The mission of Howard Brown is to promote the well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender persons through the provision of health care and wellness programs, including clinical, educational, social service and research activities. Howard Brown designed these programs to serve gay, lesbian, and bisexual and transgender persons in a confidential, supportive, and nurturing environment. Howard Brown Health Center is committed to working cooperatively with other community-based organizations serving and contributing to the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community.
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“EXCELLENCE IS NOT AN ACT BUT A HABIT.”

–ARISTOTLE
When we think of healthcare, we often think of doctors or medicine. We think of hospitals, medical tests, and health insurance. We may think of expense, unhelpful bureaucracy, the privilege of having coverage, and how easily healthcare coverage can be lost.

We may not all think of healthcare as liberation from struggle with domestic violence, as counseling and support for homeless youth, as recovery from substance abuse, or as education to prevent dangerous diseases. We may not all consider healthcare as research to improve medications and treatments, outreach to meet the needs of our elders, or patient navigation and advocacy for underserved women. We often forget that effective healthcare involves meeting basic needs for safety, food, clothing, emotional support, life-skills, and education.

Your support of Howard Brown gives vital focus to all these aspects of healthcare. You enable Howard Brown to deliver full-range healthcare with the standard of excellence that all of us expect and deserve. Howard Brown invests your contributions to serve more than 20,000 people each year. Together, we create access to care that is comprehensive and far-reaching, and we impact the lives of thousands of individuals who would otherwise go without services due to cost-prohibitive or inadequate care.

You are part of the community that makes healthcare for all possible. We are – all of us – members of a community that honors, respects, and cares for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) individuals and their families. Each contribution you make to Howard Brown furthers the understanding that healthcare is much more than a visit to the doctor and that not everyone has the privilege to obtain care without community support. With your help, Howard Brown’s professionals and healthcare experts serve beyond our strong core of primary medical care services – we deliver life-preserving and preventative care for both body and mind.

Your partnership comes in many forms. For the thousands of low-income and uninsured clients we serve each year, thousands more insured clients – those of us privileged to have coverage – help us to serve those in need. Your financial support fuels the development of new programming and enables Howard Brown to anticipate and meet growing need. Your recognition reinforces the fact that LGBT people make up the most diverse minority that crosses every segment of race, ethnicity, class, and culture; Howard Brown’s supporters are no different. The diversity of our friends and partners reminds us that an investment in healthcare for all is everyone’s cause. We are proud to steward your support in this belief.

Aristotle wrote, “Excellence is not an act but a habit.” At Howard Brown, our habit is one of innovation and excellence. World-class research, new approaches to care, state-of-the-art technology, and extended collaborations to maximize support: these highlight our innovation and excellence. With our proud history, our outstanding staff of professionals, and the support of friends like you, Howard Brown ventures every day to deliver extraordinary acts of compassion and support to those who need us most. Excellence in care is not only our daily standard, it is a basic human right.

With your help, we continue to make a difference.

Michael Cook
President and CEO
Jon Hinard
Board Chairman
More than three decades ago, Dr. Howard J. Brown became the nation’s first openly gay health official to advocate for innovation in service to poor and underserved minorities. His vision helped to change the way that people access healthcare, bringing greater dignity and respect to those who struggle to obtain basic care and support.

Within the medical and healthcare establishment, Dr. Brown highlighted the need for cultural understanding, sensitivity, and appropriate care for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender individuals. He came out to become an agent of change in healthcare.

Howard Brown Health Center – the organization founded in 1974 and later named in honor of Dr. Brown – continues this tradition of innovating and expanding care, building on nearly 34 years of medical, cultural, and technological advancements. Like Dr. Brown, we believe in healthcare for all. In 2007, Howard Brown Health Center furthered the standard of excellence for healthcare for our community.

“THERE WAS REASON TO BELIEVE CHANGE WAS POSSIBLE.”

– DR. HOWARD J. BROWN
Last year, Howard Brown made extraordinary advancements in how we deliver basic services, and we created new services to make your community support and our impact more powerful.

We approached our work in 2007 with simple goals: do it better, do it differently, and make a difference. The principles of quality, innovation, and excellence inspired us and were reinforced as our standard.

Here are some of the ways in which we made it happen…

Howard Brown’s Research Division conducted studies that innovate how we approach and care for at-risk populations. We collaborated with community partners to study HIV transmission and disease prevention methods among African-American men and among young transgender women, in two separate studies. We studied intervention methods by utilizing the Internet as a tool for preventing at-risk behaviors and infection. We also expanded into new areas of clinical trials, examining for more effective ways to deliver medications and to test for HIV and sexually transmitted diseases. Outside the world of clinical and behavioral research, Howard Brown’s Research Division may be our best-kept secret! Through our research efforts, we quietly innovate the ways in which we keep our community safe and healthy.

Last year, our Broadway Youth Center (BYC) went beyond the traditional healthcare model to address underlying issues of poverty and lack of education for LGBT and at-risk youth. The General Education Development (GED) Program at the BYC became the first educational assistance program to tailor high school-equivalency tutoring to homeless and out-of-school LGBT youth in a setting linked with full healthcare services. The safe setting of the BYC and its portal to basic healthcare became the ideal place for linking our youth to the missed educational opportunities that enable health and long-term stability, thereby impacting the overall well-being and future our community’s youth.

