



Over-the-Rhine Community Housing Fall 2009 Newsletter

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OUR MISSION

Over-the-Rhine
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a non-profit organization
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Most days I take my home for granted. In the hustle and bustle of many mornings I don't think about the fact that I have a home that is affordable to me. That I am warm, that I have a bathroom, and a place to shower. That I have a kitchen and food. We run around getting ready for our day and don't think about our housing. At night we focus on dinner, playtime, bedtime, doing laundry and preparing for the day to come.

Maybe that is the way it is supposed to be.

Since I have a home base, a place to get renewed, a place to eat and sleep and relax – I can spend my days focused on my work, on my relationships, on my 20 month old son, Will. I can sit on my couch and read books to him. I can lay him down to sleep in his bed and not think twice about his safety and where he will sleep tomorrow. I can relax on the couch on a Friday night with a bowl of popcorn and my husband, Leonard, and watch an old movie.

For many Cincinnatians, affordable housing is not something they can take for granted. In fact it is something they are trying to find, afford, and hold on to. Many individuals, seniors, working mothers and fathers, and children don't experience the luxury I described above. In 2008 there were 8,372 unduplicated persons served by the homeless system in Hamilton County.

In this newsletter you will read how you help Over-the-Rhine Community Housing provide people the basic physiological need of shelter. How your help allows people to spend their nights in a comfortable home and their days on their work, their relationships, their school work, their parenting, and their goals.

As our days get colder and Fall turns to Winter, I am thankful for my home. I am thankful for the roof, the plumbing, the furnace and the kitchen floor tile. I am thankful too for the Over-the-Rhine Community Housing board, staff and volunteers who spend so much of their time and energy making sure that people have a home. I am thankful for our donors and wide array of funders. And I am most thankful that we are connected to a community of people who care about others and offer constant reminders to me of the generous spirit of Greater Cincinnati.

Mary Burke-Rivers, Executive Director



On November 12th the Jimmy Heath Building was officially dedicated, truly an event for which to be thankful. Twenty five chronically homeless individuals will finally have a place to call their own and a chance at a new direction.

I think it is important, though, that all who read this newsletter know that this huge accomplishment did not come easy. Somehow we thought things would be different this time. We hoped the road would be smoother and things would move faster than was the case in previous projects like buddy's Place and the Recovery Hotel. No such luck. Road blocks were encountered on a regular basis even after City Council voted in favor of the project.

The struggle for affordable housing remains a formidable task. If not for the efforts of Mary Burke Rivers, Andy Hutzel, Sarah Allan and the supportive friends of OTRCH the Jimmy Heath House will still be only a good idea.

Let us re-dedicate our own efforts toward affordable housing this season and be especially thankful for those who are committed and determined enough to turn good ideas into warm, safe places to stay.

Roger Auer, Board President

Awards & Volunteer Update



Simon Sotelo, Mary Burke Rivers, HOME Board President Harold Jones, HOME Executive Director Elizabeth Brown.

OTRCH Receives Recognition for Inclusive Development

In May of this year OTRCH received the Founders Award from Housing Opportunities Made Equal (HOME). HOME is the fair housing agency for the Greater Cincinnati Metropolitan area. The award honors groups that promote integrated housing and inclusive community development. We are honored to receive this recognition and inspired to continue our inclusive community development efforts in the tradition of HOME's founders.

New Federal Grant Award

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) recently awarded a 5-year, \$1.7 million dollar award to our service partners on OTRCH's Jimmy Heath House, Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services and Alcoholism Council of Cincinnati. This award will allow us to provide comprehensive services to the longest-term homeless men and women, who also suffer from chronic alcoholism, in our shelter system. In addition to the 25 units at the Jimmy Heath House, this grant will allow GCB and Alcoholism Council to provide services at an additional 35 housing units. A total of 60 permanent supportive housing units with comprehensive services to assist the longest-term homeless with chronic alcoholism issues – now that is a solution to homelessness!

