

OTR UPDATE

Improving Lives Through Accessible, Affordable Housing

From Executive Director Eric Huffman

April 2018

Dear Friends,

I am excited to announce the upcoming closing of finances for Arboretum West in Lombard will be no later than June 30, 2018. This building is a combination of two properties in Lombard. OTR will demolish a vacant school, as well as do an adaptive reuse for preservation of an existing facility to develop 14 barrier-free units on a wonderfully large property featuring a gazebo, walking path, and beautiful landscaping. The City of Lombard has been very supportive of this project allowing us to open the wait list in the early fall with construction being completed by the end of the year. The 14 new residents will move in early 2019 and begin to call Arboretum West home.



Funding Problem? Not anymore- Solved!

OTR was recently received great news from the Illinois Housing and Development Authority (IHDA). IHDA has put aside 35 million dollars of capital funding for permanent supportive housing!

OTR intends to apply for support from IHDA and the capital funding necessary to build a 25 unit barrier-free apartment community in Waukegan, Illinois. If funded, this community would be located next to OTR's 25 unit Gustafson Apartments, which was completed in 2006.

Growing Partnerships

OTR is partnering on another barrier-free building with Full Circle Communities! OTR currently provides our services to the residents of the Milwaukee Avenue Apartments in the Avondale neighborhood of Chicago!

In fall of 2018, OTR will partner with Full Circle Communities again and provide our Resident Service Program to their new Pearl Street Apartments in McHenry, Illinois! This program will ensure that these new residents are living independently and experiencing a high quality of life.



1ST Annual NO LIMITS Music Fest!

OTR hosted the 1st Annual NO LIMITS Music Fest this past month at the Logan Square Auditorium! The event featured three Chicago bands, Cherry Glazerr, BRUCE, & Bronte Fall, as well as, raffle prizes for all the have a chance to win, and food served by La Ofrenda food truck!

The event had over 300 attendees at the music fest and raised about \$25,000 in its first year! OTR's staff has BIG PLANS for this event next year, and all the years to come!





SAVE THE DATE! 11th Annual OTR Challenge Tour!

OTR will join Evanston Bike Club's North Shore Century for the 11th year on September 16, 2018! Save the date and start practicing now!! OTR is looking forward to another great ride!



Looking forward to a great rest of 2018! Stay tuned for updates on all our building developments!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric". The letters are cursive and fluid, with a prominent loop at the end of the "i".

Eric Huffman
OTR Executive Director