

# Executive Director Update

Eric Huffman



*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 and Happy Fall to our OTR supporters,**

Thank you to all our OTR supporters, donors, and riders for participating in our 8th Annual Rainbow Challenge Tour! This year, I rode 50 miles and thank everyone who rode, from 25 miles to 100 miles!

It has been a busy past couple months at OTR, but that comes with plenty of exciting news to share with you about all we have been working on. From building updates, to events, to adding new staff, we are all excited for the future of OTR!

Thank you again for your support and advocacy of our mission! We would not be where we are today without your support!

Thank you,



## October Issue

### Did you catch OTR on WCIU?!

On September 30, 2015, OTR's Executive Director, Eric Huffman, was featured on WCIU's You and Me In The Morning segment!

The story featured our 9th barrier-free building Southwick Place in Matteson, Illinois, OTR's 2nd development in Matteson!

For the full segment click [here](#) and learn all about OTR, Southwick Place, and our barrier-free housing solutions.

### Celebrate with OTR on November 7, 2015!

On November 7, 2015 at 7:00 pm, OTR will host the 26th Anniversary Celebration Concert at Pick Staiger Concert Hall at Northwestern University.

The concert will feature the musical styling of a two-time Grammy Award Winner, an Award Winning musical Director and Archivist, and an America's Got Talent Finalist! It will truly be a night of beautiful music!



[Purchase](#) your tickets today to indulge in beautiful music from Sylvia McNair, Kevin Cole, and the Sons of Serendip!

Tickets are limited, so [purchase](#) yours today!!

**Do Not Miss OUT!!**

### The City of Des Plaines has approved!

**OTR is one step closer to building a barrier-free apartment community in Des Plaines!**

**On September 21, 2015, the vote was in and the city officials approved OTR's plans to build a 33-unit building!**



**Stay tuned for more updates on OTR's 11th barrier-free apartment community!**

## We made our Goal! Another successful RCT!

A special thank you this month to our over 100 riders that came out to the Evanston Ecology Center on September 20th and rode either 25, 50, 60, 70, or 100 miles across the North Shore!


With your help, support, and amazing fundraising, we met and exceeded our goal of \$100,000 and raised \$120,000 for the Resident Services program to help, promote, and encourage independent living and an active community lifestyle!

All your efforts will go to help our now 235 residents engage in the community, form partnerships, and participate in programs planned by our OTR Service Coordinators!

If you did not get a chance to participate or donate to the 2015 Rainbow Challenge Tour, you still can!

Click [here](#) and show your support!

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## Southwick Place Open House!

Thank you to everyone who came to the Southwick Place open house and ribbon cutting! OTR is proud to open its doors to our 9th barrier-free building and provide a home to our 33 new residents!

