

# OTR UPDATE

Improving Lives Through Accessible, Affordable Housing

From Executive Director Eric Huffman

## July 2018

Dear Friends,

July has been a very busy month for OTR and our growing apartment communities. OTR closed on one of our most complicated deals to date, submitted an application for a new proposed apartment community, and has been gearing up for our annual fundraisers. All of us at OTR are looking forward to the second half of 2018 and the two new buildings set to open by the end of this year! I wanted to thank all our donors, staff, and Board members for your continued support and dedication to our vision.



*Rendering for Arboretum West in Lombard, IL*

Closing on Arboretum West in Lombard, IL was one of the most complicated deals OTR has attempted to date. It is a smaller project with only 14 apartments, but it is located in a nice suburban neighborhood on a large property with potential for expansion with excellent City and neighborhood support. Arboretum West is scheduled to open this October and become home to 14 new residents late this fall!!

Pearl Street Apartments is the second building under the partnership with Full Circle Communities. OTR will provide our Resident Service Program to the residents of the 25-unit apartment community. Pearl Street apartments will become home to veterans and individuals with physical disabilities this November!



*Rendering for Pearl St. Apartments in McHenry, IL*

Earlier this month, we submitted our application to IHDA for a proposed 24-unit building in Waukegan, IL. Adjacent to our current Gustafson Apartments, the building



Rendering for Kirwan Apartments in Waukegan, IL

is to be named Kirwan Apartments in honor of Leo Kirwan, an OTR resident, Board member, and tireless advocate for accessible housing. IHDA will announce their awards in late September/early October. Although competition has gotten tighter, this project scores well, all our approvals are in place, and we believe it is tending well for approval!

## Mark your calendars!

Save the Date and join OTR for our 11th Annual OTR Challenge Tour on **Sunday, September 16th!** OTR riders will start from a new location this year, Canal Shores in Evanston!

Grab friends, a couple of co-workers, or some family and ride together for accessible, affordable housing!



**REGISTER!**



Join OTR for a musical afternoon on Sunday, October 7th at the Mary B. Galvin Recital Hall featuring Heather Headley!

Headley is Tony and Grammy award winning actress who starred in Elton John and Tim Rice's Lion King and AIDA!

Listen to her beautiful voice by visiting: [www.youtube.com/HeatherHeadleyTV](http://www.youtube.com/HeatherHeadleyTV)

***Tickets go on sale in August!***

OTR is looking forward to the second half of 2018 and our new apartment communities! Stay tuned for updates on our apartment communities, grand openings, and most importantly stories of our new residents! Thank you for all your support of our mission to help our residents **LIVE WITHOUT LIMITS** through accessible, affordable housing!

Eric Huffman

