

MISSION RESULTS

Technical Assistance

We are proud to inform you that CenterLink closed out 2016, our 22nd year, serving 187 LGBT community centers and their leaders. In 2016, we educated, advocated, and provided essential services and benefits to our members, supporting center missions that are making a real difference in our LGBT communities.

CenterLink is the only organization that is focused specifically on working collaboratively to foster the success of LGBT community center leaders. It is that unique leadership focus that helps us advance our mission of developing strong, sustainable LGBT community centers and building a thriving center network that creates healthy, vibrant communities.

Serving as the voice of the LGBT community center movement is something we take seriously, and we continue to adapt and grow our services to support our LGBT community nationally and globally in this volatile, uncertain, and complex world in which we live.

The year 2016 was a difficult year for our community. The shootings at Pulse nightclub in Orlando highlighted the importance of community centers, especially during times of tragedy. The Center in Orlando was a focal point for individuals looking for a place to gather, a place to assist others, and most importantly, a place to mourn. During the weeks following, our center network reached out with unbelievable offers of support from words of encouragement to large financial contributions for the Pulse victims and the Orlando Center. CenterLink was often the go-between answering questions for potential funders and community members. We have never been so proud witnessing the love and support from our LGBT community center family as we came together to make a difference during this tragic time.

Additionally, we find our community and our funding streams under attack from a new government administration. Many of us are still in post-traumatic election distress and hoping to wake up from a bad dream. However, this is our new reality, and we realize as leaders that we must take active steps and stand up for our democracy. Looking at 2017, we are making strategic decisions that provide greater capacity to advocate at the grassroots level. Now more than ever; we understand that we are stronger linked together!

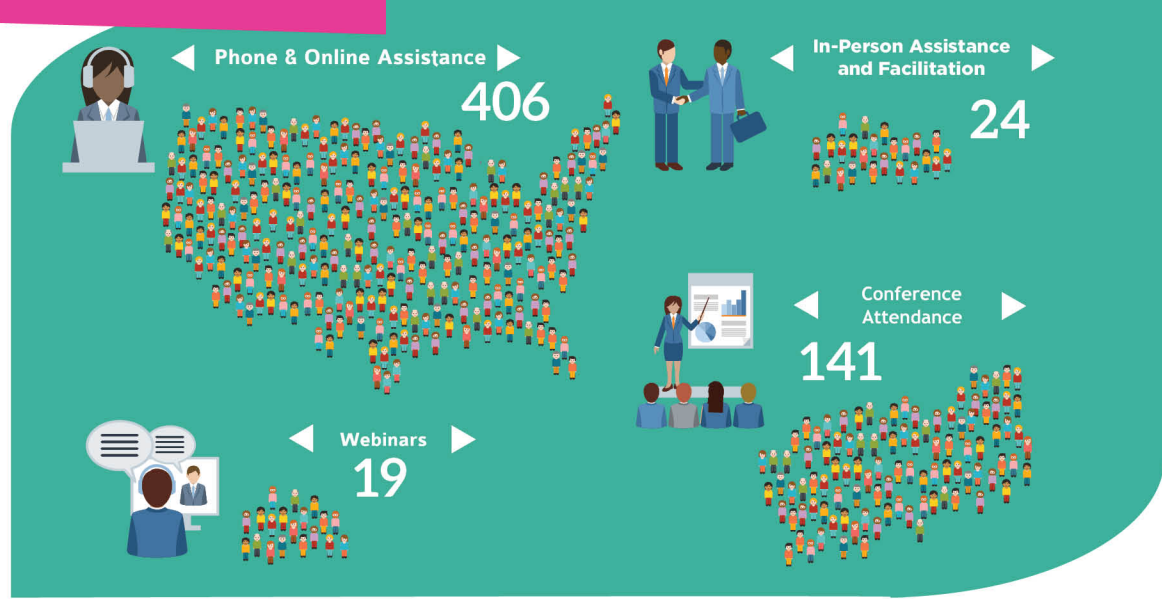
We want to welcome Lora Tucker as our new CenterLink CEO, believing we have found the right leader, at the right time to lead CenterLink into its future. Lora's extensive experience and passion for leadership development, public relations and organizational strategy - combined with our robust network - will take our LGBT community center movement to the next level.

