



# OTR UPDATE

Improving Lives Through Accessible, Affordable Housing

From Executive Director Eric Huffman

## February 2019

Dear Friends,

This past February has been a very busy- an 'all-hands-on-deck' month for the OTR staff. On February 2nd, OTR faced a major natural disaster of a burst pipe due to the effect of the polar vortex when temperatures were nearly 50 below with the windchill. The burst pipe at OTR's Matteson Village apartments caused OTR to have to temporarily re-locate all 29 residents and their families.

I would like to personally thank and recognize the efforts of all the members of OTR's Property Management and Resident Services staff for their tireless work after hours and on weekends to ensure the safety of all of the residents. The staff has been going above and beyond and doing all their hardest work to make sure all our the residents are safe, secure, and cared for. A HUGE thank you to them and their dedication to OTR and our residents.

OTR is dedicated to rebuilding the building, and rebuilding the lives of our residents back to where they were before this terrible natural disaster.

Watch the video below to see more and read on to learn more about OTR's plans to make their lives whole once again.

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## The Initial Effects - WGN Segment

*WGN was able to help OTR raise awareness about what happened at our Matteson Village Apartments.*



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## Rebuilding Residents Fund

The home of these 29 residents is no longer a home during the reconstruction period of 4 to 6 months, and we need your support to make it a home for them once again when we re-open. The Matteson Village Apartments rebuild and renovation will be covered by OTR's extensive insurance. But today, we are asking for your support of our Rebuilding Residents Fund to provide any/all wide-ranging possessions lost from the natural disaster.

OTR's Rebuilding Residents Fund is dedicated to the rebuilding the lives of our 29 residents and their families. Our goal is to raise \$250,000 to make the lives of the residents of the Matteson Village Apartments better than it was before this tragedy.

Friends can support the Rebuilding Residents Fun by [Clicking Here](#) or buying tickets, a sponsorship, or making a donation to OTR's 2nd Annual NO LIMITS Music Fest by [Clicking Here!](#)



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Save the Date to Make A Difference!



OTR's 2nd Annual **NO LIMITS MUSIC FEST** will be held on April 6th at Beat Kitchen in Chicago! Proceeds from the 2nd Annual **NO LIMITS Music Fest** will support OTR's Rebuilding Residents Fund to rebuild the lives of the 29 residents of the Matteson Village Apartments!



[Get Your Ticket Here!](#)

Thank you in advance for your support of our residents and 2nd Annual NO LIMITS Music Fest! Without you, we would not be able to provide the highest level service for our residents.

Always looking forward,

Eric Huffman  
OTR Executive Director

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric".

