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From the Desk of Julie Clayton/Executive Director

Happy Friday!

Valentine's Day is just around the corner, and we want to help promote your business! If you have any special promotions, sales, events, or offerings for the holiday, please send the details to me as soon as possible.

We'll be sharing these promotions through our channels to encourage the community to shop, dine, and celebrate locally this Valentine's season. Don't miss this opportunity to get extra exposure for your business!

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out. We look forward to showcasing your Valentine's Day specials!

Sincerely,
Julie Clayton
Executive Director

[EMAIL JULIE HERE!](#)



WhipFlip Inc.

AROUND OTR...

Welcome to the Ecosystem

Join Welcome to the Ecosystem to connect 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



BOCKFEST PARADE!

In case you haven't seen the posts on line, the registration for the parade is open!

If you are an official sponsor of Bockfest, you are able to participate at no charge. All other entries are \$50, unless you represent a politician. Those entries are \$200.

Register for the Parade Here!



Let us handle the cooking and cleaning, all you need to do is bring your crew
Score big with our combo deal- Buffalo Chicken Sandwich, Saratoga chips, Pint of Beer for \$20-Toasted Martin's Potato Roll, crispy panko-breaded Amish chicken thigh, juicy and perfectly seasoned. Topped with tangy



buffalo ranch slaw and crunchy sour pickles.

[For More Info Click Here](#)



**Hotel Celare's newest Valentine's Day Package
Love Reigns in the Queen City!**

- Luxuriate in a king or king corner room
- Breakfast for 2 at Iris Café (\$40 credit)
- Welcome gift of artisanal chocolates made by Hotel Celare's in-house Chef
- Wine tasting at boutique urban hotspot, Revel Winery

[To Book or for More Info Click Here](#)

A promotional poster for a live music performance. The background is a dark, textured grey. On the left, there is a circular logo for 'THE CINCY BRASS' featuring a trumpet and a city skyline. Below the logo is a 3D-style logo for 'MOTR PUB' in red and white. To the right, the text 'THE CINCY BRASS LIVE @ MOTR PUB' is written in large, bold, yellow-green letters with black outlines. Below this, the date and location are listed: 'FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21 1345 MAIN ST. CINCINNATI' and '10 PM - 2 SETS OF MUSIC'. At the bottom right, there is a barcode and the number '646052826464518'.

[For More Info Click Here](#)

\$75



• PRE-ORDER

Valentine's Day Boxes

Box Includes:

Valentine Plush

Box of Chocolate

1/2 Dozen Cupcakes

2 Chocolate Oreos

Customize Letter to the one you love



1426 Race Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

[Click Here for Pre-Order Link!](#)



New hats, tees, hoodies and more just landed! Head on

over to the shop and find your new favorite thing!



[Shop Rhinegeist Here!](#)



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change the world.**



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ENTREPRENEURSHIP ACADEMY

We believe that entrepreneurs can change the world.

Inventure Entrepreneurship Academy is an immersive learning experience for high school students interested in entrepreneurship.



This program introduces the entrepreneurial process. Students will develop and learn how to cultivate an entrepreneurial mindset, problem-solve, generate ideas, and develop their ideas into business models. At the conclusion of the program, participating teams will pitch their ideas to earn prize funding for their venture.

Program Details

DATES & TIME	June 2 -6, 2025 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
LOCATION	1819 Innovation Hub - University of Cincinnati 2900 Reading Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45206
PROGRAM COST	\$20 for Participants. Supplies, Lunch, and Snacks will be provided.
WHO IS ELIGIBLE?	High school students (rising freshmen – incoming seniors) located in the following areas: Hamilton, Butler, Clermont, and Warren counties in Ohio; Boone, Campbell, and Kenton counties in Kentucky; Dearborn county in Indiana.

[**For More Info Click Here**](#)



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](https://www.fotofocus.org)

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TALKS

[For More Info Click Here](#)



OTR CHAMBER EVENTS

February Networking!

Networking with the OTR Chamber of Commerce is important because it connects you with local business leaders, provides access to valuable resources, and fosters opportunities for collaboration and growth in the Over-the-Rhine community. It helps strengthen your presence, build relationships, and stay informed about key developments in the area.

[RSVP HERE](#)



February Networking Event
Wed. February 12th
4pm-6pm



1211 Main Street

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

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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



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!

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!

The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.”
- Eleanor Roosevelt

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