

*“The harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph.”*

*– Thomas Paine*



**Over The  
Rainbow  
ASSOCIATION**



# Thank You.

You have made an immediate difference by helping to provide a basic human need – a home – for those who have only dreamed of living on their own.

*What independent living means to our residents:*

*I have lived in my own apartment for 15 years. I follow my own path. I achieve a greater sense of independence here rather than at a nursing home because I can choose.*

– Val

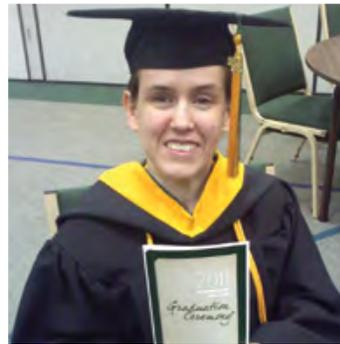
*Living independently means that I can be who I want to be. It means I can come and go as I please. It means that I can afford these three rooms that I would never be able to have out there.*

– Tom

*The first thing I think of is having a place I call my own. Complete independence. The ability to make my own choices and to have to live with those choices, good or bad.*

*The pride of knowing where I came from and how far I've come. I also have pride in knowing I'm a contributing member of society with my receptionist job.*

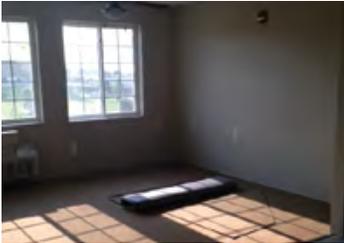
– Matt



Eric Huffman,  
OTR's Executive Director



# Our Beautiful Homes.



Over The Rainbow Association has eight apartment communities in the Chicagoland area. We will open our ninth in 2015, bringing us to 216 units under ownership/management. In early 2016 a tenth will open in Chicago, for which we will provide services.

Our apartments are a mix of one and two-bedroom units with open floor plans that greatly exceed ADA guidelines. Design features include full kitchens and spacious baths with roll-in showers. Living rooms and bedrooms are carpeted. All buildings offer close proximity to a full range of amenities, including shops, restaurants, banks, municipal services, community colleges, places of worship and medical services.



*Chicago  
Belden Apartments*



*Evanston  
Hill Arboretum Apartments*



*Harvard  
Northern Point Apartments*



*Matteson  
Rainbow Village Apartments*



*Freeport  
Dirck Drive Apartments*



*Freeport  
Rolling Prairie Apartments*



*Rockford  
Harrison Square Apartments*



*Waukegan  
Gustafson Apartments*

*Properties  
opening in 2015*

*Matteson  
Southwick Place*



*Chicago  
Full Circle Communities*

# Our Events.

OTR's fundraising efforts include the Rainbow Challenge Tour and long-standing benefit concert, CELEBRATION. Thank you for supporting our events this year!



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**Tour de France Sponsors - \$5,000**





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**Century Sponsor - \$3,000**

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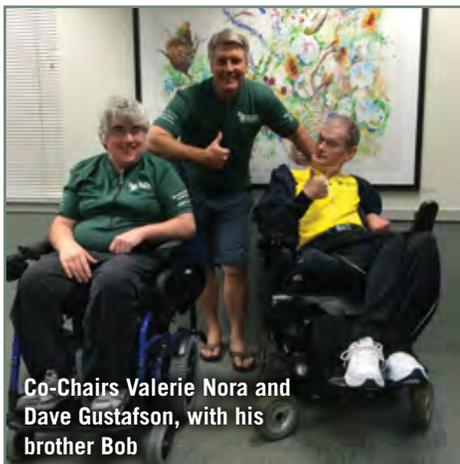
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With your continued support, we are busy planning for 2015 and beyond, and look forward to updating you in the coming months. In the meantime, other exciting events that happened in 2014...



**May** – Junior Board Fundraiser to Support Resident Services – Revolution Brewing, Chicago, IL



**June** – Opening of Gallery OTR featuring Peggy Macnamara Watercolors – Hill Arboretum Apartments, Evanston, IL



**July** – Open House to Re-Introduce OTR to Northwestern Illinois – Harrison Square Apartments, Rockford, IL



**August** – Construction Completed on our Eighth Community – Rolling Prairie Apartments – Freeport, IL



**September** – Junior Board Member Mike Huffman competed in the Wisconsin Ironman to raise funds for Resident Services.

## Our Mission

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

## Who We Serve

Our residents cope with a wide variety of physical disabilities arising from either birth or circumstance. Some have cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, spina bifida or multiple sclerosis or have had diving or car accidents leaving them paralyzed or without limbs. In all of these cases, our residents have one thing in common – they are extremely low income, have no independent source of funds and have difficulty engaging in the work force because of their disability. Consequently, they cannot afford market-rate housing, let alone find accessible housing to accommodate their wheelchairs. This is just one of many reasons why we build for this special needs group.



# CELEBRATION... 25 Years Young.



**An Afternoon Featuring  
Ted Sperling, Kelli O'Hara,  
Nathan Gunn & Julie Gunn**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2014

Over the Rainbow Association's largest fundraising event is CELEBRATION. Thank you for helping to fund our capital needs for the last 25 years.



Nancy Gustafson, Founder - Performer - Artistic Director



# 25 CELEBRATION



Beth & George Elder, Joel & Judy Harris



Fran Faller, Joe Dunn, Joe Gustafson



Ellen Kirwan, Leo Kirwan, David Kirwan



Harry Oppenheimer, Jessie Solomon,  
Ann Oppenheimer, Joel Solomon



Scott Harding, Bob Gustafson, Keith Harris



Clyde & Rena Holland, Mary Ann King,  
Alasdair Cripps



OTR Board and Leadership Staff

# Our Approach Is Groundbreaking.

One of our favorite events is breaking ground for a new barrier-free building.  
More ceremonial gold shovels means we are doing our job and addressing the  
desperate need for affordable barrier-free housing.



Full Circle Communities – Chicago



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Southwick Place – Matteson