Dear HACC Friends:

Since 1967, HACC has continually addressed the unmet needs of children, youth and adults by working to help them stabilize their lives and develop the skills necessary to become productive community members. What started as a two-person outreach mission operating out of an old bakery on Paulina Street in 1967, HACC has grown to become a multi-dimensional 7 million dollar a year social service agency serving over 8,000 individuals annually. In these times, when financial crisis threatens already fragile families, the demand for our services continues to grow.

Throughout our 45 year history, HACC has helped to build strong families and strong communities in and around Rogers Park. HACC is one of the oldest human services agencies in Rogers Park dedicated to helping children, adults, seniors, and families in need. Although our organization has expanded to five departments and seven operating sites on Chicago’s North side, our vision has remained constant: to promote healthy families and communities, to provide safe and nurturing environments for children, and to support individual growth and well-being. Our mission is: “To assist low-income individuals and families in and near Rogers Park to stabilize their lives and develop the skills necessary to become productive community members.”

We are pleased to report that Howard Area Community Center has been successfully navigating all the financial and political storms that have beset the non-profit sector over the past few years. HACC again finished the last fiscal year with a small surplus. More importantly, we have continued our push for operating efficiency. By shrinking administrative overhead and becoming better stewards of our donations we have provided more direct service per dollar of funding. Howard Area Community Center also continues to expand our capacity to deliver services to those in need with our annual budget growing consistently in the past six years (from $5.5 million in 2006 to this year’s budget of over $7.2 million).

In June we gathered with friends and supporters to celebrate our 45th anniversary at our Sheila Reynolds Berner Family Center. This year we also completed long-overdue renovations at our Main Center and Sheila Reynolds Berner Family Center, some of which included increasing handicap accessibility and energy efficiencies.

At the heart of our work is the belief that individuals and families in crisis must have access to services and resources to help them build on their inherent strengths and develop self-sufficiency. We invite you to continue to be involved with the exciting work being done at HACC. There are many opportunities to contribute -- with donations or by volunteering for example. Thank you for your critical role in bringing us to where we are now. We look forward to another 45 years of delivering excellent community services in Rogers Park.

Best to you,

Bruce Rasey
Executive Director

Mary Ann O’Connor
Board President

1967 Howard Area Community Center Organization (HACO) is formed by volunteers from St. Jerome’s Church in Rogers Park to address the needs of their neighbors. 1968 Seed funding for immigrant programs provided by United Way of Chicago.
For 45 years our commitment to our vision of strengthening families and empowering individuals has remained constant. In April 1967, on a quiet street on Chicago’s Far North side, the doors of a new social service agency opened in Rogers Park. Howard Area Community Organization, as Howard Area Community Center was then called, was founded by a group of public-minded community leaders who attended church at St. Jerome’s in Rogers Park. The group’s goal was to provide financial assistance to poor and needy families in the North of Howard area of Chicago.

During the late 1960s when the government took responsibility for providing direct financial assistance, private charities like HACC began meeting other challenges. This era marked the advent of social casework and the start of HACC Social Services Programs. By the mid 1970s, HACC had identified other community needs and home based services and group education for families were established. Throughout the 1980s and 1990s, the agency began providing much needed services through the creative use of volunteers. This resulted in the creation of one of the first teen-led gang alternative programs in the neighborhood.

The agency expanded in the mid 1990s by adding new programs and services including a Head Start Center and home visiting program; after-school programs in local public schools; an alternative high school; and special health and human services programs to address domestic violence and assist individuals with HIV/AIDS. A 2005 capital campaign resulted in the development of a new $5 million Sheila Reynolds Berner Family Center on N. Ashland. HACC further expanded in 2009 by establishing a state-of-the-art center for youth on Morse Avenue and an Employment Resource Center next to the Howard Street “L” stop.