In 2007, Howard Brown launched the Elder Services Community Initiative. The program is designed to address the emerging and evolving needs of older adults in our LGBT community. Based on the success of Howard Brown’s BYC model of collaborative partnerships, this program became the area’s first multi-partner approach to building comprehensive, holistic care for elders that includes outreach, medical services, mental health care, and supportive services. Recognizing that elder care is important to all of us, Howard Brown works with the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and four community partners to not only evaluate and build community services but to help create a movement in our community.

Innovation requires outstanding leadership, and last year Howard Brown recruited new leaders to further our standard of excellence. During this past fiscal year, Joyce Carson joined Howard Brown as our new Chief Financial Officer; Dr. Armand Cerbone became our new Director of Behavioral Health Services; Travis Marshall was promoted to Director of Brown Elephant Resale Shops; and after a seven-year tenure as physician in our Medical Services Division, Dr. Tom Barrett became our new Chief Medical Officer. These talented individuals brought new direction to their divisions, making Howard Brown stronger to meet the exciting challenges of our continued growth and expansion.

Last year, Howard Brown raised the standard on how we deliver our services. New technology and new approaches made existing services more effective.
An Electronic Health Record System (EHRS) was introduced at Howard Brown in FY07. Bringing this type of technology to a community-based organization like Howard Brown was no small task, and moving forward with this technology is a very big deal! With this system, clients’ health records are more secure, more accessible to each client’s providers, and are more easily updated. This system allows for inter-disciplinary record-keeping with each and every client; it ensures that when a client accesses medical care, mental health services, or social support, each provider is able to see the client’s history and can better deliver informed care. This system also allows for better tracking of clinical data in all of Howard Brown’s divisions, helping us to determine trends in community health outcomes and to compare these trends and best practices with our fellow community-based agencies in Chicago. Implementation of the EHRS in 2007 put Howard Brown on the cutting edge of technology and it raised the standard of excellence in available care for our clients.

Last year, several programs showcased the way in which Howard Brown delivers core services in extraordinary ways. Our HIV/STD Prevention Department increased the availability of rapid HIV testing in community settings and achieved return rates (the proportion of clients tested who return to receive results) of more than double the national average for those tested by conventional tests. Many organizations offer help to quit smoking, but Howard Brown built an edgy and successful smoking cessation program, Bitch To Quit!, that provides the area’s only LGBT-focused peer support and assistance to help smokers quit around the state-wide smoking ban. Howard Brown also improved cancer prevention efforts with low-income and uninsured women through Stand Against Cancer and the Women’s Patient Navigation Program, the region’s only such programs designed for lesbian, bisexual, and transgender women. In many cases, the goal of care remains the same, but the way in which we deliver care sets Howard Brown apart.

In the last fiscal year, Howard Brown made quality and excellence more than just talk; we put action and measures behind them. Howard Brown implemented a Quality and Performance Excellence Program that provides measures of how we perform, how we grow, how we treat our clients, and how we compare with industry standards. More than a lofty, managerial approach or a concept on paper, this program enabled Howard Brown to begin an agency-wide culture shift toward measuring and evaluating our performance on a regular, ongoing basis – from the top down. From measures of client satisfaction to evaluation of our care for those living with HIV or diabetes, this program allows us to improve care and its impact

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on the lives we touch. It also allows us to show our community and our benefactors how we efficiently steward your support. Through this endeavor, Howard Brown’s standard of excellence – in how we succeed and how we meet challenges – is evidenced and concrete.

In 2007, Howard Brown reinforced its mission to make healthcare comprehensive and available to all. Our achievements in the Behavioral Health Services (BHS) Division again made clear that physical health and mental health are inseparable and integral to the well-being of each client. BHS served more community members in FY07 than in any previous year. More uninsured and low-income clients accessed services for recovery from substance abuse, from domestic violence, and for mental health concerns such as depression and processing of grief. BHS also enhanced its provision of mental health care to our youth at the Broadway Youth Center, making longer-term counseling available to our community’s young persons who struggle with life’s challenges. The year made integrated care available to more persons who would otherwise go without support of both body and mind.

Today, Howard Brown builds upon another year of expansion and growth. Community need grows, more people look to us for support, and Howard Brown meets these challenges with thoughtful innovation, efficient use of resources, and a striving for excellence in care. As you read through the following pages, know that Howard Brown puts your support to good use. With last year’s lessons and achievements, Howard Brown will continue to safe-guard our community’s health, we will pioneer LGBT healthcare, and we will continue to deliver excellence.

Howard Brown’s Informational Technology Department and EHRS Implementation

Beginning in 2006, Howard Brown Health Center began a process to enhance its technology infrastructure by successfully implementing an Electronic Health Records System (EHRS) at all Howard Brown locations. Building upon nationally recognized software, Howard Brown customized the system to address our unique needs as a community based organization offering primary medical care, mental health, and research.

