



OTR UPDATE

Improving Lives Through Accessible, Affordable Housing

From Executive Director Eric Huffman

Spring 2019

Dear Friends,

We made it out of another winter, barely. OTR faced a rough beginning to 2019.

As you have read from my February report, OTR's Matteson Village Apartments suffered a major setback due to a major flooding event caused by ruptured pipes in January, and we had to relocate all 29 residents and their families.

I am happy to report that all the residents and their families have been temporarily relocated to other OTR apartment communities or with loved ones.

Now, it is time we rebuild. Thankfully, the building renovation will be covered by extensive insurance, but the lives of our residents still need to come back together.

OTR has started the ***Rebuilding Residents Campaign*** to raise funds for our residents who lost a wide range of possessions.

We are very grateful to have raised as much as we have so far, but we still have a long way to go to make the lives of these residents better than it was before this natural disaster.

Read more below for how you can help our residents.

Save the Date!

Upcoming Events

May 2nd; 5-7pm

Gallery OTR Opening Show
2040 Brown Ave.
Evanston, IL

June 2019; TBA

Grand Opening
Arboretum West Apartments
1005 E. Division, Lombard, IL
Date to be Announced

September 15, 2019

All Day event
OTR Challenge Tour
Canal Shores, Evanston
www.otrchallengetour.com

Fall 2019

Grand Re-Opening
Matteson Village Apartments
5212 Southwick Drive,
Matteson, IL

November 2, 2019

Celebration Concert
Northwestern University
Galvin Recital Hall

Just one of many..

Meet Felicia

Felicia is a resident of OTR's



Matteson Village Apartments in Matteson, IL. She has been temporarily rehoused at OTR's Arboretum West Apartments in Lombard. She has everything she has left hooked to her chair for her move.

OTR was grateful to receive a gift card to purchase her a bed for her new apartment, but there are still many other residents like Felicia who are leaving the

Matteson Village Apartments with all that they have tied to their wheelchair. We are asking for your help to replace anything and everything our residents lost.

OTR is currently accepting donations of gift cards to furniture stores, grocery stores, and large retail stores, such as Walmart, Target, and Walgreens, as well as, monetary gifts for our Resident Service Coordinators to work one-on-one with our residents to buy them exactly what they have lost.

If you have any questions about gifts for the Rebuilding Residents Fund, please [click here!](#) If you would like to help us meet our goal, click the 'I Want To Help' button below!

Save The Date for our Grand Re-Opening of the Matteson Village Apartments this Fall!

No Limits Music Fest adds to the fund!

OTR's 2nd Annual No Limits Music Fest held on April 6th at Beat Kitchen in Chicago raised over \$30,000 for the Rebuilding Residents Fund for the residents of OTR's Matteson Village Apartments. Thank you to all our friends and supporters who joined us for a great cause!



The 2nd Annual No Limits Music Fest featured three local Chicago bands, a large raffle table with numerous prizes to win, and Goose Island beer sales being donated to OTR!

Thank you to Bronte Fall, Simpleton & Cityfolk, and Natalie & her band for putting on an amazing show!



Want to be involved?

OTR's No Limits Music Fest has started to raise awareness amongst a younger demographic who wants to do more to help others!

If you are interested in getting involved with the No Limits Music Fest and OTR's Associate Board, [click here!](#)

Thank you to all our donors, friends, and No Limits attendees for helping us already raise over \$50,000 towards our \$250,000 goal for our 2019 Rebuilding Residents Fund for our residents of our Matteson Village Apartments. Click below if you would like to join in and help all our 29 residents and their families.

[I Want To Help!](#)

Again, thank you in advance for your support of OTR's Rebuilding Residents fund and our dedication to rebuild our residents lives back to better than it was before. Your support truly helps us make a difference in the lives of over 300 residents in Northern Illinois.

Always looking forward,

Eric Huffman
OTR Executive Director

