete commitment to fairness."

During her tenure as mayoral liaison, Duffy worked tirelessly to foster a sense of political empowerment throughout Chicago's lesbian and gay communities. In 1985, she convened Mayor Washington's Committee on Gay and Lesbian Issues, the precursor to today's Advisory Council on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Issues. Also in 1985, she became the first executive director of the newly-formed AIDS Foundation of Chicago.

After Washington's untimely death in November 1987, Duffy remained a vocal advocate for equal rights and assisted a campaign, which had begun in 1973 and succeeded in 1988, to secure passage of a historic ordinance banning discrimination against gays and lesbians in employment, housing, and public accommodations. In 1991, Duffy was one of the co-founders of the Illinois Federation for Human Rights (forerunner of today's Equality Illinois), along with Jon-Henri Damski, Rick Garcia, Lana Hostetler, and Art Johnston. She remains an ardent advocate for LGBT rights.

PREVIOUS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

AVA ALLEN (1999): Longtime owner of 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.

AMERICAN VETERANS FOR EQUAL RIGHTS—CHICAGO CHAPTER (2007): Throughout its 16-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 helped to launch a Lesbian Community Cancer Project clinic on Chicago's South Side; led Yahimba, which held citywide conferences on African American lesbians' needs; and has supported the Institute of Lesbian Studies, the Mountain Moving Coffeeshouse, and Gerber/Hart Library.

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

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

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

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

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

TRACY BAIM (1994): She has labored untiringly as publisher, reporter, editor, columnist, photographer, and advocate in offering a voice to all. In 2000, her company bought the *Windy City Times* and merged her weekly *Outlines* into it, joined now by other publications and the online Windy City QueerCast. She co-founded the Chicago Area Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce as well as Chicago 2006, Inc., which brought the 2006 Gay Games here. In 2008, she launched the chicagogayhistory.com Web site and edited 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, he remained a social-change activist in a variety of causes until his death in 2001.

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

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

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

ALEXANDRA BILLINGS (2005): As a transgender actor, she has gained prominence both onstage and as a mentor, 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.

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.

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

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

ROBBIN BURR (2007): As a result of her efforts, American Airlines became the first major air carrier to implement domestic partnership benefits. She served as the first executive director of Center on Halsted, and her nationally recognized credibility and leadership were integral to completing 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 in the 1960s. Born in 1924, he died in 2000.

JAMES A. BUSSEN (1994): Since 1973, his engaging personality and senses of humor and fairness have aided many Chicago gay and lesbian efforts. Besides much activity in gay rights lobbying and 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.

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.

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 advocate of Latin American art, and a committed human-rights activist, this openly gay, openly HIV-positive, and award-winning gallery owner and curator has blazed trails of distinction since arriving in Chicago from Nicaragua in 1985.

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

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

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

SAMSON CHAN (posthumous 1995): During a short, courageous life, he built a legacy of social change here and overseas. In 1984 at age 23 he 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 New Mexico in 2004.

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

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

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

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 30 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 has served on the Chicago Commission on Human Relations' Advisory Council on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Issues since 1989 and has sat on the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame Committee from its inception in 1991 (chairing or co-chairing it since 1992).

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

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

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

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

CHARLES E. CLIFTON (posthumous 2004): For nearly 15 years before his 2004 death 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.

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.

T. CHRIS COTHRAN (1995, now deceased): He was a veteran member of PrideChicago, which plans the annual pride parade. He helped to lead local and national gay and lesbian business organizations; the National Coalition of Black Lesbians and Gays; Kupona Network; and the current Advisory Council on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Issues' precursor entities. 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 have marked the longest uninterrupted period of LGBT-inclusive policies in the city's municipal history. Since his election in 1989, Daley has consistently been one of the LGBT communities' most significant friends.

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

JAMES C. DARBY (1997): After 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 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 Dëeks, 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.

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

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

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

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

Thom Dombkowski (1992, now deceased): He was a leader in conceiving and organizing Chicago House and Social Service Agency, where he also was principal fundraiser and eventually executive director. He also conceived the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame and brought it to fruition while a member of the city Advisory Council on Gay and Lesbian Issues. Born in 1950, he died in 2006 of complications from AIDS.

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

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.

Keith Elliott (2001): A dancer, choreographer, and producer, he has spent more than 15 years in organizing annual "Dance for Life" fundraisers and ancillary events benefiting dancers and others coping with HIV/AIDS. He has also contributed to other activities such as Howard Brown Health Center "Who's That Girl?" fundraisers and the Chicago Gay Men's Chorus.

