

# Gerber/Hart Library and Archives

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## BEHIV (Better Existence with HIV) Collection

Accession Number: xxxx-6

Fonds/Provenance: **BEHIV (Better Existence with HIV)**

Series Number: -

Title: **BEHIV (Better Existence with HIV) Collection**

Date Range: 1993 - 2009

Extent: .5 linear feet

Location: K1B (Row K, Bay 1, Shelf B)

### Collection History:

With support from volunteers and community leaders, BEHIV was founded in 1989 in response to the growing numbers of people living with HIV in Chicago, Evanston, and surrounding communities. From the beginning, BEHIV helped people living with HIV/AIDS cope with medical and emotional crises, as well as provided support to their partners, spouses, family members, and friends. With the advent of life-prolonging medications during the 1990s, the focus of the agency expanded to include helping clients manage their medication regimens, return to work, expand their social networks, and lead healthy lives. The mission of BEHIV was to improve the lives of people with HIV and AIDS in the communities it serves through a comprehensive range of quality services, to inform the public about the virus and risk reduction behavior, and to increase understanding and compassion for people with HIV and AIDS. The agency closed in 2011 due to lack of funding.

### Custodial History:

No accession form available.

### Scope and Content:

The collection includes newsletters, photos, clippings, and publications created by BEHIV, among other documents and ephemera.

### Arrangement:

Organized into 8 series with 1 series per folder. Folders are arranged by artifact-type, and are dated to reflect the artifacts and ephemera within. Arrangement of folders is alphabetized, arrangement within folders is by date.

Series:

- 1 Clippings | Date Range: 2008, n.d.
- 2 Correspondence | Date Range: 2009
- 3 Invitations | Date Range: 2005 – 2007, n.d.
- 4 Miscellaneous | Date Range: 2007
- 5 Newsletters | Date Range: 1993 - 2008
- 6 Photo Negatives | Date Range: n.d.
- 7 Photographs | Date Range: 1993 – 1998, bulk undated
- 8 Publications | Date Range: 1997 - 2010

Container List:

BOX 1

Series/File List:

**0. Finding Aid**

**1. Clippings**

**2. Correspondence**

**3. Invitations**

**4. Miscellaneous**

**5. Newsletters**

**6. Photo Negatives**

**7. Photographs**

**8. Publications**

Separations:

- 1 (one) T-Shirt, “AIDS RUN WALK; CHICAGO 2010”

Restrictions:

No donor restriction. Standard restrictions apply (see G/H “Confidentiality Agreement” for archives use).

Related Fonds/Series:

None.

Subject Headings:

AIDS (Disease)--Patients

HIV-positive persons--United States

HIV-positive persons--Care--United States

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