# 2016 Annual Report



# HOUSING OPPORTUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION





**Expanding Housing Choices in Chicago's Northern Suburbs** 



# **Change (for the better)**

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

This year we have heard a lot about the idea of change. Whether for better or worse, change is inevitable so we must embrace it. In the affordable housing world, change means finding new ways to achieve our mission of creating affordable housing for those who need a decent place to live in our

HIGHWOOD
HIGHLAND
PARK

DEERFIELD
NORTHBROOK

NORTHFIELD
WINNETKA

KENILWORTH
GROVE
SKOKIE

PARK
RIDGE
LINCOLNWOOD

CITY OF CHICAGO

HODC's primary service area and beyond

communities. This includes finding new funding sources, new ways to help low income residents, and providing resources for new home buyers.

Our changes this year included growing the size of our housing portfolio by 25 units by adding a brand new apartment development, Axley Place in Glenview, and saving another affordable rental property, Prospect Townhomes in Niles, from foreclosure. These projects both provide supportive housing for people with disabilities who would otherwise have few housing options in this area. Their locations also added two new communities to the growing list of properties, 20 in total, that HODC manages.

This year HODC also helped two more families prevent foreclosure and added additional staff to better serve our residents while diversifying our sources of income and improving our property management capacity. These actions will help us prepare for positive changes ahead.

Thank you to all our previous supporters and welcome to all those who will help support us in the future as we find new ways to serve those who need affordable housing in the northern suburbs. We need your help more than ever. We hope this Annual Report will inspire positive change in our communities.

Kristin Berg, Board President

# **Housing Development**

HODC's Housing Development program completed construction on a new building and preserved a supportive housing property from foreclosure.

#### Finished construction

HODC celebrated the Grand Opening of Axley Place on September 27! The ribbon cutting was attended by Axley family and friends, elected officials, funding agencies and potential tenants.



**Axley Place Ribbon Cutting** 

The new development provides 13 units of permanent supportive housing for people with disabilities in Glenview. There are two buildings with 1, 2 and 3 bedroom apartments, a community room, management office and on-site laundry room. The buildings are energy-efficient and meet green certification requirements by Enterprise Green Communities and Energy Star.

Despite funding challenges due to state budget issues and temporary project shutdown, construction was skillfully completed by Skender Construction. The beautiful buildings were designed by Cordogan Clark & Associates and funded by the Illinois Housing Development Authority, Cook County Community Development and the



**Axley Place Entrances** 

Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity as well as North Suburban Housing Corporation.

Pursued new housing projects. In addition to finishing these projects, we worked alone and with development partners on several other potential developments including potential sites in Cary, Crystal Lake, Deerfield, Palatine and Wilmette among others.

# **Property Management**

This year we added two more properties and two new communities to our management portfolio. HODC now manages 255 rental units at 20 sites in 8 north suburban communities including Deerfield, Evanston, Highland Park, Northbrook, Northfield,

and Skokie plus now Glenview and Niles.

#### New Management

HODC preserved existing affordable units by acquiring a four-unit townhome project in Niles. Working with HUD, we were able to help save this supportive housing project for persons with disabilities. Due to state funding cuts the property was



Prospect Townhomes, Niles

headed towards foreclosure but HODC was able to take ownership of the four 3 bedroom townhomes that serve twelve people with disabilities. HUD renewed the rental assistance contract for 20 more years so rents will be kept affordable for residents. HODC staff completed repairs and clean-up prior to move-in. HODC is providing property management and is partnering with Thresholds who provides case management services to resident members. One unit has an elevator and entrance ramp for accessibility and the bedrooms have deaf/hard-of-hearing features.

# **Homebuyer Counseling**

#### Helping New Buyers

HODC's certified housing counselor provided housing counseling to 19 buyers this year. We also helped 2 families avoid foreclosure by providing foreclosure counseling to owners at-risk of losing their homes. Housing counseling staff helped these homeowners navigate the State's Hardest Hit Fund system and stay in their homes. HODC received housing counseling grants from IHDA and HUD.

#### **Helping Existing Owners**

HODC was also approved as an Adopter of the Homeownership Counseling Standards and is listed nationally as an Adopter of the National Industry Standards for Homeownership Education and Counseling. We have demonstrated the capacity to better serve clients and community through a commitment to excellence, professionalism and ethical homeownership education and counseling service delivery.

# **FY 2016 Operating Results**

Revenues	
Contributions	\$28,141
Grants	\$340,541
Management Fees	\$75,001
Partnership Fees	\$106,284
Rentals	\$890,539
Salary Recovery	\$309,758
Miscellaneous	\$147,162
Total Revenues	\$1,897,426
Expenses	
Operations	\$81,032
Fundraising	\$8,103
Program Services	\$1,472,086
Depreciation and Amortization	\$644,596
Total Expenses	\$2,205,817

Assets & Liabilities	
Total Assets	\$16,503,066
Total Liabilities	\$5,534,749
Net Assets	\$10,968,317

HODC's mission is to develop, preserve, and manage affordable housing for low and moderate income households primarily in Chicago's northern suburbs.

# **HODC Donors in FY 2016**

Housing Opportunity Development Corporation is deeply grateful to the following individuals, foundations, and organizations who supported our work in 2016.

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Listed are donations received July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. We have made every effort to make this list accurate and inclusive. If you discover an error, please accept our apology. Please inform us so that we may correct our records.

#### **Gifts up to \$1,000**

Group Benefit Associates
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#### **In Kind Donations**

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Axley Place, Dedication Plaque

# **Major Grants**

\$36,000: through Enterprise Community Foundation from HUD for predevelopment.

\$20,957: from HUD through Housing Action Illinois to provide housing counseling.

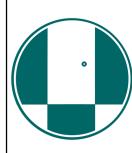
**\$2,000:** from the Evanston Community Foundation for disaster assistance.

#### **HODC Staff:**

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