The EHRS replaces paper-based patient charts and stores information in an electronic repository designed to effectively manage all aspects of our patient’s health and wellness, and assists us in delivering services using best practices from the healthcare industry with state of the art technology. It increases patient safety with features such as drug interactions warnings and preventative health notifications allowing us to provide higher quality healthcare.

The system has been fully implemented, in a phased approach, in our medical services, counseling, HIV\STD services, case management and research divisions to fully automate tasks including patient care and charting, physician notes and treatment plans, laboratory ordering and results, prescription generation, and internal and external specialty referral management.

New hardware, including computers, scanners and printers have been installed in all relevant areas including exam rooms and therapy offices. Staff involved in providing client care has received extensive training on the new software as well as the accompanying hardware. Interfaces with our practice management system and laboratory systems contribute toward a seamless repository in EHRS for client data.

Howard Brown has achieved notable results with EHRS, including increased consistency in physician care, enhanced patient experience, and improved health outcomes for our clients with chronic diseases such as HIV/AIDS, asthma, diabetes, and depression.
“Howard Brown not only treats the body, they treat the soul. It’s why I work here.”

Tina Shaik
Lead Medical Assistant
Howard Brown Health Center takes great pride in our primary medical care practice and its capacity to integrate comprehensive care models which address the many varied needs of our patient population. Having many services under one roof allows our patients to experience significant reduction to barriers as they move through our extensive network of personalized healthcare and social services. Our network of service providers, partners, subcontractors and referral organizations ensures that world-class healthcare is in reach for all our patients.

Howard Brown realizes the importance of a comprehensive approach to health and wellness. Specifically, we seek to synergize many services and providers to address a client’s medical, behavioral, substance abuse screening and treatment, and the coordination of support services. We feel this multi-phased, coordinated approach to patient care provides better outcomes for our patients than care delivered via a single modality.

For example, the provision of adequate medical care for people with histories of substance abuse and a chronic infectious disease such as HIV/AIDS requires a linkage between the medical care system and the mental health system – at Howard Brown we are able to provide this linkage seamlessly as we provide both services on site. Additionally, the life circumstances of many HIV-infected substance abusers make continuity of care difficult to achieve. Substance abusers often suffer from poor health and nutrition, inadequate living conditions, a stressful lifestyle, and lack of self-care. By providing comprehensive services to our clients, we are best able to help them achieve total health and wellness.

This year, Howard Brown medical services launched an electronic health records system (EHRS) (see sidebar, page 7). Howard Brown Health Center is on the cutting edge of health information technology in the establishment of electronic health records in community health care centers. Our electronic health records system allows for more timely medical care with faster receipt of labs and other health information and better communication between providers at our facilities. Howard Brown has become a leader in the implementation of an electronic system and has served as a model for other community health centers.

As part of Howard Brown’s overall quality improvement program, medical services will be able to track health outcomes for patients, giving us the ability to measure our care against our community partners as well as national benchmarks of quality of care. This program allows us to tailor our programs to meet the healthcare needs in the communities we serve.

We continued to focus on expanded medical care services for women. Funded by the State of Illinois, the Stand Against Cancer Program provided free pap testing and mammography services to 304 uninsured and under-insured women at Howard Brown.

Howard Brown is staffed by three internal medicine/family practice physicians, one adolescent medicine physician, two nurse practitioners, one physician assistant, a part-time infectious disease physician, a part-time psychiatrist, five nurses and six medical assistants. Medical services are provided at our main facility on Sheridan Road, at our TRIAD Health Practice in Chicago’s Illinois Masonic Hospital, and at the Broadway Youth Center for those under 24 years of age. In total, 5,224 people received medical services in FY07, for a total of 16,652 visits.
“I feel strongly about serving my community, working in partnership with my patients to try to optimize their health.”

Dr. David Blatt
Howard Brown’s TRIAD Health Practice
“Clients tell me that they are free to be themselves when they come to Howard Brown. It’s important to me to provide that safe space.”

Edward Fajardo, PsyD
Clinical Psychologist, Coordinator of Clinical Training
Behavioral Health Services (BHS) offers culturally sensitive psychotherapy and support to all our clients. Working with Howard Brown’s medical services team, we provide comprehensive and integrated health care to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people that is unique among community health centers. A staff of four licensed psychologists and four licensed social workers with expertise in sexual orientation and gender issues provide the quality psychological services that have kept Howard Brown in the leadership of LGBT mental health care in the Midwest. In total, 526 people received behavioral health services in FY07, for a total of 6,418 visits.

For more than twenty years Howard Brown has provided needs assessment, service planning, and advocacy for our clients and their families in our case management program, assisting with necessities ranging from transportation and activities of daily living, to finding stable housing and financial assistance, and to monitoring physical and mental health. In FY07, a staff of seven case managers provided critical assistance to 321 adults living with HIV, completing 13,596 visits. An additional three case managers provided assistance to 147 HIV-positive youth ages 13-24 in our PATH (Physical/Psychosocial Advocacy & Treatment for HIV) program, completing 5436 visits.

Howard Brown continues to combat substance abuse in the LGBT community. The fastest growing program in BHS continues to be the Crystal Clear Project, which targets LGBT crystal methamphetamine users and is funded through a grant from the City of Chicago Department of Public Health. The program offers critical intensive outpatient treatment that integrates both psychological and physical care in an LGBT-affirming environment.