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

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

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

Robert T. Ford (1993, now deceased): He pioneered outreach of the gay cultural experience into the African American community through publication of the 'zine *Thing* and as writer for numerous publications. Born in 1961, he died in 1994.

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

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

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

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

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

MARTIN GAPSHIS (2007): He is 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.

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

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

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

GAY CHICAGO MAGAZINE(1991): 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 communities.

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

HENRY GERBER (posthumous 1992): He was the founder of Chicago's Society for Human Rights in 1924, the first gay rights organization in the United States. Born in 1892, he died 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 also 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, he died of cancer in 2006.

FRANK GOLEY (posthumous) and ROBERT MADDOX (2001): They helped to pioneer openly gay businesses in Chicago beginning in 1972 with their Male Hide Leathers store. There, Goley created many designs that found favor with leather and motorcycle enthusiasts worldwide, gay and nongay, for their originality and craftsmanship. Goley died in 1994. Maddox later sold the business and still lives in Chicago.

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

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

JEFF GRAUBART-CERVONE (1993): He has been an activist and advocate for gay and lesbian human rights for more than 35 years in the Midwest and Chicago. He participated in the passage of human rights legislation, in the campaign to overcome the anti-gay and -lesbian efforts of Anita Bryant, and in 1970s demonstrations for same-sex marriage.

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

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

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

PEG GREY (1992, now deceased): She provided key leadership over two decades in building lesbian and gay athletic programs and organizations and in organizing lesbian and gay teachers, besides being a champion athlete herself. She died of multiple myeloma in 2007.

ARLENE HALKO (1996, now deceased): After joining Dignity/Chicago in 1975, she became its first lesbian president and was on its board for five years. She was a co-founder of Chicago House in 1985 and tirelessly assisted it. As a medical physicist, she was a familiar face on Cook County Hospital's AIDS ward until 1993, and as owner of Piggens Pub from 1982 to 1989 she used the bar as a community support vehicle. Born in 1933, she died in 2007.

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

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

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

RENEE C. HANOVER (1991): A well-known attorney who often provided her services pro bono, she was long a high-visibility advocate for lesbian and gay rights. She has worked for civil rights legislation of all kinds and has vigorously opposed all forms of discrimination in the law and in society. In 2000, she retired to Los Angeles, where she now lives at age 82.

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

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

JORJET HARPER (1998): For more than 25 years, she has commented on gay- and lesbian-related topics in publications throughout the country. Her "Lesbomania" columns and performances have tackled homophobia and built community through humor. Books include *Lesbomania* and *Tales from the Dyke Side*. More recently, she has been a speaker and educator on lesbian and gay issues and history.

GREGORY "GREG" HARRIS (1996): As an openly gay man living with AIDS, he was chief of staff for 48th Ward Alderman Mary Ann Smith from 1992 to 2006. He has given much volunteer time to AIDS-related causes and was co-founder and first president of AIDS Walk Chicago and of Open Hand Chicago. He was instrumental in securing same-sex domestic partnership benefits for Chicago city government employees. In 2006, he became state representative of the North Side's 34th District, succeeding retired state Rep. Larry McKeon as the only openly gay Illinois state legislator currently in office.

PEARL M. HART (posthumous 1992): She spent her entire legal career of 61 years defending the civil rights of all persons. Born in 1890, she died in 1975.

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

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

EARNEST E. HITE, JR. (1994, 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 an influential exponent of lesbian feminist values during some 20 years on the faculty of Northeastern Illinois University, where she is professor of philosophy and women's studies. Her work includes a 1988 book, *Lesbian Ethics: Toward New Value*. She is a collective member of the Institute of Lesbian Studies.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RICK KARLIN (1997): 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 appointed in 1999 as an associate judge of the Cook County Circuit Court. She was later elected to a full judgeship. Her community and professional work dates to the 1970s in lesbian feminist, domestic violence, political, legal assistance, and family welfare settings.

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

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

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

NICK KELLY (1995): As an activist and a creative talent, he was a vibrant part of Chicago's gay and lesbian 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 nongay church, cultural, health, and environmental activities.

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

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

DANNY KOPELSON (2000): Since 1981, he has been an indefatigable 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 "Dance for Life," that have raised millions of dollars to fight AIDS.

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

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

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

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

MICHAEL A. LEPPEN (2001): As philanthropist, 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): An Illinois state representative from 1977 to 1995, he was named a Friend of the Community for his longtime sponsorship of lesbian and gay rights bills, women's rights measures, and other legislation addressing gay and lesbian, AIDS, and women's health concerns.

