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From the Desk of Julie Clayton/Executive Director

Happy Valentine's Day!

I hope that today you are filled with love! I just wanted to take a moment to express my love and appreciation for this incredible neighborhood. Over-the-Rhine is more than just a place—it's a vibrant, welcoming community filled with creativity, passion, and history. From the amazing local businesses that bring so much character to our streets to the hardworking entrepreneurs who pour their hearts into their craft, OTR is truly something special. Whether it's grabbing a coffee at a cozy café, browsing unique shops, or enjoying a meal at one of the many fantastic restaurants, every experience here feels personal and connected.

The sense of community, the rich history, and the dedication of those who live and work here make Over-the-Rhine a place I am proud to support and be a part of. Thank you to all the businesses, artists, and residents who make this neighborhood shine—you are what makes OTR so special!

Sincerely,
Julie Clayton
Executive Director

[EMAIL JULIE HERE!](#)



Women Travel Abroad
Affinity Travel Co.

AROUND OTR...

**IMPERIAL PRESENTS:
THE WINTER PERFORMANCE SERIES
AT OTR STILLHOUSE**



COMEDY SHOW



**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2025
OTR STILLHOUSE
2017 BRANCH ST., CINCINNATI, OH 45214
DOORS OPEN 7PM, SHOW BEGINS AT 7:30PM**



TICKETS \$10

Presented by the Imperial Theatre Mohawk Alliance:
Fueling Cincinnati's catalytic collaborative performing artists' hub,
The Imperial Theatre-Mohawk Performing Arts and Education Center

with key StartupCincy players, explore resources, and discover the programs that power Cincinnati's startup scene on February 27th | 10:00am-12:00pm at Union Hall!

[REGISTER HERE](#)



Sam Adams Brewing the American Dream Bootcamp!

As the owner of a business that sells packaged food and beverage products, you may be a good fit for the **Samuel Adams Brewing the American Dream Bootcamp**, an exciting opportunity designed to help entrepreneurs take their business to the next level!

Applications are open from February 5-25! Here's how it works:

- Complete a quick application.
- If selected, you'll join a cohort of food and beverage entrepreneurs participating in a multi-week hybrid program. You'll get access to expert advice from Samuel Adams coaches on a range of topics, including branding, digital marketing, sales, scaling, and more.

- You'll have the opportunity to compete in a pitch competition at the end of the program.
- All graduates will receive a \$2,500 business grant. If you're selected to compete in and chosen as the winner of the pitch competition, you could receive additional grant funds.

2025 Eligibility Criteria:

- Be at least a 50% owner of a food or beverage business that currently sells packaged products
- Be located in New England (Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, or Vermont), the greater Cincinnati area, or the greater New York City metro area
- Be at least 21 years old
- Have a business bank account
- Application period: **February 5-25**
- Program period: April 1-May 21
- Boston Pitch Room Competition: May 21

Don't miss this incredible opportunity to take your business to the next level.

COMPLETE APPLICATION HERE



The Children's Theatre
OF CINCINNATI

GRAND RAFFLE

**PURCHASE A RAFFLE TICKET FOR A
CHANCE TO WIN AN ADVENTURE FOR
THE WHOLE FAMILY!**

**GRAND PRIZE
\$5,000 AAA GIFT CERTIFICATE**

OVER \$1,000 WORTH OF OTHER PRIZES!

Win a \$5,000 AAA Gift Certificate and support The Children's Theatre of Cincinnati!

- Winner drawn on 4/26
- No blackout dates
- No expiration date
- Travel anywhere in the world!
- AAA Concierge Planning Included

[Purchase Tickets Here](#)



**THE
CINCY
BRASS
LIVE @
MOTR PUB**



**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21
1345 MAIN ST. CINCINNATI
10 PM - 2 SETS OF MUSIC**





LECTURE AND VISITING ARTIST SERIES

An-My Lê

Thursday, March 6, 2025, 6:30pm

Cincinnati Art Museum, Fath Auditorium

Register for FREE at FotoFocus.org

FOTOFOCUS
TALKS

[For More Info Click Here](#)



[REGISTER HERE FOR BRIDGE SERIES](#)

Location: 1421 Main Street,
Cincinnati, OH 45202
Venue: Bricker Graydon on Main
Time: 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM ET

MARCH BRIDGE SERIES

Join us for a special edition of the Bridge Series as we kick off [Bockfest](#) in style! We'll start the morning by tapping the keg at 9:00 AM, setting the tone for a day of celebration along Main Street and in OTR.

Our panel of inspiring executive directors—Tracy Cook, Evan Gidley, and Dwight Young—will share exciting updates, positive news, and the incredible momentum driving our community forward. Come for



the connections, stay for the celebration, and let's raise a glass to progress and good news!