Last year BHS provided services to 184 women providing more than 1,400 visits. This year in collaboration with the Lesbian Community Cancer Project, BHS is expanding its substance abuse program to target alcohol abuse which greatly affects the lesbian community. With a staff of five women psychotherapists, BHS is prepared to meet increasing demands for service among lesbian, bisexual and transgender women.

For the first time in the history of the Illinois Psychological Association (IPA), an LGBT panel appeared on the program of the IPA’s annual convention. Members of Howard Brown’s trauma services staff reported on their successful work with gay male victims of intimate partner abuse to psychologists from around the state. The Violence Recovery Project, which receives funding from CubsCare, is the first program in Illinois to offer treatment for male victims of domestic violence.

Research and assessment of our services are critical to Howard Brown’s role in advancing health policy and health care for the LGBT community. BHS routinely assesses client satisfaction and adapts its programs to meet emerging needs of clients. This year we introduced new metrics to monitor and improve our psychotherapy services to clients who may be experiencing depression. In collaboration with Howard Brown’s Research and Quality Improvement Departments, we are gathering data on depression among our clients both to demonstrate effectiveness of our treatment and to provide meaningful data for research on LGBT mental health.

BHS extends its capacity to serve the LGBT community through its volunteer program. This year Howard Brown noted the anniversary of the longest running volunteer support group for HIV-positive men in the Chicago area. The support group’s facilitator, Dr. David Gitomer, has been offering his services for twenty years to meet the changing and emerging needs of gay men affected by HIV (see sidebar, page 23).
“Knowing I can get a research participant direct medical care at Howard Brown if they need it makes my job more rewarding.”

Nicky Martin, MS LCPC
Clinical Counseling Coordinator, Research Department
Howard Brown Health Center is one of the few community health centers in the country with a program of academic research. Our Department of Research has always conducted high quality research alongside our outstanding programs. Beginning with Hepatitis B vaccine research in the 1970’s, Howard Brown continues to grow into new areas of LGBT health research.

One such area is cancer prevention research. Here are some facts that we already know:

- Lesbian and bisexual women are at an increased risk for delayed diagnosis of breast and cervical cancer due to an underutilization of cancer screening tests.¹
- Participation in early detection colon cancer screening among LGBT has not reached levels put forth in Healthy People 2010.²
- Survival is inversely related to stage at diagnosis—earlier detection of cancers increases survival rate.³

Strategies do exist for increasing screening rates:

- Patient navigation interventions have demonstrated benefits for improving use of cancer screening tests by vulnerable subpopulations of women.⁴
- Tailored interventions—where motivational feedback is provided to the individual—have been shown to work successfully in increasing health-promoting behavior, including the use of cancer screening tests.⁵

Yet little research has been done to develop cancer screening initiatives in LGBT population subgroups. Consequently, little is known about LGBT specific predictors of cancer screening participation. Further, few attempts have been made to adapt existing cancer screening interventions with known benefits for increasing screening rates to the needs of the LGBT population.

Howard Brown and the University of Illinois at Chicago are tackling this deficit in knowledge head on. Under the direction of Drs. Alicia Matthews and Usha Menon of the University of Illinois at Chicago, Howard Brown is conducting two studies to test the effectiveness of known interventions. The objective of one study is to pilot test the feasibility and effectiveness of a combined education and patient navigation intervention for increasing breast and cervical cancer screening among non-adherent lesbian and bisexual women. This study is funded through a grant from the Illinois Department of Public Health, Office of Women’s Health.

Another study provides one of the first attempts to identify beliefs, knowledge, and cultural predictors of colon cancer screening in the LGBT population and then build these into a tailored intervention aimed at increasing colon cancer screening. This study is funded through a grant from the Cancer Research and Prevention Foundation.

Through these studies, Howard Brown and the University of Illinois at Chicago will forge ahead into more in-depth development and testing of interventions designed to promote cancer screening in the LGBT community.

We continue to break new ground with our current research studies. These include: SENECA, a study evaluating the effectiveness of a noninvasive assay (Hepascore) in measuring liver disease in HIV/HCV coinfected individuals; TWISTA and Life Skills, two innovative studies designed to develop and test an HIV prevention intervention for young transgender women; Keep It Up, a study testing the effectiveness of a web-based STD education intervention for young men who have sex with men (MSM); the Young MSM HIV Prevention Project, a study designed to develop and test an HIV prevention intervention for young MSM; and the 50+ Survey, an online epidemiological study of LGBT aged 50 and over. Our clinical research division remains strong, with new device studies for rapid HIV and STD tests and trials testing new HIV medications. In total, 1,072 people participated in research studies in FY07, for a total of 1,885 visits.
“LGBT high school students, particularly transgender students, have a tremendous dropout rate. This program allows them the same opportunities everyone else should have: an education in a safe place. It’s my dream job.”

