

APPLY TO JOIN

THE VERNITA GRAY COUNCIL FOR PHILANTHROPY

The **Vernita Gray Council** is composed of up to 25 influencers and innovators who further the **mission** of Howard Brown Health. This auxiliary board specializes in fundraising, engagement, and outreach.

MEETS ON 2ND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH FROM 6 - 8 P.M.

EDUCATION

Learn **ways to support** Howard Brown Health and how we work to eliminate disparities in healthcare for LGBTQ+ people including:

- Young people experiencing housing insecurity and poverty
- People living with and vulnerable to HIV and AIDS
- Trans and nonbinary patients needing gender-affirming care
- Survivors of sexual assault needing medical and legal advocacy and behavioral health services
- Older people experiencing loneliness and isolation



FUNDRAISING

- AIDS Run & Walk
- Trans Media Fashion Show
- Building Community Care Events
- Giving Tuesday

OUTREACH

- Broadway Youth Center Donation Drives
- Prepare safer sex kits
- Street & pride festivals

TOURS

- Broadway Youth Center
- The Brown Elephant
- Clinics



Named after Vernita Gray, the VGC honors a longtime champion of the rights of LGBTQ+ people, African Americans, and women. She served as a community volunteer, donor, and advocate.

We are committed to diversity as it relates to age, class, color, disability, ethnicity, gender identity and expression, national origin, orientation, race, religion, and all marginalized identities.

Vernita Gray, Chicago LGBTQ+ Activist

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