Over-the-Rhine Community Housing

WHERE COMMUNITY COMES FIRST

"It takes courage, risk, and a lot of faith to believe in something different for our world and our neighborhood" –Bonnie Neumeier, OTRCH Resident Board Member

2015 annual report

GREETINGS

Dear Friends,

Over-the-Rhine is experiencing rapid change. Buildings are undergoing rehabilitation, new homes are under construction, and long term affordable housing is vacated. New businesses are opening and new liquor licenses are being issued. The Streetcar is undergoing testing, requiring temporary closure of streets. The Drop Inn Center site closed and the building was demolished. Friends, supporters, and long time residents pass away. At the same time, babies are born, homeless brothers and sisters secure housing, budding entrepreneurs pursue dreams, friends get sober and new friendships are established.

The pace of change in Over-the-Rhine can leave us feeling destabilized. At Over-the-Rhine Community Housing (OTRCH), we help restore stability and offer residents a sense of place in fast-changing Over-the-Rhine.

In this, our 2015 Annual Report, we share our stories of stability and of investment in people, in buildings, and in community. OTRCH invested \$17.5 million in public and private dollars in affordable housing and provided \$1.8 million in support to minority-owned businesses. We developed 98 new units of low-income housing and began construction on an additional 40 units. We provided support and 270 units of housing for people who experienced homelessness and despair. We provided critical services to families and their children. We provided space for small business owners to set up shop. We celebrated the lives of Carrie Johnson, Sr. Mary Grafe, Catherine Stehlin, and Tayonnia Jones.

Throughout it all, we can not overstate the commitment of our staff, board and residents to the task of being here for each other, for offering respect, kindness, sincere care and real physical support that includes housing, transportation, furniture, companionship, and programming.

At Over-the-Rhine Community Housing we say, "Where Community Comes First." This annual report brings that tag line to life. All the beauty and grandeur of the buildings in Over-the-Rhine mean nothing without the people. And that includes you, the members of our OTRCH community. Thanks for supporting us through another year of change, challenge, growth, and caring.

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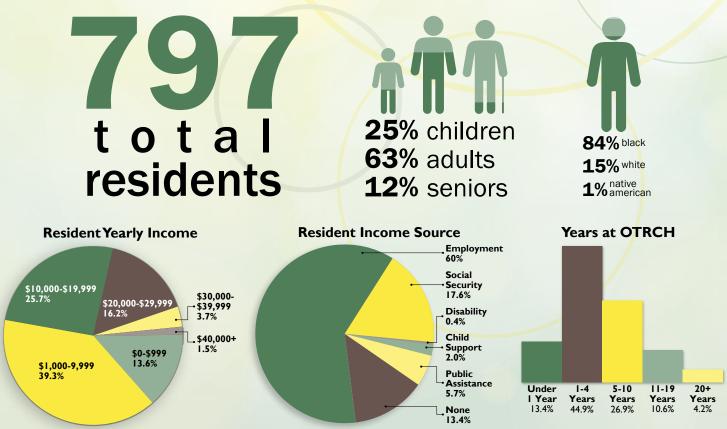
Over-the-Rhine Community Housing is a non-profit organization that works to build and sustain a diverse neighborhood that values and benefits low-income residents. We focus on developing and managing resident-centered, affordable housing in an effort to promote an inclusive community.

We envision a future in which:

- Affordable housing is a basic right, available to all
- Over-the-Rhine residents, and especially renters, have a true voice in shaping public policy
- Over-the-Rhine is a truly mixed-income community where the most vulnerable residents are not displaced by development, but find a supportive place to grow and flourish
- OTRCH plays a leading role in a collaborative and inclusive planning process in which low-income housing development and maintenance is widely shared among non-profits, forprofits and government organizations
- The Over-the-Rhine neighborhood is economically, racially, and socially diverse, with a sustainable mix of good quality low-income housing side-by-side with market-rate housing
- People of all income levels can meet their needs in Overthe-Rhine through neighborhood-serving businesses, quality schools, and public parks and recreation
- The benefits of increasing property values are shared among all residents of Over-the-Rhine
- Eco-friendly design and building practices make Over-the-Rhine a model for the region

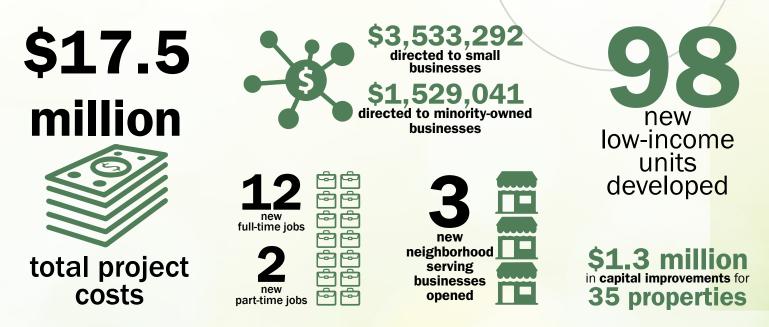
OUR RESIDENTS

OTRCH offers a variety of housing options and services designed to ensure that everyone in our community – seniors, low income households, individuals with disabilities, and those struggling with addiction and recovery – has access to safe, decent affordable housing. Below is a snapshot of everyone we assisted across all of our program areas, including those served with Shelter Plus Care rental subsidies in scattered-site housing:



PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT

Over-the-Rhine Community Housing develops new properties and rehabilitates existing properties to provide high-quality, affordable options for our residents and commercial tenants. Last year, these activities generated \$339,000 in revenue to support our mission. Here are some of the major accomplishments of the Property Development team in 2015:



Commercial Development

In addition to developing housing for low-income individuals and families, Over-the-Rhine Community Housing is pleased to lease our storefronts to innovative neighborhood-serving businesses and nonprofits. In 2015, we welcomed the following commercial tenants to the neighborhood:

Picnic and Pantry

1400 Republic

Provides fresh and delicious food affordable to residents of all income levels.

Spruce

1235 Vine

First and only all-natural and chemical-free nail salon in the state of Ohio.

Mortar

1327-1329Vine

Dynamic nonprofit that trains residents from underserved communities to become entrepreneurs. Mortar's pop-up shop, Brick OTR, allows entrepreneurs to test store/retail concepts in the real market place.

Victor Athletics 1405-1407 Republic

Second store opened by 2014 Grand Prize winner of the ArtWorks Big Pitch business grant competition. Historically, this commercial space was a tailor shop and is once again being used for tailoring and retail sales of athletic clothing.

Over-the-Rhine Learning Center 1300Vine

OTRCH is hosting the Over-the-Rhine Learning Center rent free for one year in an office space at Buddy's Place. The OTR Learning Center is a nonprofit that provides basic reading and bridge to GED programs for low-income adults in OTR.

PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT

Housing Development

Included in the development of 98 new low income units were Beasley Place and the Anna Louise Inn. Beasley Place is owned and operated by Over-the-Rhine Community Housing. We were the co-developer for the Anna Louise Inn.

Beasley Place

1405-1407 Republic Street Date Opened: June 2015 # Units: 13 Project Cost: \$3,074,026

Importance to Community: Located just one block from the newly renovated Washington Park, Beasley Place is in the heart of a neighborhood that has seen millions of dollars of investment in the high-income commercial and condo market. This project is proof that high-income and affordable housing can co-exist, and that this diversity improves the neighborhood rather than degrading it.

Details:

- 1, 2, and 3 bedroom units of affordable housing
- Monthly rents ranging from \$288 to \$613
- Onsite laundry facilities
- Elevator increases building accessibility

Funders: City of Cincinnati, Cincinnati Development Fund, First Financial Bank, Ohio Historic Preservation Tax Credit, Ohio Housing Finance Agency, Robert H. Reakirt Foundation, PNC Bank, Trustee, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Partners: CR Architecture + Design, HGC Construction, Miami University Center for Community Engagement, Sol Design + Consulting, 3CDC

A<mark>n</mark>na Louise Inn

2401 Reading Rd. Date Opened: June 2015 # Units: 85 Project Cost: \$14,477,408

Importance to Community: The Anna Louise Inn has been providing safe and affordable housing for single women since 1909. Over-the-Rhine Community Housing worked in partnership with Cincinnati Union Bethel and The Model Group for over four years to keep this treasured affordable housing option available in our city. Our partnership continues as OTRCH administers the ongoing Shelter Plus Care rental subsidy for 43 of the units.

Details:

- 43 units of permanent supportive housing for formerly homeless women
- 42 units of housing for women with incomes below 50% of AMI

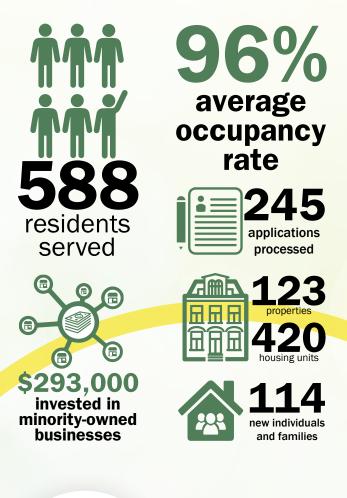
Funders: City of Cincinnati, Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati, Ohio Capital Corporation for Housing, Ohio Housing Finance Agency, Strategies to End Homelessness, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, United Way of Greater Cincinnati, US Bank

Awards

- 2015 Excellence in Affordable Housing Development from Ohio Capital Corporation for Housing for 1500 Elm Senior Project
- 2015 Project of the Year from CDC Association of Greater Cincinnati for Beasley Place
- 2015 Preservation Award from Cincinnati Preservation Association for Beasley Place
- 2015 Best Public Private Partnership (Honorable Mention) from Heritage Ohio for 1500 Elm Street

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

The property management staff at Over-the-Rhine Community Housing stayed very busy in 2015. Managing 123 properties consisting of 420 apartments, 13 commercial spaces and 2 parking lots kept us on our toes, but with an experienced and dedicated maintenance team of 13, we rose to the challenge! Some of our achievements in 2015 included:



As part of our mission, Over-the-Rhine Community Housing endeavors to include our residents in decision-making processes that affect them. In January we acquired 19-27 W. Clifton Avenue from an out-of-state investor and welcomed 33 new residents to OTRCH. Several meetings were held to provide residents with the opportunity to express any concerns and to learn about our commitment to providing them with quality affordable housing and supportive services. The feedback has been positive and appreciative. We hope to upgrade these units with Low Income Housing Tax Credits.