Adrianna Collis
GED Program Coordinator,
Broadway Youth Center
Since opening its doors in October 2004, the Broadway Youth Center’s (BYC) goal has been to create a safe, comprehensive health and social service program for all youth, regardless of their sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, or housing status. Throughout 2007, Howard Brown has become increasingly successful in achieving this goal through the continuous delivery of our core services: daily drop-in programming, case management, therapy, medical care, HIV testing, mentor programming, and support groups. New programs have also been developed, including the Education and Vocation Program for LGBT Youth and HIV prevention groups for young transgender women, making the BYC the most comprehensive program for youth in Chicago.

The Broadway Youth Center’s Education and Vocation Program was developed by Howard Brown in response to LGBT youth being three-times more likely to drop out of high school than their heterosexual peers. Recognizing that completing high school is critically important to one’s lifelong success and health, Howard Brown initiated a new partnership with Prologue Alternative High School to start the Midwest’s first General Educational Development (GED) tutoring and testing program for lesbian,
gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) youth. The program was launched in November, 2006, and provides students with individualized tutoring sessions with a trained GED instructor. To date, the GED program has successfully enrolled 21 youth; of which, four have taken and passed their GED exam. In addition to offering GED tutoring and testing services, the BYC’s Education and Vocation Program has also begun a collaboration with Inspiration Corporation to offer onsite career training and placement services to youth experiencing or at-risk for homelessness. The goal of this collaboration is to provide youth with the training and opportunities necessary to become gainfully employed so that they may secure stable housing and, ultimately, become healthy adults.

Howard Brown also initiated two new projects at the BYC to address the HIV prevention needs of young transgender women. The first, Transgender Women Informing Sista Trans-women on AIDS (TWISTA), is a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) funded group intervention adapted from a CDC-designed HIV prevention program. TWISTA is a culturally specific program designed to educate young transgender women of color on HIV prevention strategies, including condom use and partner negotiation. The TWISTA project piloted its first group in Fall 2007 and has quickly become a model CDC program. The second, Life Skills, is a research study funded by the CDC to develop and implement a program that increases young transgender women’s self-esteem, self-reliance, and, ultimately, HIV prevention skills. Both TWISTA and Life Skills are groundbreaking projects that demonstrate the important collaboration between research and program in creating holistic, sustainable services.

In addition to the success the BYC has experiences in terms of programmatic growth, Howard Brown and our community partners were recognized for the quality of care provided at the BYC, receiving two prestigious awards in the last year. The first was the United Way of Metropolitan Chicago’s Highly Innovative Project Award, which Howard Brown received for our BYC Mentor Program for the LGBTQ community. This award marks the first time the United Way of Metropolitan Chicago recognized an LGBT-specific program for its impact on the community and speaks to the important role Howard Brown’s Mentor Program has played in supporting healthy youth and adult relationships within the LGBTQ community. The second was the Cook County State’s Attorney’s Community Empowerment award for the work the BYC has done in promoting the safety of LGBT youth and their communities.

In FY07, 532 youth received medical services for a total of 777 visits; 413 youth received case management or accessed drop-in services for a total of 5,676 contacts/visits; 1,811 received HIV/STD testing; and 89 HIV-positive youth accessed health and social services.
“Howard Brown gave me the opportunity to be myself and to help other members of our community to do the same.”

Pedro Rodrińquez
Health Educator,
HIV/STD Prevention Department
"Outreach and test counseling never get boring for me... each client represents a unique opportunity to serve and learn from my community."

Joe Klein
Health Educator,
HIV/STD Prevention Department
The hallmark of the HIV/STD Prevention Department continues to be our outreach and testing program, which served more than 11,000 clients during fiscal year 2007. These services are provided by a team of highly-skilled health educators who are also members of the communities they serve. The health education team is assisted by a group of trained and highly dedicated volunteers who provide outreach services, lead group interventions, and provide HIV/STD counseling. These prevention interventions support the adoption of healthy, safer sex behaviors.

Howard Brown Health Center was the first community-based organization to conduct off-site HIV/STD testing in bars, clubs, bathhouses and other venues where many members of the LGBT community meet. This year, Howard Brown staff began to conduct all off-site HIV testing using rapid test kits, which provide results in about 20 minutes. This change was very well received by clients, and helped us to ensure that clients who tested for HIV were able to receive their results. In the process, more than 1,500 members of our community were provided HIV testing at off-site locations. An additional 2,813 clients received HIV testing at our Sheridan Road facility, making Howard Brown one of the highest volume HIV testing sites in the city.

The Latino Health Services Program was also started during fiscal year 2007. The program was initiated in response to an increasing need to provide culturally and linguistically appropriate services to Latino men-who-have-sex-with-men (MSM). Currently, the program includes both outreach and clinic based testing and health education provided by native Spanish-speaking staff. During the coming months, staff will also begin to assist newly diagnosed HIV-positive clients navigate through primary medical care and behavioral health services. The program’s coordinator, Paco Zamora, was also the Howard Brown 2007 Spirit Award Winner, an honor bestowed upon an employee by their peers who best exemplifies the mission of Howard Brown.