OTR CHAMBER EVENTS

Looking for an option for 401K for your employees...

**Retirement Plans
for small businesses
WORKSHOP**

(Free to attend)

OTR Chamber Office
1225 Main St. 45202

OTR
CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE

FEBRUARY 25th
9am-10am

As a small business owner, planning for retirement can be overwhelming, but it doesn't have to be! This workshop will provide you with valuable insights into the best retirement plan options for you and your employees. Learn about tax benefits, cost-effective solutions, and strategies to secure your financial future.

Please RSVP

RSVP HERE for the 401K WORKSHOP



Lunch Hour

Tues March 4th

12pm-1pm

Bakersfield OTR
1213 Vine Street

ConnectHER



BAKERSFIELD

menu

CHOOSE FROM

DOLLY SALAD

with crispy chicken

romaine, kale, crouton, radish, cotija cheese, tajin, crispy chicken, chipotle caesar dressing

FISH TACOS (3)

crispy fish, tabasco lime sauce, citrus slaw, cilantro

PAPAS RAJAS TACOS (3)

roasted poblano, charred onion, sweet corn, potato, queso fresco, crema, cilantro, onion

MILANESA TORTA

chicken cutlet, frijoles charros, salsa verde, arugula, avocado, lemon mayo, telera roll

DRINKS

GRAPEFRUIT JARRITOS
COKE OR DIET COKE
WATER

THE BAKERSFIELD MARGARITA
non-alcoholic
made with fresh citrus

ConnectHER OTR Lunch Hour is a dynamic one-hour lunch event designed to bring together women in business for meaningful connections, collaboration, and growth. This gathering provides a welcoming space for professional women to network, share insights, and support each other in their entrepreneurial and career journeys. Whether you're looking to expand your network, exchange ideas, or find inspiration, ConnectHER OTR Lunch Hour fosters an empowering community of like-minded women.

Only 20 Seats Will Be Sold

**\$25 for OTR Chamber Members or
\$30 for Non OTR Chamber
Members. Pre - Paid
Includes: Beverage, Entree &
Gratuity**



To register for the ConnectHER OTR Lunch Hour Click Here!

Tuesday, May 20th

6:30pm



Join other like minded females for an evening of fun,
connecting and candle making!

You will take home your own personalized 10 oz candle and wax melt!



Register
Here



Melanin Flame Candle Co.

1813 Elm St.



This unique experience is just \$45 pp
(includes 10 oz candle, one wax melt, instructor and light refreshments)

Register for Candle Making Here!

OTR AWARDS

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Celebrate success and achievement with us at the OTR Awards. This deemed occasion is to highlight the OTR community, innovators, and leaders for an evening of connecting and acknowledgement.

This awards night showcases several categories like Good Neighbor, Entrepreneur of the Year, and OTR Spirit. Don't miss this chance to take part in a remarkable evening honoring and celebrating the top performers of the OTR business community.



MAY 14TH, 2025
5:00PM - 8:00PM



THE WOODWARD THEATRE
1404 MAIN STREET



SINGLE TICKETS: \$60
TABLE OF 8: \$450

Purchase Tickets to the OTR Awards HERE



Visit otrchamber.com for more info
or email info@otrchamber.com



OTR AWARDS AWARD DESCRIPTIONS

★ GOOD NEIGHBOR

- Must be a non-profit organization
- Have made outstanding contributions to OTR
- Has shown commitment to the overall improvement of the community
- Have established models of exemplary public service for those dedicated to the public good - now and in the future

★ RISING STAR

- Established business for UNDER 2 years
- Has shown leadership and expertise in selected business industry
- Likely to have lasting impact in the selected business industry and/or neighborhood

★ OTR SPIRIT

- Individual that embodies the true spirit of the neighborhood... "Originality lives here"
- Has shown commitment to the overall improvement for the community
- Exemplifies acts of service for the neighborhood
- Must have history of employment and/or volunteerism (serving on a board, volunteering at events, etc.)

★ YOU MADE A DIFFERENCE

- Must be an OTR Chamber board member
- Has attended at least 75% of the networking events and board meetings
- Serves on a committee within the OTR Chamber of Commerce
- Successfully contributes to the financial health of the OTR Chamber through fundraising and support of Chamber events
- Has shown commitment to the overall improvement of the OTR Chamber of Commerce and its members.

★ YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR

- Individual who has been in business for 2 YEARS or LESS
- Embodies an entrepreneurial spirit:
 - Creativity
 - Authenticity
 - Open-Minded

★ BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

- Has been in business for 3 YEARS or MORE
- Shown longevity
- Has shown exceptional services to the community
- Exemplifies great leadership for surrounding businesses to look to




OTR AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

Deadline for Submission of Nominations: April 4, 2025 at 12:00pm

Guidelines for Nominations:

1. Nominees MUST be active Members of the OTR Chamber of Commerce
2. Nominees are recognized for accomplishment from Jan. 1, 2024 - Feb. 1, 2025
3. It is permissible to nominate yourself
4. Only one nomination form per nominee
5. Only one nomination form per award/category
6. Three finalists will be chosen from each award/category. Finalists will be notified by Apr. 15, 2025
7. Winners will be revealed at Awards Ceremony on May 14th at the Woodward Theatre



Submit a Nomination Online HERE

Nominee Name/Company Name: _____

Award Category: please circle

Good Neighbor	Rising Star	OTR Spirit	You Made a Difference
	Young Entrepreneur		Business of the Year

Why is the Nominee deserving of this award? (please add attachments if more space needed)

Nominated By: _____ **Nominator Email Address:** _____

Please email completed Nomination Form to Julie@otrchamber.com

To Nominate Click Here!



OTR AWARDS SPONSORSHIP



CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE IN OVER-THE-RHINE!

The OTR Awards is a signature event honoring the incredible achievements, innovation, and community impact of local businesses and individuals in Over-the-Rhine. This year, we are once again hosting the event at the historic Woodward Theatre – an iconic venue that perfectly reflects the rich heritage and forward-thinking spirit of our community.

The evening program includes a cocktail hour, seated dinner, awards presentation, and networking.

2024 Award Categories – Good Neighbor, Young Entrepreneur, OTR Spirit, You Made a Difference, & Business of the Year

WHY SPONSOR THE OTR AWARDS?

INCREASE YOUR BRAND VISIBILITY

As a Sponsor, your business & logo will be prominently featured throughout the event advertising and during the event. Your logo to appear on social media and print advertising before the event as well as at the event in the award presentation, signs, & printed program.

ALIGN WITH OVER-THE-RHINE'S GROWTH & LEGACY

Partnering with this historic event aligns your brand with Over-the-Rhine's continued success, helping to amplify both your business and the community's vitality.

SUPPORT LOCAL EXCELLENCE

Your Sponsorship helps recognize the outstanding contributions of businesses and individuals who make Over-the-Rhine a vibrant and thriving community. Be a part of celebrating the success stories that inspire others!

ACCESS TO A PRESTIGIOUS AUDIENCE

The OTR Awards is attended by a targeted group of business owners, community leaders, and engaged citizens – making it a fantastic networking opportunity for Sponsors looking to connect with key stakeholders.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE FROM \$2,000 - \$10,000

OR CONTACT US TO CREATE A CUSTOM PACKAGE



DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SHINE IN OVER-THE-RHINE!

Sponsor and be a part of this prestigious evening, elevate your brand while supporting the continued growth of our community. Sponsorships are limited, so secure your spot today!

2025 OTR AWARDS SPONSORSHIP BENEFITS

We need your support to make the 2025 OTR Awards successful as we come together for an unforgettable evening to celebrate the achievements and successes within our vibrant community. The OTR Awards is not just an evening of recognition—it's a night of connecting with fellow community members and honoring those who make OTR an extraordinary place to live, work, and thrive.

CONTACT US TODAY – LIMITED SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE!

SPONSOR BENEFITS	PRESENTING \$10,000 1 Available	ADVOCATE \$5,000 2 Available	EXECUTIVE \$2,000 5 Available
Event Promotion			
Prominent Company Logo on ALL Print Marketing materials	✓		
Company Logo on ALL Print Marketing materials		✓	✓
Prominent Company call-out on ALL Social Media Event Advertising	✓		
Company call-out on ALL Social Media Advertising		✓	
Company Logo on Sponsorship Page of OTRChamber.com website	✓	✓	✓
On-Site Event Promotion			
Prominent Company Logo in Awards Presentation	✓		
Company Logo in Awards Presentation		✓	✓
Prominent Company Logo in Printed Awards Program	✓		
Company Logo in Printed Awards Program		✓	✓
Prominent Company Logo at Check-in Table	✓		
Company Logo at Check-in Table		✓	
Complimentary Event Admission			
Complimentary Table at OTR Awards (includes 8 tickets)	✓		
4 Complimentary Tickets to OTR Awards		✓	
2 Complimentary Tickets to OTR Awards			✓

READY TO COMMIT TO SPONSORSHIP?

COMPLETE AND EMAIL/SEND THE SPONSORSHIP FORM AT THE END OF THIS BOOKLET!

To Sponsor Email Julie Here!

“Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life.”
- Confucius

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