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

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

PATRICIA M. LOGUE (2003): For 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 lesbians, gay males, bisexuals, transgender 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.

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, indelible mark on Chicago politics in 1996 by winning an Illinois House of Representatives seat as the state's first openly gay or lesbian state legislator. Later he became known as an openly HIV-positive legislator and then a cancer survivor. In earlier life, he was director of Chicago's Advisory Council on Gay and Lesbian Issues, held leading positions in social service administration, and was a police officer. Born in 1944 in Napa, Idaho, he retired at the end of his term in January 2007 and died suddenly four months later in Springfield after a stroke.

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

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

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

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.

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

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

METROPOLITAN SPORTS ASSOCIATION (1992): 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.

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

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. 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.

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

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

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

MULRYAN AND YORK, ATTORNEYS AT LAW (2004): 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 died of renal cancer in 2008; Mulryan continues in practice.

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

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

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

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

LAIRD PETERSEN (2006): A Chicago native, he has 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

JULIO RODRIGUEZ (2004): For nearly 20 years, he has been a tireless advocate for Latinos and Latinas among LGBT persons and for LGBT persons among Latinos and Latinas. In 1989, he 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, he died in 1993 of AIDS complications.

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

VICTORA. 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.

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.

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

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

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

KAREN C. SENDZIAK (2007): She has served the Gerber/Hart Library for over 20 years with intense devotion. In a variety of positions, most recently as president of the library's board of directors, she has been 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 which periods she has often advocated for sexual-minority communities and for persons living with HIV and AIDS.

SIDETRACK (2006): Since opening 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; documented Chicago LGBT life and activism through skilled photography, including permanently exhibited works depicting the transgender community; and served in numerous organizational board seats and volunteer roles.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DANIEL SOTOMAYOR (posthumous 1992): He was an openly gay, nationally syndicated political cartoonist and prominent Chicago AIDS activist. His creativity heightened visibility for anti-AIDS efforts. He died of AIDS complications in 1992.

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

GREGORY A. SPRAGUE (posthumous 1994): Nationally known for research in Chicago lesbian and gay history, he co-founded 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. He died of AIDS-related tuberculosis in 1987.

STAR GAZE (2006): The bar has been a contributing and supportive member of Chicago's LGBT communities since opening in 1998. Owners Mamie Lake and Dustin Fermin earned a well-deserved reputation as selfless public citizens who embody outstanding community spirit.

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

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

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

STUDS TERKEL (2001, now deceased): The renowned author and oral historian, broadcast host, commentator, arts supporter, and activist was chosen as a Friend of the Community because of more than half a century during which his championship of social justice was consistently marked by support for sexual-minority rights, from backing Pearl M. Hart for alderman in the 1940s to including gay interview subjects in his books. Born in 1912, he died on October 31, 2008, at age 96.

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

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

JOANNE E. TRAPANI (1993): After a decade of New York City political activism, she co-chaired the Illinois Gay and Lesbian Task Force for several terms and has served as liaison to state and local governments and agencies. In 1997 she joined the Oak Park village board as the first open lesbian elected to office in Illinois, and in 2001 Oak Park voters elected her as village board president. She retired from the board in 2005.

THOMAS M. TUNNEY (1995): In his early 20s he bought Lake View's venerable Ann Sather Restaurant in 1981 and built it into a virtual community center for lesbian and gay Chicagoans and for older adults. He has been active in business groups, IMPACT, Human Rights Campaign, and the Democratic Party. He backed Open Hand Chicago's home-meals program, hosted countless gay and lesbian efforts and the White Crane Wellness Center, and in 2003 was elected Chicago's first openly gay alderman, representing the 44th Ward.

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

DICK UYVARI (2006): Since 1979, he has been a major force in Chicago's organized LGBT sports world, serving as an officer or on the board of numerous sports-based organizations and as a major philanthropist and fundraiser.

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 executive director of the 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. He died in 2007 at age 53.

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

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

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

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, he died in office in 1987. For this record, he was selected as a Friend of the Community.

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.

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

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

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

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

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

ISRAEL WRIGHT (2000): For more than 20 years, he has held volunteer leadership posts in business, social service, cultural, AIDS, and African American organizations. His photographs of community life, including the lives of leathermen, African Americans, and persons with AIDS, have been widely published. He currently serves on Team Chicago's board as marketing chair.

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

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