The Technical Assistance/Capacity Development Project (TACD), funded by the Department of Health and Human Services-Office of Minority Health, is wrapping up its third year. Through the grant, Howard Brown provides programmatic technical assistance and the Executive Service Corps of Chicago provides organizational capacity development to minority-serving HIV prevention agencies in the region. It is hoped that this transfer of knowledge and experience will enhance the overall provision of HIV prevention, particularly among communities of color who are highly impacted by HIV infection. Walker Tisdale III, MPH, was
hired as the new project director during the year. Walker brings a wealth of public health experience to the agency, and we began to offer region-wide trainings in response to requests from other HIV prevention agencies.

Whether providing HIV testing at a local bar, doing outreach at a community event, or at a partner agency providing technical assistance and capacity development, our commitment to our community drives our passion for innovation and excellence.

David Gitomer has been an advocate for the HIV/AIDS community for more than twenty years, facilitating the longest-running volunteer support group for HIV-positive men in the Chicago area at Howard Brown. In the 1980s, Howard Brown was at the forefront of the HIV/AIDS crisis in Chicago and the Midwest. As Howard Brown’s medical and mental health clinic began to see more clients with HIV/AIDS, it became clear that a support group was needed where those diagnosed could have a safe and affirming environment to express their feelings, emotions, and experiences. Although the need for a group was clear, it was a completely new concept and no one was willing to step up and facilitate the group, until David stood up and volunteered. This group, called the HIV/AIDS Peer Support Group, is still facilitated today – more than twenty years later – by David. The impact of David’s commitment to Howard Brown and the clients we serve is monumental.

The road has not always been easy for David. “Those were difficult times,” he says with emotion in his voice. It was not difficult to find people who wanted to participate; 30 people signed up immediately. But 12 died in the first month, and at least one person died every month until protease inhibitors were approved. Over the last two decades David has seen hundreds of people come through the group, and keeps a list which he looks at often. His ability to remember names and faces, and more importantly their stories, is amazing. He maintains contact with many of them long after they no longer need the group or have moved away. When asked why he has done this for the past 20 years, David simply says, “It’s the most rewarding thing I’ve ever done in my life. I hear so much week after week about the art of living. It’s not just the group night for me; I communicate regularly with members of the group during the week via email if they need it. I’ve never once felt that it was draining me.”

As a community based healthcare organization, we rely on people like David to help us serve our clients, who in turn rely on us. There have been tough times for David when he has thought it has been time to let it go – but he has never given up. We think he is remarkable, and a true Howard Brown hero!
“I came to Howard Brown because it is an organization that recognizes care for LGBT older adults as vital to our community.”

Rebecca Finer
Elder Program Director
The Put It OUT! media campaign featured real people telling their stories of quitting smoking. Nancy’s story was compelling: “I started to think about what my smoking was doing to my cats when I started to hear Poe wheezing a little. Funny how I was more concerned about their lungs than I was about mine. I even purchased an ionizer to help clear the air so they weren’t breathing the secondhand smoke. Until it dawned on me: we all needed clean air. I knew it was time to quit for good, even though I had tried so many times before. I say I did it for them, but really, I did it for me.”

With funding from American Legacy Foundation, Howard Brown Health Center partnered with the LCCP to launch Put It OUT!, a targeted, peer-driven smoking cessation media campaign featuring LGBT former smokers. Created with feedback from a media advisory group made up of former smokers, the campaign featured “quit smoking” stories that LGBT smokers could relate to and served as inspirations for them to quit. The campaign received press coverage from *Time Out Chicago*, *Chicago Free Press*, *Windy City Times* and *Gay Chicago* and was featured on the Chicago Transit Authority’s train and bus system.

At the end of FY07, six peer advocates had more than 100 contacts with community members through community festivals, club and nightlife venues, retail locations, healthcare providers’ offices, among other locations. Moreover, two of the scheduled seven groups were held with a total of 20 participants. In the upcoming months, Howard Brown will seek to engage an additional 30-70 smokers in its smoking cessation services.

This has been an exciting year for the Community Initiatives department which is charged with exploring and nurturing new areas of growth for Howard Brown as well as enhancing current program services. The first initiative of the department – The Elder Services Community Initiative – got a jumpstart with funding from Baxter International Foundation. The two-year, $100,000 grant provides salary support for program staff. The Chicago Community Trust also pledged $20,000 in staff support. Our community partners in the initiative, Rush University Medical Center, CJE-Senior Life, Heartland Alliance, and Midwest Palliative and Hospice CareCenter, will collaborate to launch the Midwest’s first comprehensive program for isolated, vulnerable, and at-risk older adults, with a special focus on LGBT adults aged 60 and over in Chicago.

Rebecca Finer, MSW, was recruited to develop and manage the initiative. Rebecca is passionate about working with the elderly and brings an excellent combination of geriatric social work knowledge and hands-on experience in working with older adults. She is currently working with our community partners on a number of activities including conducting a health needs assessment of LGBT adults 60 and over, compiling a resource directory of culturally competent healthcare and social service providers, and providing health education workshops to both older adults and those who provide services to them.

Enhancing women’s services at Howard Brown continues to be a priority. In FY07, there were 6,267 overall visits by women to Howard Brown for general medical care and mental health services compared to 4,926 for FY06. Forty percent (2,508) self-identified as lesbian, bisexual or queer. Additionally, through the STAND Against Cancer program, Howard Brown offered free clinical breast exams and pap smears to 304 low-income, uninsured and underinsured women. Our collaboration with Lesbian Community Cancer Project (LCCP) enables us to combine our resources, creating a world-class program for women.
“Both my parents died of HIV. It’s important to work someplace where I feel I’m making a difference.”

