

Statement from Broadway Youth Center/Howard Brown Health Center:

Broadway Youth Center (BYC), a nationally-recognized program of Howard Brown Health Center, provides primary medical care, social and support services, including meals and clothing to Chicagoland youth who are either experiencing homelessness, or at risk of experiencing homelessness. The program provides a safe outlet and resource for the youth who are predominately LGBTQ identified. The program and support services are designed to empower young people to transition into healthy living and stable lives.

BYC has a long history of serving the Lakeview community, and we are also concerned about the recent influx of violence and crime in the neighborhood. Our top priority remains the safety of our clients, staff, and community residents, and we continue to implement and reinforce procedures that address the concerns of our numerous stakeholders. We have been actively engaged, and will continue to work closely with law enforcement, political officials, and Lakeview community neighborhood organizations to bring forward innovative and proactive solutions that will benefit and support the entire community.