

Since 1983, the Hartford Gay and Lesbian Health Collective (HGLHC) has been providing health services to the Hartford area. While we focus our efforts on the specific health issues of the LGBT community, we are open to all ranges of sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression. We originally offered only basic STD screening and treatment, however, we have expanded and now offer comprehensive dental services to individuals living with HIV/AIDS, and services specific to women including clinical breast exams and Pap testing. HGLHC provides a loving, sensitive environment for its clients. Our support groups and community events, like Bingo and the One Big Event fundraiser, encourage a sense of belonging. Our growth and success would not be possible without our focus on teamwork, compassion, expression, and acceptance.

We are proud to provide nonjudgmental, unconditional care for greater Hartford's sexual minorities. We believe our friendly staff is our best asset, and they are happy to provide whatever care clients need. In the future, we hope to continue to thrive with help from our caring volunteers and involvement with our community. At HGLHC, we treat you like family. Because we are.

Caring Health Providers

As HGLHC expands its activities, our clinic still remains the main service for our public as we strive to maintain a sensitive and anonymous diagnosis, treatment, and support facility for the health of our community. In addition to traditional clinic services, 2005-2006 saw HGLHC reaching out to women's health issues, dental care, support groups and community education to care for our clients' physical, mental, and emotional needs.

HGLHC relies on the community and volunteers to provide the positive energy and quality services for which we are known. HGLHC continues to offer our regular

clinic services, including STD diagnosis and treatment, Hepatitis (A, B and C) screening and immunization, PAP testing, breast and pelvic exams, mammogram referrals, and HIV testing, counseling, education, and community outreach programs.

In 2005-2006, HGLHC sponsored Women's Health Screening Days in October and March. These free events offered complete physical exams, including pap smears, pelvic exams, hepatitis vaccinations, HIV/STD testing, and even free on-site mammograms sponsored by Hartford Hospital. We were especially lucky to offer the convenience of portable mammogram equipment.

For HIV patients, our Ryan White Title I & II programs include massage and acupuncture therapy and dental care. These Ryan White programs are specially designed to meet the unique needs of greater Hartford's HIV/AIDS population. This year, HGLHC established a collaborative relationship with Tunxis Community College. HGLHC became a practicum site for dental hygiene students. The students have been well received by the clients, and have been afforded an invaluable learning opportunity in care for people living with HIV/AIDS.

Support Groups and Activities

Community support groups are another important asset to HGLHC. In the 2005-2006 service year, HGLHC sponsored weekly, bi-weekly and monthly support groups specifically targeting the needs expressed by the community. These groups provide a secure setting among a community of peers, with an average of 8-12 people, to discuss any issues members may encounter in their daily lives.

Our youth group, the Rainbow Room, is open to all community youth who may be gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, or questioning. The Rainbow Room is open to all youth under 21, and does not require pre-registration.

Volunteer Support and Community Connections

Last year, over 75 people provided their volunteer assistance to the HGLHC in some capacity. We simply could not provide our full range of services and programs without the dedicated assistance of these many volunteers. We would like to thank all those who continue to put in countless hours of volunteer work that make the services we provide possible.

We also continue to be very involved in the greater Hartford community and beyond, providing many resources for our clients in partnership with other groups. HGLHC works hand in hand with LGBT Health Care Providers, Hartford Hospital, AIDS Project Hartford, Hispanic Health Council, and True Colors.

Grants and Finance

Our organization is a non-profit organization. Throughout the year, we have received numerous grants and funding from groups such as the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, Susan G. Komen Foundation, Richardson Foundation, and local and state government grants.

Grant sponsors enable us to target specific activities. For example, the Susan G. Komen grant we received provided for breast cancer screening and awareness. The grant we received from the federal government is used for dental work and equipment.

On Saturday, November 5, 2005, we hosted our third Annual One Big Event, our annual major fundraising event. Over 380 people attended, making this the most successful and popular fundraiser in our organization's history. The evening included dinner, a silent and live auction, and an evening of entertainment featuring Varla Jean Merman and the music of Shaded Soul Band. It was held at the Hartford Marriott in Farmington, CT. The event netted over \$37,000 to support agency programs. Gay Bingo is also a big attraction for both people and funds, happening three to four times a year. Bingo, organized and operated almost exclusively by volunteers, generated \$7200 of net income for the 2005-2006 fiscal year.

The Future

The Hartford Gay and Lesbian Health Collective plans to maintain success by continuing to provide caring and outstanding service for our clients. The Ryan White dental program expansion has generated a tremendous amount of positive response from the community, and it will be continued in the coming years. Along with maintaining the dental program, we plan to add new mental health and counseling programs along with an additional transgender support group. HGLHC is also physically expanding as new offices are being added to manage the growth of new programs.

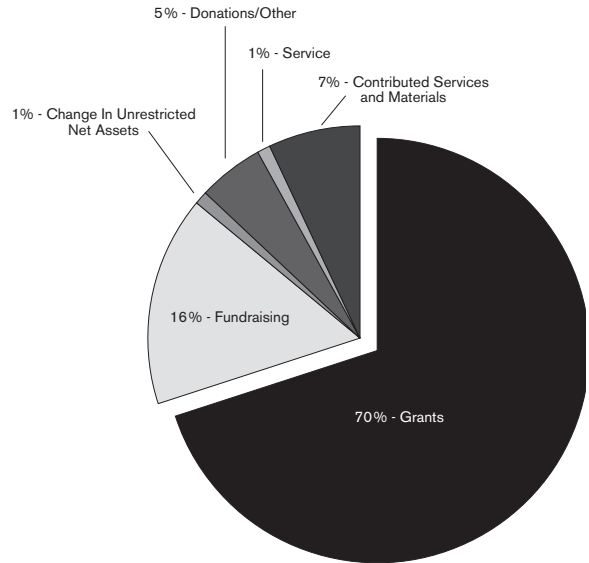
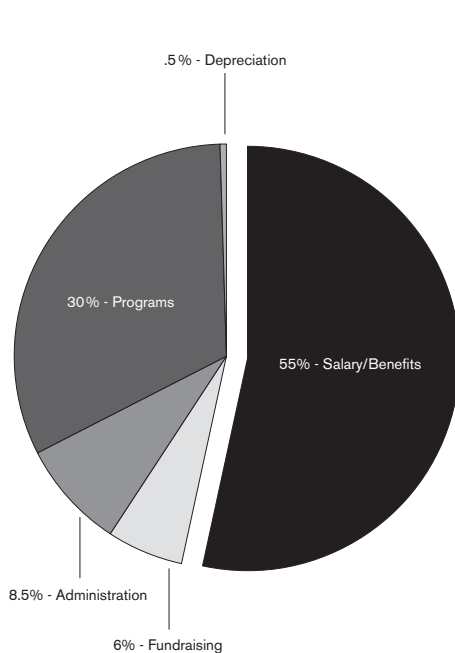
2005 – 2006 Financial Results

Expenses

Salary/benefits.....	\$424,059
Fundraising	49,899
Administration	65,887
Programs.....	234,737
Depreciation	3,351
Total.....	777,933

Income

Grants	\$565,506
Fundraising	127,443
Service.....	10,214
Donations/other.....	38,828
Change In Unrestricted Net Assets	8,841
Contributed Services and Materials.....	55,525
Total.....	806,357



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