Laura Sanders
Manager, Brown Elephant Resale Shop
The four Brown Elephant Resale Shops had a productive and rewarding year as we processed the community’s donations into more than $1M for support of Howard Brown’s unfunded programs and services. We do not take for granted our opportunity to turn donor’s merchandise into medical appointments, prescriptions, support groups and other Howard Brown services for our community members in need.

During FY07 the Brown Elephants:

**Serviced 221,863 customers**

**Sold 744,049 items**

**Made 4,900 pickups from residential and corporate customers**

For more information on the Brown Elephant Resale Shops, including locations and hours, visit

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REVENUE, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT

Government contracts
52%
Brown Elephant Resale Shops
23%
Foundation, corporation, 
& organization support
6%
Net patient revenue
9%
Special events
4%
Clinical trials
2%
Individual contributions
2%
Clinical trials
2%
Medical services
14%
Research
26%
Community initiatives 
& program enhancement
0%
Client services
2%
Communications
2%
Development
5%
Youth services
7%
Behavioral health
7%
HIV/STD prevention
8%
Medical services
14%
HR, Financial services, 
IT, & Administration
12%
Brown Elephant Resale Shops
17%
Interest & 
other misc. 
revenue
1%
Donated service
1%
# STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

**Year ended June 30, 2007**  
(With restated year ended June 30, 2006)

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<td>$2,781,803</td>
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<td>(476,047)</td>
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You give vitality to our cause. Your gifts combat poverty, disease, isolation, and hopelessness when translated into Howard Brown’s care and services.

Howard Brown recognizes you and your peers for your generosity and belief in bringing accessible, innovative, and outstanding care to all members of our community.

With your continued support, the standard of excellence will continue at Howard Brown.

$100,000 and over

Abbott Laboratories
Supports the delivery of comprehensive and culturally sensitive medical care, mental health services and social support programming to uninsured and low-income HIV-positive persons.

American Legacy Foundation
Supports Howard Brown’s smoking cessation program, Put It Out!, with direct services, health education, and social support to help members of the LGBT and local community quit smoking.

Baxter International Foundation
Supports Howard Brown’s Elder Services Community Initiative to deliver outreach, needs assessment, medical care, mental health services, and social support to older adults in the LGBT community.

United Way of Metropolitan Chicago
Supports Howard Brown’s Broadway Youth Center with a Youth Impact grant which funds no-cost medical, mental health and development services for LGBT, homeless, HIV-positive and other youth in need of assistance, as well as a Venture Investment grant which funds the BYC’s LGBTQ Mentor Program, allowing at risk youth to meet with culturally sensitive adult role models. Also supports Howard Brown’s Violence Recovery Project, providing essential outreach, counseling and education to uninsured and low-income LGBT individuals in abusive relationships.

$50,000 - $99,999

Grant Healthcare Foundation
Supports charitable primary care at Howard Brown, allowing for the delivery of comprehensive and culturally sensitive medical care, mental health services and social support programming to uninsured and low-income HIV-positive persons.

Polk Bros. Foundation
Supports Howard Brown’s Broadway Youth Center in achieving its mission to provide no-cost medical, mental health, educational, and development services with a standard of excellence to LGBT, homeless, HIV-positive and other youth in need of assistance.
$25,000 - $49,999

Anonymous
Supports the delivery of comprehensive and culturally sensitive medical care, mental health services and social support programming for individuals in the LGBT and local community.

The Galter Foundation
Supports Howard Brown’s Broadway Youth Center in achieving its mission to provide no-cost medical, mental health, educational, and social support services with a standard of excellence to LGBT, homeless, HIV-positive and other youth in need of assistance.

The Elizabeth Morse Charitable Trust
Supports Howard Brown’s Broadway Youth Center in achieving its mission of providing no-cost medical, mental health, educational, and social support services with a standard of excellence to LGBT, homeless, HIV-positive and other youth in need of assistance.

John Potocsnak
Supports Howard Brown’s Broadway Youth Center in achieving its mission to provide no-cost medical, mental health, educational, and development services with a standard of excellence to LGBT, homeless, HIV-positive and other youth in need of assistance.

Ravenswood Health Care Foundation
Supports the delivery of comprehensive and culturally sensitive primary medical HIV care and mental health services to uninsured and low-income individuals in the local community.

The Estate of Donald D. Schneider
Supports the delivery of comprehensive and culturally sensitive medical care, mental health services and social support programming to low-income LGBT individuals and their families.

Walgreens
Supports the delivery of comprehensive and culturally sensitive medical care, mental health services and social support programming to LGBT individuals and their families through sponsorship of Howard Brown’s Taste for Every Palate benefit and the fall Annual Gala.

$10,000 - $24,999

AIDS Foundation of Chicago
Supports primary care and laboratory testing for uninsured and low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS.

Anonymous
Supports the delivery of comprehensive and culturally sensitive medical care, mental health services and social support programming to uninsured clients in the local community.