City Home Project Recognized

On June 25th at the CDC Association of Greater Cincinnati's Annual Awards Luncheon, Over-the-Rhine Community Housing was recognized for Most Outstanding Collaborative Effort for our City Home project. Also recognized were our project partners, Martha Dorff of Schickel Design, Adam Gelter of 3CDC and Karen Blatt of Eber development.



Andy Hutzel, Adam Gelter, Sarah Allan, Martha Dorff and Mary Burke Rivers show their best Collaborative Project plaques.

Volunteering

Every year, hundreds of volunteers from around our city, state, and country, come to Over-the-Rhine looking to do some good. Any given Saturday, you can find as many as 30 volunteers working at our properties or in our neighborhood, directed by OTR Community Housing staff and volunteer leaders. Some come with their schools, fulfilling service learning requirements, some with their friends, growing closer while helping the community, some are residents, working to improve their neighborhood, and still others come simply to do their part out of compassion and commitment to good works. Regardless of their reasons, our volunteers contribute immeasurably to the wellbeing of our organization and our community – every dollar's worth of work that they do is a dollar we can put towards keeping rent low and quality high. Volunteers are a pillar of our organization, and we couldn't do it without them!

If you are interested in volunteering with OTR Community Housing, please call Kyle at the office, or email him at ksmith@otrch.org!

Miami Student Reflects

Students from Miami University have been living in the neighborhood as part of the Over-the-Rhine Residency Program. Below is an excerpt from Beth Calveage on her experience in OTR.

When asked by friends about my time here, I referred to this semester as the single most life-changing experience of my life. I came to Over-the-Rhine mainly to learn more about how architecture can affect people, particularly in an urban environment, but I may have discovered more about how people can and should influence architecture and development. It is hard to remember what I was like before Over-the-Rhine; the personal growth I have experienced in such a short time has forever changed who I am and how I think.

Probably for the first time, I was very interested in all of my classes. Throughout the semester I felt as though I couldn't get my hands on enough literature about the topics we were discussing in class; I wanted to know all I could about cities, Over-the-Rhine, and the issues that struggling neighborhoods across America face. How did Over-the-Rhine become what it is today? What are the struggles they face and why are they issues? Who are the people, what are their stories? I became completely absorbed with the information that was being presented to me within our classes.

This new knowledge was so meaningful because I was living it; I would read about the situation of Over-the-Rhine and of neighborhoods like it, walk outside and there it was. I met so many amazing people here on the streets, people that I probably would have just walked past a few months earlier. Recognizing that we were all in the same boat allowed me to put aside judgments I had made about others and get to know people in the neighborhood. I will never forget many of these people who have touched my heart in ways that they don't even realize.



OTRCH Volunteers on 'Make a Difference' Day.

Resident Stories

Safe Haven

According to its mission, Over-the-Rhine Community Housing is committed to *“developing and managing resident-centered, affordable housing in an effort to promote inclusive community.”* It is no small goal, but small signs point to success. Over thirty percent of our residents have lived with OTRCH for more than five years, and five percent have spent more than fifteen years in our housing. Michelle Carter, in her third year of living with OTRCH, says, *“People ask me, ‘You still live in there?’ and I say, ‘Yes I do!’”*

For Michelle, her home in Recovery Hotel is not something she takes for granted. Steeped deeply in her addictions in 2005, she decided it was time for a change. She moved in to temporary housing with First Step Recovery and started working and saving again. It was a difficult change to make, but she finds the motivation she needs in her desire to protect her relationships with her mother and son. Michelle heard about Recovery Hotel and started coming to meetings where she met with the community and staff. In October of 2006, Michelle moved in to the place she continues to refer to as *“my safe haven.”*