Howard Area Community Center has come a long way since 1967 and we still have much work to do. Thank you to all our thousands of donors and community supporters who over the years have helped us continue to respond to community needs, build our organization and make HACC sustainable for the future.
On June 13, 2012, 31 Howard Area Leadership Academy (HALA) students gathered in the Auditorium at Gale Academy in Rogers Park. Every student, who had previously dropped out of high school, was there to receive their high school diplomas - a powerful symbol of scholarship and their transformative journey through tremendous life challenges. HALA is HACC’s alternative high school serving 120 students each year. HALA’s mission is to provide rigorous opportunities for students to gain skills needed to transition to employment and college or other forms of higher learning. HALA is accredited by the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement and it is part of the Alternative Schools Network and one of 23 members in the Youth Connection Charter School (YCS). YCS is only chartered alternative education system that is solely dedicated to serving the growing population of dropout and at-risk students in Illinois.

1996: HACC adds Head Start classrooms for toddlers, an alternative high school (Howard Area Leadership Academy) and Family Support Program for Teen Parents.
The Adult Education Department and Employment Resource Center at HACC is dedicated to helping people acquire the academic, employability, and life skills they need to achieve stability, meaningful employment and economic self-sufficiency. The Adult Education Department works closely with the Employment Resource Center to ensure that adult learners and job seekers have the tools they need to achieve their personal and professional goals. HACC is the only agency in the high-need community of Rogers Park that offers a full-service Education and Employment Program targeting severely educationally disadvantaged persons. Our program and the Rogers Park Public Library, which serves as a satellite for Truman College, are the only two locations that offer adult basic education/general equivalency diploma (ABE/GED) preparation classes. Furthermore, our lab at the Employment Resource Center offers the only free access to computers with educational software/basic computer skills programs in Rogers Park.

In FY12, Adult Education Department services included Adult Basic Education (ABE); English-as-a-Second-Language (ESL); GED Preparation; Tutoring, either one-on-one or in small groups; and Computer Skills Instruction. Last year, 676 adult learners made literacy and numeracy gains and made significant progress towards their educational goals. 145 adult students worked with one-on-one with volunteer tutors in our Adult Literacy Program. 50 adult learners received support with GED applications, finding employment, and/or post secondary education goals. 18 students attained their GED. Two HACC Adult Education Program students received Seabury Scholarships, allowing them to go on to secondary education. In partnership with Jewish Vocational Services, we also offered a Healthcare Bridge class for intermediate to advanced students.

The Employment Resource Center assists over 3,000 people each year with their employment needs. In 2012, 3639 adult job seekers received services in our open lab. 871 job seekers enrolled in computer classes and 688 completed modules. Employment Resource Center case managers helped 46 adults find full time employment for the first time. 33 adults completed a hard skills training program. 169 adults enrolled in our Fresh Start, Re-Entry Employment Training and the Employment Resource Center’s Youth Fresh Start served 64 young men and women.

Health & Human Services

The Health & Human Services Department has been at the core of our work since Howard Area Community Center’s founding in 1967. Formerly known as the Social Services Program, case managers and community health workers in the Health and Human Services Department assisted over 4,000 individuals in 2012 with overcoming immediate crisis and achieving self-sufficiency.

Last year, over 750 families experiencing immediate crisis received HACC services including case management, counseling, and crisis intervention, including emergency assistance in the form of food and clothing. Eighty women and children who are victims of domestic violence worked with our Domestic Violence case managers to find safety from their abusers and on-going support in efforts to rebuild their lives. The Dental Clinic, a key component of the Health and Human Services Department, served 748 low income patients, focusing on HIV/AIDS clients and pediatric care. The Dental Clinic remains only 1 of 4 dental clinics in Chicago that specializes in serving low-income individuals with HIV/AIDS. HACC’s Clinic is also the only clinic in the north side of Chicago that provides pediatric dental care to low-income families. This figure includes 235 children, 354 Ryan White case management patients, and 159 general adults.

Volunteers

To help meet demand for services, HACC leverages the time and talents of a strong core of dedicated volunteers. In fiscal year 2012, 890 individuals donated 27,243 service hours to HACC. Activities included 43 volunteers mentoring 2nd, 3rd and 4th graders in our After School Reading Program, volunteer tutors provided 932 hours of support to adult learners, and over 100 volunteers worked tirelessly in our Food Pantry. Last year, 100 students from Northwestern University provided literacy tutoring and one-on-one time to pre-schoolers in our Early Childhood Program. Our volunteer Women’s Benefit Board and Gala Committees organize two special fundraising events each year.