The Harry S. Black & Allon Fuller Fund
Supports integration of mental health services in the primary care setting through funding for Howard Brown’s Primary Care Social Worker.

The Blowitz-Ridgeway Foundation
Supports Howard Brown’s Broadway Youth Center in achieving its mission to provide no-cost medical, mental health, and development services with a standard of excellence to LGBT, homeless, HIV-positive and other youth in need of assistance.

Bristol-Myers Squibb Company
Supports the delivery of comprehensive and culturally sensitive medical care, mental health services and social support programming to uninsured and low-income persons through sponsorship of Howard Brown’s Taste for Every Palate benefit and the fall Annual Gala.

Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS
Supports HIV care and emergency financial assistance for uninsured and low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS.

Cubs Care
Supports Howard Brown’s violence recovery programming, ensuring that LGBT individuals who are victims of domestic or interpersonal violence receive essential outreach, counseling and education, regardless of insurance status or financial means.

DIFFA/Chicago
Supports the delivery of comprehensive and culturally sensitive medical care, mental health services and social support programming to uninsured and low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS.
William P. Drewry and Marshall Keltz
Supports the delivery of comprehensive and culturally sensitive medical care, mental health services and social support programming to low-income LGBT individuals and their families.

Jenner & Block LLP
Supports the delivery of comprehensive and culturally sensitive medical care, mental health services and social support programming to uninsured and low-income persons through sponsorship of Howard Brown’s Fall Annual Gala.

The Lifeboat Foundation
Supports Howard Brown’s Broadway Youth Center in achieving its mission to provide no-cost medical, mental health, educational, and development services with a standard of excellence to LGBT, homeless, HIV-positive and other youth in-need of assistance.

Ryan D. Meade
Supports the delivery of comprehensive and culturally sensitive medical care, mental health services and social support programming to low-income LGBT individuals and their families.

Pediatric AIDS Chicago
Supports the History in Voices Theatre Project, a creative workshop series designed to help HIV-positive youth and their peers avoid HIV transmission through enhanced communication, coping and advocacy skills, culminating in a staged theatre production and educational video depicting the history of HIV among youth.

Prince Charitable Trusts
Supports the delivery of comprehensive and culturally sensitive primary care to low-income and uninsured persons living with HIV/AIDS.

The Siragusa Foundation
Supports Howard Brown’s Broadway Youth Center in achieving its mission to provide no-cost medical, mental health and development services with a standard of excellence to LGBT, homeless, HIV-positive and other youth in-need of assistance.

Steamworks
Collaborates with Howard Brown to provide anonymous HIV testing and confidential STD testing, along with educational programs designed to avoid HIV/STD transmission, to at-risk men in the community. Supports Howard Brown’s Broadway Youth Center in providing HIV/STD testing, post-test counseling, basic medical services, and health education to at-risk youth and young adults.

VNA Foundation
Supports Howard Brown’s Broadway Youth Center in achieving its mission to provide no-cost medical, mental health, and development services with a standard of excellence to LGBT, homeless, HIV-positive and other youth in-need of assistance.
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Charlie C. DiMaggio
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Daniel Naack
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Jolanta Kozakiewicz
Kass Copeland
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Mercedes Corona
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Crest Lighting
Davinci Group
Degerberg Academy of Martial Arts
Devon Seafood Grill
Drury Lane Theatre
The Dunes Resort
DuSable Museum
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Early To Bed
East Bank Club
Eddie Z's Blinds and Drapery
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eta Creative Arts Foundation
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The George Greene Store
Gold Coast Wellness
The Goodman Theatre
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Greasie Joan & Co.
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His Stuff
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Lou Malnati's Pizzeria
LuLa
LuLu's at the Belle Kay
M. Henry
Macy's
Macy's North
Maple Leaf Park, Inc.
Marianne Strokirk Salon
Helen Marieskind
Marriott Lincolnshire Theatre
Marshall Pierce & Company
Mary Mary Gifts
Omeed Memar
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Muntu Dance Theatre of Chicago
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Regus
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Spiaggia
The Stadium Seat Store
Steppenwolf Theatre Company
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Jay Stone
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Today's Chicago Woman Foundation
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Victory Gardens Theater
Vinci
Vocal Voyage Voice Studio
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Services at the main location include all medical services, behavioral health and social services, research, youth services, case management, and the Howard Brown Walk-in Clinic. This location serves the community as the preeminent source for LGBT health care. Most HMO/PPO plans accepted.

Howard Brown’s TRIAD Health Practice
3000 North Halsted Street
Suite 711
Chicago, IL 60657
773-296-8400

TRIAD Health Practice provides all of our medical services, including primary care, gynecological services, family planning and health screenings/check-ups. TRIAD accepts both HMO and PPO plans, and provides on-site parking.

The Broadway Youth Center is a program of Howard Brown and our community partners offering comprehensive services to youth, ages 24 and under. Services include: case management for youth who need help with housing, job placement or basic needs; HIV testing and STD screening and treatment; medical services and education; individual and group counseling; and drop-in services including computer and internet use, socializing, and shower facilities.

The Brown Elephant
The Resale Shop of Howard Brown Health Center

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