

A large, stylized blue compass rose with eight points, set against a background of a light purple grid pattern that resembles a city map. The compass rose has a circular center and is surrounded by a ring of smaller, darker blue compass points.

# Compass

NAVIGATING OUR  
FUTURE TOGETHER

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HOWARD BROWN HEALTH 2026 GALA  
THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2026 | 6:00 PM | VENUE WEST

## Howard Brown Health Honors Gilead Sciences for Their Leadership and Impact



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Howard Brown Health is proud to announce **Gilead Sciences** as our North Star Host and a 2026 Friend for Life Honoree at our upcoming Spring Gala, **Compass: Navigating Our Future Together**, taking place on April 23 at Venue West.

Guided by a powerful vision "*to create a healthier world for all people and a mission to discover, develop and deliver innovative therapeutics for people with life-threatening diseases*", Gilead Sciences continues to lead with purpose—going beyond medicine to remove barriers to care and expand access for communities that need it most.

Through their commitment to supporting and partnering with organizations working directly with populations disproportionately affected by disease, Gilead strengthens the community-based infrastructure and health systems required to advance health and opportunity.

Last year, Gilead Sciences made a transformative investment in our work, awarding Howard Brown Health an \$800,000 grant to amplify our behavioral health services. This support is helping us combat the stigma surrounding mental health and make medicinal treatment a viable and accessible option within a comprehensive care plan.

For two consecutive years, Gilead Sciences has also served as our Premier Event Sponsor for our annual Spring Gala. Their sponsorship not only contributes to the

success of this special event but also strengthens our capacity to advance health equity and expand our impact within the LGBTQ+ community we proudly serve.

Their partnership with Howard Brown Health has been instrumental in helping us expand care and services to underserved communities across Chicago. Together, we are improving healthcare outcomes, reducing disparities, and increasing access to treatment and prevention.

*“Gilead Sciences is honored to support Howard Brown Health, an organization whose mission and impact closely align with Gilead’s vision of creating a healthier world for all people. By supporting their work, we are investing in community-led solutions that drive meaningful progress, expanding access, improving outcomes, and strengthening trust where it matters.”* – **Rashad Burgess, Vice President of Corporate Responsibility**

We are proud to partner with Gilead Sciences and even prouder to recognize them for their contributions to healthcare and their support of marginalized and underserved communities—especially the LGBTQ+ community at the heart of our mission.

Please join us on April 23 as we celebrate and thank Gilead Sciences for being a valued partner in this important work.

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