To you - our members, donors, sponsors, volunteers, staff and friends we offer our heartfelt thanks for making our work possible. We look forward to working together in 2017 and beyond.

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Board Co-Chair

Paul Moore
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Lora Tucker
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CEO



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

LGBT Community Center Survey - In 2016, CenterLink again partnered with the Movement Advancement Project to produce the biennial LGBT Community Center Survey Report. One hundred forty-three centers participated from 40 states, DC and Puerto Rico.

Executive Director Boot Camp - Nine individuals attended from five states. The Boot Camp is a three-day intensive program focusing on fundraising, organizational development, financial management, board development, diversity and leadership.

2016 Leadership Summit - Fort Lauderdale, FL - Over 140 individuals attended the two-day conference featuring presentations, breakouts, workshops and peer networking.

YouthLink - Hosted its own day-long institute at Creating Change bringing together over 40 youth programming professionals from across the country for workshops, informational presentations and networking.

HealthLink - In 2016 LGBT HealthLink provided technical assistance on LGBT Cancer Best and Promising Practices, facilitating linkages between LGBT community centers and departments of health, and conducting LGBT cultural competency training for 15 state department of health cancer programs: Nebraska, Oregon, New York, North Dakota, Idaho, Pennsylvania, Florida, Iowa, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Louisiana, Michigan, Utah, Virginia, and Kentucky.

In order to build support for strategies to improve community-clinical linkages, LGBT HealthLink distributed customized pride materials to 172 LGBT community centers with tobacco and cancer messaging to support tobacco-free prides and increase knowledge of cancer screenings among LGBT individuals; fulfilled 99 cancer and tobacco resource order requests to community centers, health care providers, departments of health, and universities; and co-branded existing LGBT HealthLink materials for Nevada, Indiana, Connecticut, and Pennsylvania departments of health.

LGBT HealthLink also: Presented to 45 LGBT community centers on LGBT tobacco, cancer, and wellness and promoted LGBT HealthLink resources; contributed to the process which led to the designation of LGBT as a legal disparity population via the NIH; and, as a direct result of needs assessment activities with Pennsylvania, the PA Department of Health Cancer Program has started to contract with a local LGBT community center, the Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center, which has begun work to promote cancer screenings.

2015
172
Members

2016
187
Members

IMPACT

“As the director of a Centerlink member organization, I have benefited so strongly from the programs, services, and technical assistance that Centerlink provides to LGBT community centers. They have been a tremendous resource, which is why I’m proud that my organization is a Centerlink member.”
Adrian Shanker, Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center

“Of all the national organizations that I have dealt with, during decades of working in the non-profit sector, none have achieved the capacity to provide assistance and support as well as CenterLink. We have not had to reinvent any wheels, since any question asked gets timely and generous responses from Centers around the United States. And that is in addition to the resources, encouragement, expertise and support that is always forthcoming from CenterLink staff. My community... is very grateful.” - Phyllis Frank - Rockland County Pride Center

“When I first became the executive director of the Center, it was CenterLink that came to my aid. CenterLink provided me with valuable resources, connections, support that helped me grow into a stronger and more capable leader. The entire CenterLink team goes above and beyond to keep local LGBT centers connected to one another while helping to build up the leaders of those local centers. CenterLink has strengthened the LGBT movement.” - Jay Maddock - OutFront Kalamazoo