2011: HACC expands in the 2000s, establishing the Sheila Reynolds Berner Family Center Campus, a state-of-the-art Technology and Arts Center for teens on Morse Avenue and Employment Resource Center on Howard Street.
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Due to space limitations, we are unable to print the names of all the donors who have contributed under $100.

We thank the individual, corporate, and organizations that supported us at this level.

2012: HACC celebrates its 45th Anniversary. In fiscal year 2012, HACC programs serve over 8,000 individuals.
Statement of Activities

HOWARD AREA COMMUNITY CENTER


Individual Contributions $54,642
Church & Civic Contributions $30,472
In-Kind Contributions $428,235
Foundations & Corporate Contributions $379,070
Special Events $41,084
United Way $95,450
Program Fees & Miscellaneous $249,031

Revenue By Source
- Government Revenue 82.3%
- Foundation & Corporation Contributions 5.3%
- In-Kind Contributions 5.9%
- Individual Contributions 0.8%
- Program Fees & Miscellaneous 3.5%
- United Way 1.3%
- Church & Civic Contributions 0.4%
- Special Events 0.6%

Howard Area Leadership Academy 17.6%
Early Childhood/Infants & Toddlers 36.2%
Adult Education & Employment 13.7%
Health & Human Services 8.9%
Youth Services 8.2%
Administration & Development 15.4%

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This statement was prepared by management of the Howard Area Community Center, based on the audited financial statements. The financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2012 were audited by the certified public accounting firm of Knutte & Associates, PC. The auditors found no material weaknesses or deficiencies, and expressed an unqualified opinion.
Join Us

To keep our vision and mission healthy and thriving, we depend on the compassion of our friends and neighbors. We have been at the heart of local philanthropy for 45 years, and the countless individuals and corporations that have seen us through the years are all part of a great Chicago legacy.

Make a Donation: Unrestricted cash donations are the lifeblood of HACC. Every dollar you give is tax deductible and has immediate impact on the individuals and families we serve. Please visit us online at www.howardarea.org or contact our Development Office at (773) 262-6622 x244 to donate or discover new ways you can contribute to HACC's future.

Make A Matching Gift: Thousands of companies and corporate foundations match the gifts of their employees to nonprofit institutions such as HACC. Matching-gift benefits can double, sometimes triple, the value of your gift, while supporting the same program(s) that you support, and are credited to you. Gifts of securities, in addition to gifts of cash, are also often eligible for matching.

If your company is eligible, request a matching gift form from your employer, and send it completed and signed to the HACC Development Office. We will do the rest. The impact of your gift may be doubled or possibly tripled! Some companies match gifts made by retirees and/or spouses, so please inquire with your company about eligibility.

Donate an Appreciated Asset: You can take advantage of significant tax benefits by making a gift of appreciated stock, real estate, or other assets. Let us show you the creative ways you can utilize your assets to make a difference.

Create a Legacy: Planned and estate gifts provide a lasting legacy of your vision and compassion. In addition, planned gifts are, quite literally, the gifts that keep on giving. There are many ways to make a planned gift—we are available to partner with you and your financial advisor to find the option that works best for you.

Make a Corporate In-Kind Gift: Your company’s donation is tax deductible and enables all of us to continue as neighbors helping neighbors.

Make an Endowment Gift: Restricted gifts to our Endowment ensure that HACC’s legacy in this community will continue in the future. Earnings from endowment funds are used to support current programs and see new initiatives. Your gift provides a way for Howard Area Community Center to fund long-term services to the underserved.

Volunteer: The gift of your time and energy to Howard Area Community Center and programs cannot be measured in dollars and cents. If you would like to learn more about our ongoing volunteer opportunities, please contact our Development Office at (773) 262-6622 x244.