

President's Message



Greetings,

It has been an exciting past few months for POAH. We are honored that the Grant at Woodlawn Park, the second phase of our work in Chicago's Woodlawn neighborhood, was selected as the overall winner and master-planned winner in Affordable Housing Finance magazine's 2014 Reader's Choice Awards.

In August, we were fortunate to welcome HUD Secretary Julian Castro to Woodlawn for the celebration of the next phase of revitalization with the groundbreaking of two new developments – the Burnham, a 65-unit senior development and Metrosquash's youth and family center – both located directly across from the Grant. Both developments will provide a strong foundation for a healthy neighborhood that provides opportunities for all at each stage of life.

We are all energized by the progress in Chicago, but as we enter the early stages of two additional neighborhood transformations – one in Boston and one in Washington DC – we are reminded that these endeavors are particularly challenging and require sustained commitment over a long period of time.

The funding made available through Choice Neighborhoods grants is important to the feasibility of such transformations, and we encourage an increase in the appropriation of funds for this program such that this comprehensive approach to revitalization can be pursued at scale nationwide.

All of us at POAH are excited for what 2015 has in store and thank you for your ongoing support and partnership.

Amy Anthony
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