

Executive Director's Update

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**Over The
Rainbow**
ASSOCIATION

We are dedicated to increasing the quality of life for people with physical disabilities through the creation of affordable, accessible, barrier-free housing solutions and resident services that encourage independence.

Hello All OTR Supporters!

Tested by the Great Recession, Over The Rainbow has emerged stronger and more resilient.

Thank you for your support of Over The Rainbow Association, our programs, our mission, and our future goals. Your dedication to OTR allows us to continue to do what we do best—build and develop homes and services for people with physical disabilities.

With our 9th barrier-free building opening its doors this month to new residents, OTR will be hosting an open house at Southwick Place in Matteson, Illinois on September 14, 2015.

Please save the date to get a look inside the newest Over The Rainbow Apartment Community.



Not going to have a chance to make it to Matteson in September to see our newest building? Check out the building on [ABC 7 Chicago](#) to see the accessible features and hear more about OTR!

Thank you again for your continued support,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric".

Less than TWO months to make your team!

September 20, 2015

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Upcoming Events

September 20, 2015

8th Annual Rainbow Challenge

Tour

All day

Evanston Ecology Center

2024 McCormick Blvd.

Evanston, IL 60201

November 7, 2015

26th Anniversary Celebration

Concert

7:00 pm

Pick Staiger Concert Hall

50 Arts Circle Drive

Evanston, IL 60208

It's been a Quarter of Century

The past weeks have been full of 25th Anniversary Celebrations.

The Americans with Disabilities Act celebrated 25 years of dedication to the commitment to make everything more accessible for individuals with physical disabilities. After 25 years, they are challenging others to recommit to their pledge to continue to make as much accessible for those with physical disabilities as possible.

Also celebrating 25 years, is Over The Rainbow's Hill Arboretum Apartments in Evanston, Illinois, providing a comfortable home and independence for those with

Do not forget to meet and join Over The Rainbow Association in the Evanston Bicycle Club's North Shore Century Ride!

Riders can choose from mileages from 25 to 100 miles along the beautiful North Shore! All OTR riders will be provided with a light breakfast, an OTR t-shirt, water, and a delicious BBQ to enjoy after the ride!



To register for this year's ride, [CLICK HERE!](#)
To donate to the RCT, [CLICK HERE!](#)

All proceeds of the RCT go to support Over The Rainbow's Resident Services Program!

Save the Date for the 26th Anniversary Celebration Concert!

November 7, 2015

Get your tickets today to indulge in the musical styling of Sylvia McNair, a two-time Grammy winning singer, Kevin Cole, and the Sons of Serendip, an America's Got Talent Finalist!

The show will go on at 7:00 pm at Pick Staiger Concert Hall at Northwestern University. All guests are invited to a reception after the performance with light appetizers, desserts, and wine.



Tickets are on sale now and can be [purchased here](#). Do not miss out on a great show, even better music, and a chance to support Over The Rainbow Association's mission.



physical disabilities!!

The 7th Annual survey of the 2015 State of the Nonprofit Sector identified the most critical need in their communities is the need for affordable housing, OTR is proud to be a nonprofit dedicated to increasing affordable housing throughout Illinois.

Resident of the Month

VALERIE NORA



Valerie 'Val' Nora is our top Fundraising Associate for our annual Rainbow Challenge Tour, Celebration Concert, and other events. Val works tirelessly every week, soliciting local and national businesses to donate, place ads, sponsor, or be apart of our events.

Each year she is the head of "Team Val" and raised over \$25,000 dollars last year!

This year she has be a crucial part of our Development team for the Rainbow Challenge Tour. So far, she has had the following items donated to OTR.

- 1) All the paper goods & supplies
- 2) Bagels, coffee, and cream cheese from Einstein's Bagels
- 3) Bagels from Kauffman's
- 4) 2 cases of Bananas from Trader Joe's
- 5) 200 oranges/grapefruit from Whole Foods
- 6) Cliff Bars
- 7) Hot Dogs from Manelli's
- 8) 6 dozen Hot Dog Buns from Tag's Bakery
- 9) Hot Dogs from Marianos's
- 10) 13 cases of water from Walgreen's
- 11) 6 cases of water from Claire's Corner
- 12) 20 cases from La Croix Water
- 13) 6 cases of water from Ice Mountain
- 14) Hamburger Buns and Patties from Shop and Save
- 15) Gifts Cards to purchase goods from Food For Less, Target, and Costco

After all the hard work she has done to secure these items, she is still determined to work even harder for

Over The Rainbow!

Thank you Val for all your hard work
and continued dedication to OTR!

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