



Graceland Apartments
Des Plaines, IL

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Executive Director Update // March Issue

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Thank You!

OTR supporters and friends,

Thank you for your continued support in 2016! With our Double Impact Challenge coming to an end this month, I wanted to personally thank everyone who donated to the Challenge and had their donation matched dollar for dollar in loving memory of Susan Gustafson.

With all your generosity, OTR was able to match and exceed the donor's challenge!

The OTR board, staff, and residents cannot thank you enough for your support of our Double Impact Challenge!

Thank you for believing in what we do,

Lagunitas Friend Raiser

Thank you to everyone who came to Lagunitas Chicago Tap Room this March to raise awareness about OTR mission, programs, and future housing developments.

With your help, OTR raised funds for our Resident Services Program to continue to grow!

A **special thank you** to our in-kind raffle and silent auction donors and food donors; Lettuce Entertain You and the Mity Nice Grill, Lynfred Winery, Walt Disney World Company, Chicago Laugh Factory, The Field Museum, The Milwaukee County Zoo, The Social Table, Chicago Bears, Pinstripes, The Second City, Chicago White Sox, Nordstrom Old Orchard, Girl and the Goat, Chicago Blackhawks, Chicago Cubs, The Melting Pot, Old Town Oil, The Spice House, Jimmy John's Sandwich Shop, Party Zone, Valerie Nora, The Father's Table, and OTR staff members for homemade desserts.

Upcoming Events

April 8, 2016

Gallery OTR featuring

Jane Carney

Hill Arboretum Apartments

2040 Brown Avenue,

Evanston, IL 60201

5:00pm- 8:00pm

September 18,

2016

OTR Rainbow Challenge

Tour!

Stay tuned for information on how to register for the ride!

November 13, 2016

27th Annual Celebration

Concert

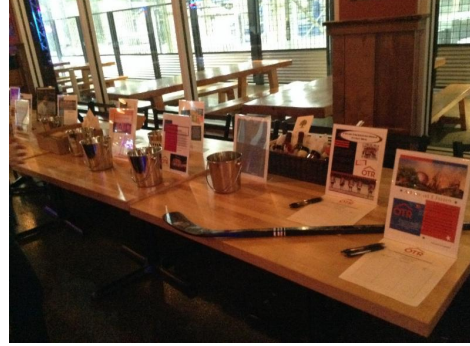
New Venue Alert! Join us

at Northwestern's new Galvin Recital Hall!

Stay tuned for our announcement of this year's talent!

Resident Feature





OTR is excited to feature Mr. Brown, of our Southwick Place Apartments!

Mr. Brown heard of Over The Rainbow Association through his sister who viewed our website and learned about the Hill Arboretum Apartments in Evanston, Illinois. Before OTR, Mr. Brown was homeless, the Department of Human Services temporarily housed Mr. Brown in a transit hotel. The living conditions of the hotel were below living standards, and Mr. Brown began to experience bouts of deep depression and anxiety.

Living at Southwick Place Apartments has made for a much better life for Mr. Brown, and being able to live independently has been a major part of his recovery from depression and anxiety. In his own words, ***"living at Southwick Place is one of the best things that has happened to me, and I am forever grateful."***

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Federal Home Loan Bank



Trish Sessa, VP BMO Harris; Eric Huffman, OTR; and Katherine Mazzocco Senior VP BMO Harris pictured here at the 2016 Governor's Affordable Housing Conference

A \$320,000 Affordable Housing Program grant from the Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) helped us to create Southwick Place Apartments, located in Matteson, Illinois.

Southwick Place provides 40 affordable, high-quality rental housing units specially equipped with assistive technology for people living with mobility impairments. The residents of Southwick Place enjoy life as a small community of people living with various physical disabilities. The Southwick Place Apartments video is a look at a life-changing chance to live independently. This year the FHLB of Chicago picked Southwick Place as representative of a Best of Breed Affordable Housing Development!

Check out the amazing video created by the Federal Home Loan bank showcasing Southwick Place Apartments! [Click here to view the video!](#)