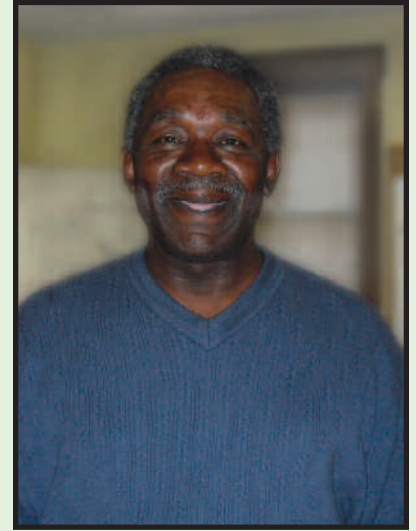


Michelle wakes up before the sun most mornings to get to her job in Florence, Kentucky. While she started as a temp worker, she now works fulltime for the company. When she returns in the evenings, she attends meetings in her building, sometimes chairing a *“Recovery and Relationships”* meeting that she founded with her sponsor. Though her days are full, being clean has awakened in Michelle a new awareness of herself and of the opportunities she has. She discovered her spiritual side, and finds strength to remain on her path as she continues to find new levels of self. She is grateful for her job, but thinks about taking college courses to more fully develop her skills, *“I though I was too old,”* she laughs, *“but they tell me I’m not!”*

The future may be uncertain, but Michelle is equipped with the tools she needs to succeed and prosper. She has found strength within herself and safety, support, and respect in the atmosphere at home. *“We need more places like this,”* she concludes, *“helping people out that want help.”* Her gratitude is real, and so are the gifts she has given back to her community.

Finding Balance

When Michael Anderson moved into an apartment owned by Over-the-Rhine Community Housing on October first of this year in some ways, he was finally coming home. Though Michael was born in West Virginia, he was raised by an aunt who lived in Columbus, Ohio. He remembers having more than he needed growing up, but as a teen he was far from content. He attended Central State University, but felt an itch to see more of the world. He left Ohio in 1978 and stopped, among other places, in California, Arizona, Texas, and Alabama. Throughout his travels, Michael struggled with his health and addictions that stemmed from self medication. Michael was diagnosed with neuropathy and schizophrenia and had surgeries at many different universities. Though it was a long journey, Michael found his way back to Ohio and walked into the Drop Inn Center on April first of this year.



When Michael found out about the housing he qualified for with the help of his case worker at the Drop Inn Center and Amy Silver, the Resident Services Coordinator at OTRCH, he said, it was as if someone was finally telling him, *“you’re not a washed up case.”* He has been able to a step back from constantly searching for work and taking whatever was available. Now that his housing is secure, Michael works part time at the Paul Brown Stadium, and has had time to reflect on his experience and his goals. He appreciates the guidance he has received in coming to this point and looking back reflects, *“plans [that you make for yourself] don’t always work out. You get so satisfied with yourself and your own ideas, but you should rely on the wise folks around you.”* Without the burden of worrying about housing, Michael feels free to enjoy his community. *“When you’re addicted,”* he explains *“half of your life is in the dark.”* Now, he is out of those shadows and has a new attitude. He volunteers some Saturday mornings with the work crews and tries to stay aware of and open to new opportunities to give back and offer what he can to others. He is proud to have kept the rules and expects *“a place at the table, to be treated as a human being.”* He trusts that with this fresh start, something good is on the way.

Events

Over-the-Rhine Community Housing Hosts 3rd Annual Celebrating Our Beloved Community

On October 29th we hosted our 3rd Annual Celebrating Our Beloved Community event. The night was a success! We enjoyed great food from "What's for Dinner" and music by the Miami University Morpheus Chamber Orchestra before Muse opened the program with song.

Our featured speaker, Kalima Rose, provided a great talk! She educated us on the history of federal housing policy, offered examples of inclusionary development efforts from around the county, and challenged us by providing specific examples of how we could move forward on development in Over-the-Rhine in a more equitable fashion.

