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**New lease on life for the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center
Volunteers needed to help the Center with its "Move to Sustainability"**

The Board of Directors of the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center has approved a new one-year lease with Siegel-Gallagher Real Estate. The Center will consolidate its programs and community partners from four floors to two at 252 E. Highland Avenue in downtown Milwaukee.

"This new lease responds to concerns expressed by the community," said Center Co-President Jennifer Morales. "It allows the Center to consolidate to an appropriate amount of space at a cost that fits its budget, and it gives us the time for strategic visioning to ensure the Center's long-term sustainability."

The Center currently has more space than it needs. All programs and partners will consolidate to floors 2 and 2A.

The Center's Board will soon launch a strategic planning process to review future programming, space and location needs.

"We thank Siegel-Gallagher for their willingness to be a partner in the Center's renewal," said Co-President Paul Williams. "This lease provides the stability to allow us to restructure for efficiency and re-envision the Center as a home for Milwaukee's vibrant LGBTQ community."

Supporters who would like to help with the move are encouraged to call the Center at (414) 271-2656. Staff will begin consolidating in the next week with the move completed by May 1st.

Milwaukee LGBT Community Center programs include: Project Q Youth Services, HIV Risk Reduction & Prevention Services, LGBT Breast Health Programs, and the Anti-Violence Project, as well as financial literacy education, an art gallery, an LGBT lending library with over 2000 books, a cyber center and meeting spaces.

Numerous community partners are located at the Center, including Milwaukee PrideFest, FORGE, PFLAG Milwaukee, Lesbian Alliance, Veterans for Diversity (formerly Vets Do Ask Do Tell), Wisconsin Voices, Wisconsin Cream City Chorus, Wisconsin Rainbow Alliance of the Deaf and the Center for Progressive Leadership.

The Center is calling out for help in terms of members, donations and committee members. Please call the Center today at **414-271-2656** today to offer your support. Use our online PayPal donation link to make contributions to the Center on our website: <http://www.mkelgbt.org>

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Funds are sought for administrative costs for these vital programs and reorganize the Center for the LGBT community and its allies.