



# OTR UPDATE

Improving Lives Through Accessible, Affordable Housing

From Executive Director Eric Huffman

March 2018

Dear Friends,

It is with great sadness that I write to you about the passing of two beloved OTR Executive Board Members, Leo Kirwan and Roberto Mustacchi.

Leo Kirwan passed away on January 23, 2018. Leo served as a past OTR Executive Board Chairman from 2009 to 2012 and as OTR Chairman Emeritus from 2012 to his passing. Leo was also a beloved resident of the Hill Arboretum Apartments in Evanston and Treasurer of the Tenant's Association. After Leo's paralyzing accident in 1995, he always attributed the longevity of his life to OTR. A passionate advocate for OTR's housing model, Leo served as an inspiration to many, and OTR supporters came to know Leo from his numerous appearances as a speaker on the Celebration stage. In the words of our current Chairman Mark Tennison: "Leo will be deeply missed and his legacy treasured." Leo's memory will live on at the Hill Arboretum Apartments with a memorial plaque donated by the residents of the apartment community.

Robert Mustacchi passed away on March 2, 2018 after a battle with cancer. Roberto was the CFO of Travelon and was integral in turning around Travelon's overall financial performance in 2009 after the recession. Roberto served on the OTR Executive Board of Directors from 2008 to his passing. He was the Secretary-Treasurer of the Board from 2012 to present, served as Chair of the Finance and Audit Committee, and was a member of the newly founded Over The Rainbow LIFE Fund. His dedication to OTR's mission and finance expertise helped shape OTR's financing model into what it is today. His belief in OTR's mission did not stop with his membership of the OTR Board. He served as a Co-Chair for the OTR Challenge Tour and rode along side the other many OTR riders almost every year. He also attended and brought many guests to OTR's Annual Celebration Concert. He was a major advocate for our mission and vision and will be greatly missed.

Both of these men were important contributors to OTR's success. We are

grateful for their service to our mission and dedication to raising awareness about the need for affordable, accessible housing.

## Remembering Leo Kirwan

Leo Kirwan was laid to rest on January 27, 2018 at Calvary Cemetery in Philo, Illinois.



## Remembering Roberto Mustacchi

Visitation Friday, March 9, 2018, 4:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and a Memory Sharing Ceremony will begin at 6:00 p.m. at Donnellan Family Funeral Home, 10045 Skokie Boulevard, at Old Orchard Road, Skokie, IL 60077.

Funeral Mass Saturday, March 10, 2018, 10:00 a.m. at Saint Francis Xavier Church, 524 9th Street, at Linden Avenue, Wilmette, IL 60091.





*If you wish to make a donation in memory of Leo Kirwan or Roberto Mustacchi, [please click here.](#)*

Both of these great leaders will be missed by all the OTR staff, residents, and Board Members, and will be remembered for their great service to our organization and the affordable housing community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Eric Huffman  
OTR Executive Director