

ACTS *IN ACTION*

ACTS HOUSING

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Dear Friends,

We're entering the season of thanks. There's no better time to reflect on the good that has happened at ACTS, in our families' lives, and in the community. We raised \$170,000 at the second-ever Longest Neighborhood Table event and are at the halfway point in our \$2 million capital campaign. A heartfelt thanks to all of you for your continued enthusiasm and support.

Sincerely,

Michael Gosman, Executive Director

ACTS LONGEST NEIGHBORHOOD TABLE

ACTS homeowners are known for their hospitality. Many ACTS families, once they have a space of their own, open that space up to neighbors, friends and family members. The ACTS Team is familiar with this-as they often attend pot lucks and house warming parties after families have settled in.



When deciding to do a signature event, it was important to stick to what makes ACTS families unique: home and hospitality. Thus, the Longest Neighborhood Table Event was born.

Now in its second year, the event brings together people at one long table to enjoy a family style meal and learn about ACTS' mission. This year, on Thursday September 28th, more than 290 ACTS supporters and families convened at Turner Hall Ballroom. The night was a celebration of the more than 2,200 strong homeowners ACTS has supported since 1995. Thanks to the generosity of all the attendees, **the event raised more than \$170,000.** Proceeds from the event support homeownership in Milwaukee's neighborhoods.

Guests participated in a silent auction, devoured appetizers from neighborhood vendors: Si's Kitchen, The Juice Kitchen, El Rey, and Daddy's Soul Food & Grille, visited the various activity stations and ate a family-style dinner at a table more than 320 feet long.

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Event co-chair Deanna Singh, Dohmen Company Foundation, with emcee Shannon Sims, TMJ4



Melba Zanoni, Chris Foley, Rory Foley and Tony Franda with table sponsor Burke Properties.



Suphansa Phetvisay and Lee Turner of Bank Mutual



Genyne Edwards, P3 Development Group with LaQuondra Shaw and Autumn Latimore, Northwestern Mutual.

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HOT PROPERTY

5230 N 28th St.

Price: \$16,000 (Property sold as is, some rehabilitation required)

Bed: 3 Bath: 1

For more info Call Dorothy York at: 414-727-5441



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Event co-chairs Deanna Singh and Christine Culver told stories of what home means to them and expressed gratitude for ACTS' team and families.

Singh got involved with ACTS after attending a neighborhood bus tour and meeting with Executive Director Michael Gosman. She said the work she saw spoke for itself: "...When people ask me, 'what agency is doing good work in the housing space?' I can confidently answer ACTS, and I hope in the years to come you will as well," Singh said in her remarks. Thank you to everyone who made this second annual event such a success. For more photos and results, check us out on Facebook @ACTS Housing or the event website: www.actshousing.org/longesttable2017



"Renovation Station" was a simulation of what ACTS Homeowners are able to accomplish with their home renovations.



Individuals were incredibly generous - ACTS raised \$67,000 in a paddle raise to support homeownership.

INTRODUCING: DOROTHY YORK, ACTS ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

Dorothy York, the Associate Director of ACTS Housing, can best be described as a woman on the move.

She often has several meetings a week interviewing candidates, meeting with the home rehab team, ACTS realtors, strategizing about programs, and more.

One could say that the mother of three, grandmother to six, and owner of "two, maybe three" careers, is used to being busy.

She has worked as a computer analyst, a human resources professional, and as a realtor.

York, who is passionate about real estate, sees her role as an important one in meeting ACTS' potential. She wants to

help ACTS be even more helpful so families can have a better sense of what is expected of them as homeowners.

"...I see the opportunity for us at ACTS to provide more services than what we do and to be of more help to families," she said. "When we manage and maintain educational opportunities for our families better, I think we'll be even more helpful."



Being helpful is a habit of York's. She is very active with her church; she serves on the usher board and the church board of directors.

"Everything I do is born out of my faith," she said.

In her spare time, York enjoys golfing and is a member of the Executive Women's Golf Association.

2017 ACTS HOUSING IMPACT REPORT

Through September 30th

95

Home Sales

\$140

Avg. Monthly Housing Savings

32

Foreclosures Reclaimed

ACTS VIP FAMILIES

While all ACTS families are VIP for the hard work they do to make Milwaukee a better place, a few families were honored at this year's Longest Neighborhood Table Event.

Barbara Hudson (pictured top right): Barbara was the featured speaker at this year's Longest Table Event. During her remarks, she said her house is a '*home place*' for her family where family gathers for Sunday dinners and teach the grandchildren life-long skills.

"I still have a lot to do," she said of her continuous home rehab. *"But we all work together to get it done."*

The Pacheco-Rivas Family (pictured bottom right): Juan and Norma did most of their home renovation themselves. They cite their two boys as the main reason they pursued homeownership.

Marianne Peterson (not pictured): Marianne purchased her home in the Cold Spring Park neighborhood. She is a determined woman who knew homeownership was the best option for her family: *"There was no question in my mind absolutely. No alternative,"* she said. *"This [homeownership] is what I have to pursue."*



ACTS SUPPORTER SPOTLIGHT: OLD NATIONAL BANK

When Susan Day talks with people in Milwaukee about organizations that are highly effective at improving city neighborhoods, ACTS Housing is always one of the first groups mentioned, she said.

Day is the Vice President of Community Development Outreach for Old National Bank, which became a supporter of ACTS earlier this year. The bank and its foundation offer contributions, grants and sponsorships to a wide range of nonprofits involved in community development activities. The bank has also provided loans to some of the families that have become homebuyers through ACTS, and earlier this year, Old National Bank sponsored a bus tour to showcase the work ACTS does in Milwaukee neighborhoods.

Day has been impressed by the comprehensiveness of ACTS' approach to helping families navigate the homebuying process, she said. *"They do everything from preparing families financially, educating them about their financial responsibilities and helping them with what they need to do in preparation for a mortgage."*

Along with helping families find stable housing and build personal wealth, Day said, ACTS is helping build stronger communities. ACTS does an excellent job, she said, of closely working with the city to gather resources and identify homes that can be rehabbed and affordably resold. People might look at some abandoned, foreclosed properties that have fallen into disrepair and wonder, she said, *"How in the world am I going to bring this back to something that's safe, sound and sanitary? ACTS has found an effective way to make that happen, and that's huge."*

"It's an honor to work with them. They're community builders," Day said. *"They're collaborating with city leaders to rebuild, upgrade and improve housing. They're engaging first-time homebuyers. They're creating stability, and they're doing it in neighborhoods that have great potential."*

ACTS Housing is beyond grateful for sponsors like Old National Bank who contribute to our mission.



Old National Bank sponsored two neighborhood bus tours in March. Here, Old National Bank team members are pictured with ACTS team members.

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ACTS Housing's mission is empowerment through homeownership.

ACTS Housing's vision is to create vibrant Milwaukee neighborhoods through homeownership.



Homebuyer Counseling - One-on-one, HUD approved homebuyer counseling for individuals interested in developing a personalized homeownership road map.



Neighborhood Housing - ACTS' licensed realtors represent families in the purchase of affordable central-city homes.



Home Rehab Counseling - Rehab counseling staff represents families during coordination and execution of rehab plans, with a focus on the reclamation of vandalized foreclosures.



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