

OTR UPDATE

Improving Lives Through Accessible, Affordable Housing

From Executive Director Eric Huffman

October 2018

Dear Friends,

A lot has happened since my last Executive Director newsletter in August. OTR hosted our 11th Annual OTR Challenge Tour, two Gallery OTR art exhibit openings, our 29th Anniversary Celebration Concert, and our 14th building in Waukegan, Illinois is scheduled to close on all its financing within the next few months!

With another successful year of events coming to an end, OTR is proud of the difference we make in the lives of our current and new residents because of donors and supporters like you!

11th Annual OTR Challenge Tour

On September 16th, over 200 OTR participants came together to 'take the Challenge' and ride Evanston Bike Club's North Shore Century! In our 11th year, OTR saw a record-breaking number of riders take the challenge which resulted in even more funds being raised for OTR's Resident Service Program!

Thank you to all our riders, friends, and sponsors of OTR's 11th Annual OTR Challenge Tour !





29th Anniversary Celebration Concert

Earlier this month on October 7th, Heather Headley took the Celebration stage at Northwestern University! Over 350 guests came to enjoy her astounding voice and CELEBRATE another successful year for Over the Rainbow! OTR's Celebration concert continues to raise a remarkable amount of funds for OTR's future

Thank you to all our guests, sponsors, and supporters of the 29th Anniversary Celebration concert!



Click below to watch our 2018 OTR video that premiered at CELEBRATION!



Building Our Future - *Construction Update*

OTR's 12th apartment community, Arboretum West, is under construction and set to open its doors in December!

14 new residents will start off the new year in a beautifully designed barrier-free apartment!
(Construction pictures right and below)



OTR's 14th apartment community, Kirwan Apartments, will close on all its financing by February 2019. This will allow construction of the 25 units to begin in March 2019 and open in early 2020!

Stay tuned for more updates and



construction pictures of OTR's 14th building! (*Rendering pictured right*)

Save The Date- November 9th Landscapes Through the Seasons

A Special Gallery OTR with artwork by OTR resident, Chris Viau



"The artwork is landscapes in different seasons. Each work has beauty when you look at the piece. The pieces are laid out so you can walk through each season, starting with Spring through Winter. For the artwork I used chalk pastels." - Chris Viau



**Gallery OTR Opening Reception
Friday, November 9th
5:00pm to 7:00pm
Hill Arboretum Apartments
2040 Brown Avenue, Evanston, IL**

Chris Viau's work straddles the line between abstract and representational. This is due to his planned, yet dynamic, brush and line work. Upon first glance one sees a blend of colors and textures that reveal themselves as lush landscapes or weathered coastlines. **In addition to painting, he is a published poet. His first book, Chicago Seasons, was published in 2011. His second, Being in Harmony with Nature, was published in 2015.**

"In five years, I see myself as a role model for young adults with disabilities. I will most likely still be doing art and writing poems."

Thank you for all your support at our OTR Challenge Tour and Celebration Concert to make this another outstanding year for Over The Rainbow!

Eric Huffman
OTR Executive Director

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