The month of May offered the excitement of adding another property to our portfolio. Property management staff had eagerly awaited the opening of Beasley Place, located at 1405-1407 Republic Street. This five story, 13 unit building was fully renovated and offers an elevator, energy efficient appliances, laundry room and secure intercom entry. It didn't take long to lease up these beautifully finished one, two and three bedroom apartments, and residents regularly express that they love their new homes!

We look forward to continuing our work in 2016 and hope for the day that quality affordable housing is available to everyone who needs it.

RESIDENT SERVICES

Beyond housing, OTRCH staff work tirelessly to coordinate and plan activities for residents and their children, including block parties, bringing children to summer camps, providing art programming on a weekly basis, and getting youth involved in Soap Box Derby. We value our partners who make this possible.



The Women of Over-the-Rhine Support Group was started by resident and AmeriCorps member, Angie Merritt. Women gather on a weekly basis to provide emotional help, advice, and encouragement for one another.

Friends of OTRCH volunteer to assist Over-the-Rhine youth in creating a mural to call their own.

Staff and volunteers planned our first ever Fall Festival at the Recovery Hotel. Many neighborhood families came and enjoyed themselves. OTRCH was able to send 25 of our youth to week long summer camp. This was the largest number of children we have ever sent to camp, thanks to our partners Ohio Capital Corporation for Housing and Christ Church Cathedral.

> Thanks to Ohio Capital Corporation for Housing, who sponsored families with piano lessons, violin lessons, membership to the Cincinnati Zoo and more!

Children's Creative Corner served 65 kids with weekly activities and field trips throughout the year.

> OTRCH participated in the annual Over-the-Rhine Community Festival held in Washington Park in August 2015.

SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Over-the-Rhine Community Housing accomplishes its mission, to a significant degree, by offering supportive housing to homeless individuals and families. OTRCH operates nine supportive housing programs, utilizing a range of models from transitional to permanent housing, recovery-oriented, and "housing first." Some accomplishments in 2015 included:





average length of stay **977 days**

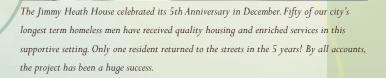
40% from the shelter 60% from the streets

providing housing for **2400** people with substance abuse issues

chronically homeless people **176** people with chronic mental illness

> 94% housing retention rate

Our partners in supportive housing include Strategies to End Homelessness, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the City of Cincinnati, and Ohio Development Services Agency. We also collaborate with experienced service providers such as Shelterhouse's Homeless Individuals Partnership (HIP) Program and Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Service's PATH and Paths to Recovery programs to provide high quality, supportive services to our residents. In response to a growing need for these services, we have steadily expanded the number of supportive housing units available. Recovery Hotel resident John Wedge stands in front of his mural dedication in the lobby of the Hamilton County Justice Center.



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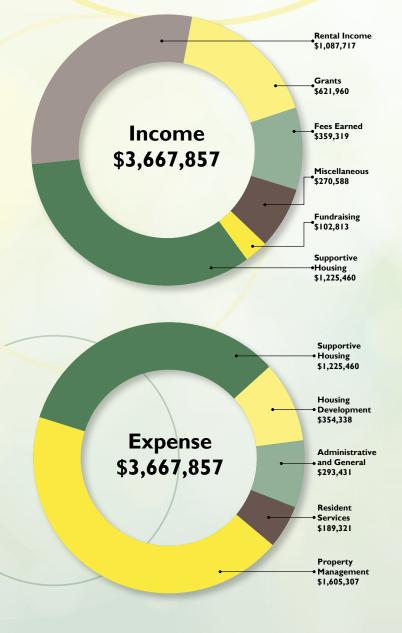
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- Corporate Printing, who printed and mailed this report; and
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Thank you for your support!



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Over-the-Rhine Community Housing (OTRCH) is a nonprofit community development organization that provides a wide spectrum of affordable and supportive housing options with life-changing programs to help low-income residents in Over-the-Rhine succeed. For over four decades, OTRCH has never wavered from our commitment to:

- build a sustainable, diverse neighborhood that values and benefits low-income residents,
- create an inclusive community in this evolving historic district, and
- advocate on behalf of our residents.

Please join us in making Over-the-Rhine a diverse, inclusive neighborhood:

- Visit www.otrch.org to learn more about us, sign up for emails and newsletters, or make a secure donation.
- Contact us to see how your skills and interests align with our mission.
- Register Over-the-Rhine Community Housing as your charity of choice with Kroger Community Rewards and AmazonSmile.

