

# OUR HISTORY

THERE FOR YOU THEN  
HERE FOR YOU TOMORROW

1979

Gay Men's Hotline formed. The number was 407-THE-GAYS and was staffed by volunteers. Gay men could call for referrals, mental health counseling, and up to date information on GCS meet-ups.

1978

Gay Community Services is formed (GCS). GCS was predominantly formed as a social group for safe space meet-ups and was incorporated as a nonprofit on November 27, 1978.

1984

The main focus of GLCS and Gay Men's Hotline shifts to health and HIV/AIDS care. The very first brick-and-mortar building opens on West Colonial Drive (where Burger King is currently).

1980

Women are allowed to join GCS and it is renamed Gay & Lesbian Community Services (GLCS)

1987

The organization moved to 1036 N. Mills Avenue

1990

GLCS reincorporates as Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center of Central Florida (GLBCC-The Center)

1999

The Center purchases the current location at 942 and 946 N. Mills Avenue

2007

The organization changes name to Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgender Community Center of Central Florida, Inc. (GLBTCC)

2016

The Pulse tragedy occurs in Orlando. President Obama called The Center "Ground Zero for community healing".

2018

The organization changes its name to LGBT+ Center Orlando, Inc. and The Center Kissimmee opens.

# OUR MISSION

TO PROMOTE AND EMPOWER THE LGBT COMMUNITY AND ITS ALLIES THROUGH INFORMATION, EDUCATION, ADVOCACY, AND SUPPORT.