At this year's event we presented our first annual "Partner In Building Our Beloved Community" award to Miami University Center for Community Engagement in Over-the-Rhine. For over 10 years the Center has supported the community in our desire to have affordable housing, strong schools, safe streets and green space. Tom Dutton, the Center Director, and John Blake accepted the award.

Thanks to our sponsors and attendees for a great event!



Emcees India Davis and Father Greg Friedman



Special Guest Kalima Rose, speaking about Equitable Development



OTRCH Staff Marianne Lawrence, Maurice Wagoner, DaKenya Gunn, and Ken Weartz

The Jimmy Heath House

On November 10th, a beautiful fall morning, Over-the-Rhine Community Housing celebrated the ceremonial ground breaking for the Jimmy Heath House. After nearly two years of planning and development we paused to recognize this important moment in the life of the project. Construction is scheduled to begin mid November and we are looking forward to celebrating the project completion in September 2010.

The Jimmy Heath House will provide 25 units of permanent supportive housing in 5 contiguous buildings on Odeon St. for individuals who are chronically homeless. The Jimmy Heath House is based on the Housing First model. This model serves people who are chronically homeless and who make up 34% percent of the homeless population. This population spends years cycling between the streets, shelters, jail cells, and emergency rooms. Housing First interrupts that cycle by providing housing without requiring sobriety and is a nationally recognized evidence-based best practice. More than 150 cities or counties around the country already have Housing First programs or plans to initiate one.

Funding support for the Jimmy Heath House comes from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, City of Cincinnati, Ohio Housing Finance Agency, Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati and Spirit of America National Bank and the Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati.



The Heath Family remembers Jimmy and celebrates the groundbreaking.



Speakers included Mary Burke Rivers & Mayor Mark Mallory, pictured, as well as many others.



An artist's rendering of the new Jimmy Heath House.

Leadership

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Welcome New Staff

Shannon Hughes,
Tenant Outreach



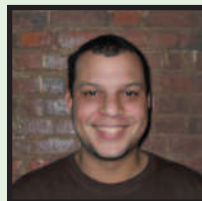
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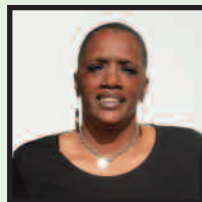
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Projects

Children's Creative Corner Updates

Children's Creative Corner has been a thriving OTRCH program for nearly two and a half years. CCC has experienced continual growth since it began as "Art in the Park" in the summer of 2007 and has served nearly 150 youth so far. CCC has expanded to a point where we can now branch out into our own location at 220 E. Clifton beginning December 1, 2009. CCC will continue to offer free evening art programming to youth ages 4-14 with the goal of providing an educational outlet for youth to experience an atmosphere of openness, enjoyment and recreation. The entire volunteer team at CCC would like to thank the Miami Center for Community Engagement for graciously hosting our program. We are all very excited to move to 220 East Clifton and look forward to working with the new youth that come through our door. East Clifton residents will be hearing from us soon as we welcome them to join us as we make this awesome transition.

On the horizon: The launching of a tutoring and literacy program that CCC has been developing for some time now. All this and more coming soon! *To get involved, learn more or make a donation to CCC please call Amy Silver at 381-1171 x105.*



City Home

We have just completed the first phase of City Home, which is our first foray into mixed-income homeownership development. City Home is located on Pleasant Street next to our offices, and the first phase consists of 5 new townhomes and 6 rehabbed condos. We are very excited that our first



two sales contracts are for low-income homebuyers who qualify for the special financing available to make the homes affordable and we just signed a contract this week for one of the townhomes!

We will start on the 2nd phase of City Home this fall. This 2nd phase consists of 4 rehab condos and one mercantile space at the corner of 14th and Race. In the next year, we will likely also start on 7 additional townhomes on Pleasant Street.

If you are interested in touring the development or if you are considering making Pleasant St. your home, please contact the sales office at 513-621-4283.