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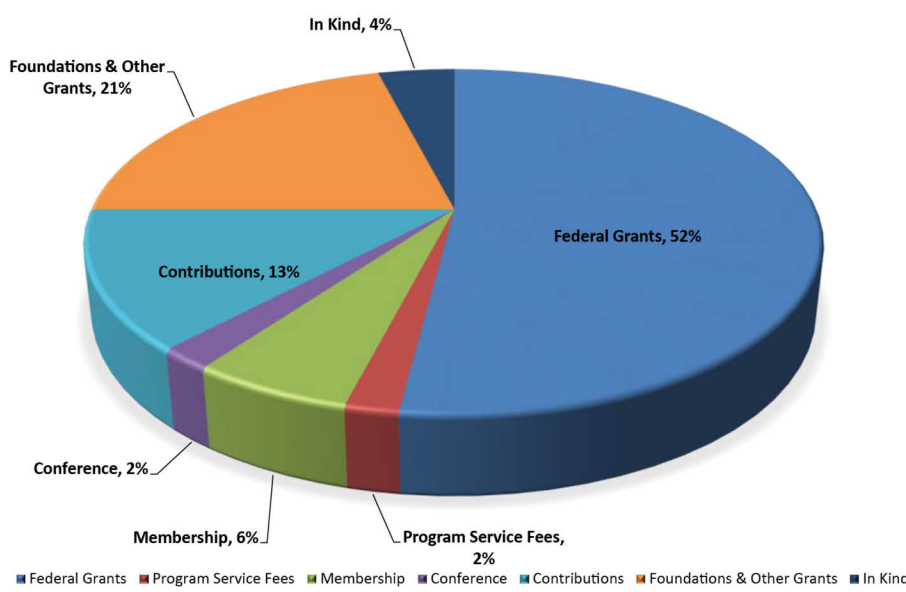
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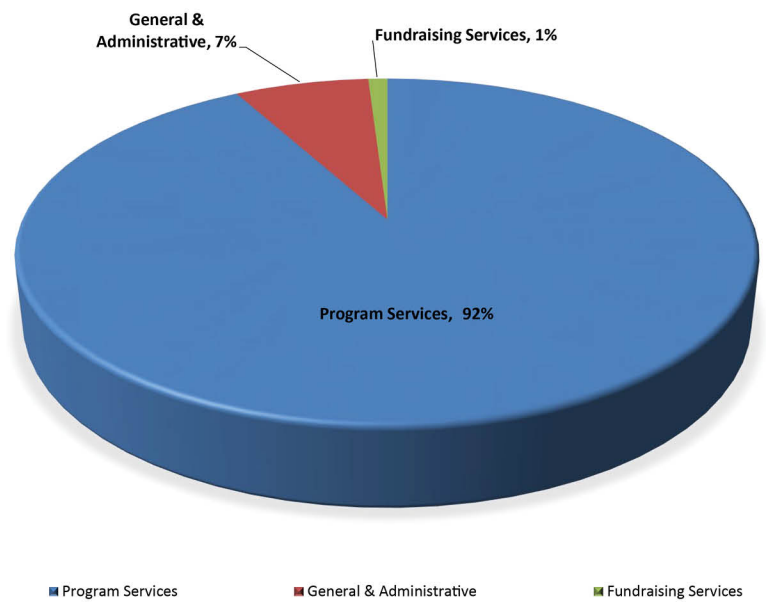
CENTERLINK, INC.
STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015

	2016			2015		
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
Revenue						
Federal Grants	\$ 681,443	\$ -	\$ 681,443	\$ 623,966	\$ -	\$ 623,966
Other Grants	229,960	43,296	273,256	269,247	106,261	375,508
Contributions	167,303	-	167,303	146,922	-	146,922
Membership dues	77,525	-	77,525	67,850	-	67,850
Conference income	23,390	-	23,390	13,900	-	13,900
Program Service Fees	30,099	-	30,099	29,236	-	29,236
In-kind	47,892	-	47,892	4,328	-	4,328
Interest Income	1,819	-	1,819	1,757	-	1,757
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	106,261	(106,261)	-	37,126	(37,126)	-
Total Revenue	1,365,692	(62,965)	1,302,727	1,194,332	69,135	1,263,467
Expenses						
Program services	1,256,704	-	1,256,704	1,048,953	-	1,048,953
General and administrative	93,550	-	93,550	36,270	-	36,270
Fundraising services	20,675	-	20,675	15,245	-	15,245
Total Expenses	1,370,929	-	1,370,929	1,100,468	-	1,100,468
Change in Net Assets	(5,237)	(62,965)	(68,202)	93,864	69,135	162,999
Net Assets, Beginning of year	377,007	106,261	483,268	283,143	37,126	320,269
Net Assets, End of year	\$ 371,770	\$ 43,296	\$ 415,066	\$ 377,007	\$ 106,261	\$ 483,268

SOURCE OF REVENUE



EXPENSE ALLOCATION



FOUNDATION GRANTORS & SPONSORS

H. van Ameringen Foundation

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STRONG NETWORK

