



OTR UPDATE

Improving Lives Through Accessible, Affordable Housing

From Executive Director Eric Huffman

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Dear Friends,

Happy New Year!

OTR is motivated to make 2019 another great year! We would not be able to open new buildings and expand our reach throughout Illinois without you. We are looking forward to a grand opening at Arboretum West and are breaking ground on a 2nd apartment community in Waukegan.

Thank you for being a part of all our achievements in 2018! OTR is ready to do even more in the future!!

What You Helped Us Do

Welcomed 33 residents to their new home at Midtown Crossing in Des Plaines

Constructed 14 new apartments in Lombard, Illinois

Provided over 8,500 services through our Resident Service Program

Awarded allocation of tax credits and raised equity to build our 14th building in Waukegan

Launched the inaugural No Limits Music Fest

Hosted a record-breaking 11th Annual OTR Challenge Tour

Celebrated the 29th Anniversary Celebration Concert with Heather Headley

Won the National Charles L. Edson Tax Credit Excellence Award

Held 11 Gallery OTR opening receptions at Hill Arboretum with over 85 featured artists

Partnered with Full Circle Communities to provide services to a new apartment community in McHenry, IL

Because of you, OTR was able to accomplish 73 new apartment units, provide high quality services to over 300 residents, and expand our reach to new counties in Illinois.

What's Ahead in 2019

OTR is already welcoming new residents into our 12th apartment community, Arboretum West. This summer, OTR will host a grand opening for the entire Lombard community.



This April, OTR will break ground on our 14th building, Kirwan Apartments, in Waukegan. Kirwan apartments will be built directly adjacent to Gustafson Apartments. Kirwan apartments is named after Leo Kirwan, a long-time OTR resident, Board member, and fearless advocate for accessible housing.

Save the Date!

Save the date for OTR's three major annual fundraisers! OTR's 2nd Annual **No Limits Music Fest** will be held on April 6th at Beat Kitchen in Chicago, our 12th Annual **OTR Challenge Tour** will take place on Sunday, September 15th, and our 30th Annual **Celebration Concert** soon to be scheduled for this fall!



OTR also hosts monthly **Gallery Receptions** at the Hill Arboretum apartments in Evanston.

This June, OTR residents will display their artwork in a month-long exhibit at **Gallery OTR**. The Evanston Art Center will also be hosting an art show for our residents from the end of March through April.



Thank you for all your support in 2018! OTR is deeply grateful for your support of our mission and vision for the future.

Always looking forward,

Eric Huffman
OTR Executive Director