HUD 202

HUD 202 is a program that provides money to develop affordable elderly housing. There is a great need for this type of housing in OTR (and among our residents in particular) since many long term residents are getting to a place where they need an elevator, services, etc. and they want to be able to still live in OTR. Right now, there is no facility in OTR that can provide these amenities.



With this need in mind, we are applying to HUD for a capital grant to redevelop the building at 1500 Elm Street into 14 apartments of elderly housing. We believe that this will be a great street for the project because of its proximity to services, the quietness of the street, and the fact that there are already a number of elderly residents living on the block. Funding awards will be announced in the spring of 2010.

More About Property Management

- We currently manage 371 units of affordable housing.
- Our maintenance department has taken on 2057 work orders since 1/1/09. That is an average of 205 per month.
- We have a staff of 6 in our maintenance department to cover work orders in 100+ buildings.
- As of 10/31/09 occupancy was rated at 91% for all our holdings.

Do You Live in Subsidized Housing?

Most of the federal government's support for housing is provided for homeownership. In 2009, the federal government devoted almost four times the amount of budgetary resources to supporting home-ownership (about \$230 billion) as it devoted to improving rental affordability (\$60 billion). The government supports homeownership by subsidizing the costs of owning a home (reducing down payments, mortgage insurance costs, and tax liability) and increasing the availability of mortgage loans.

Source: Economic and Budget Issue Brief, CBO, November 3, 2009; www.cbo.gov

Why is Your Support So Important

As a Friend and Supporter of Over-the-Rhine Community Housing you know we provide affordable housing. You may also be aware of the deep and prevailing need for affordable housing in Greater Cincinnati. But perhaps you have not really thought about what your donation means and how important it is to the provision of affordable housing.

We provide affordable housing because there is a need:

- In 2008 there were 8,372 unduplicated persons served by the homeless system in Hamilton County.
- Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority currently assists 10,598 voucher holders and have another 5,200 public housing units which are 98% occupied and the waiting list continues to grow with 2,000 people currently on the list.
- The Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Section 8 waiting list is closed currently with approximately 8,000 people on it. There are no current plans to open the wait list.
- OTR alone lost 892 units of assisted housing over the past 13 years. Assisted housing makes up only 33% of the occupied housing in OTR.

Affordable housing at its core is a simple math problem.

In our region, the housing wage needed to afford a two bedroom unit is \$14.10 per hour/\$29,328 annually. Wages of local workers are often below the housing wage:

- Nurse's aid - \$24,527
- Teacher's aid - \$28,443
- Janitor - \$26,713
- School Bus Driver - \$25,729
- Cashier - \$18,988
- Housekeeping - \$23,984
- Minimum Wage - \$7.30 hour/\$15,184 annually
- Monthly SSI payment \$674
- Nearly 20,000 Cincinnati households cannot afford market-rate two bedroom housing due to total household income of less than \$25,000.
- 75% of our (OTRCH) residents cannot afford market rate housing because they earn less than \$20,000 annually; 54% earn below \$10,000

Over-the-Rhine Community Housing and our supporters believe that housing is a basic human right so we provide housing to people whose incomes fall below both what the market can offer and below what it costs to operate housing.

We address the problem through donations and volunteers.

On average we must raise \$150 per unit per month to sustain housing for residents whose incomes fall below the housing wage needed to afford market housing.

Please give today. Your donation of \$150 literally provides housing for one month for someone in our community. While you are anonymous to the resident, we know who you are and we extend heartfelt thanks on their behalf.

Ways to Give

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with PledgeConnect

Donate to OTRCH by sending monetary contributions directly to our office or online (www.otrch.org) through PledgeConnect. We are a 501(c)3 organization, so your contributions are tax deductible.



As a member of Community Shares of Greater Cincinnati, you can donate to Over-the-Rhine Community Housing at your workplace. If there is no Community Shares campaign

at your workplace, call 513-475-0475 to learn how to start one.