



Family Focused

Fall 2023 Newsletter



A Message from the Director:

Fall is upon us at Cornerstone Renter Equity! We have accomplished quite a bit in the last few months, and there's more to come as we prepare to close out the year.

The Renter Equity Club continues to grow. In the last quarter alone, 89% of members earned equity, and overall this year, all of our members have increased their savings.

Our Family Coaches are doing amazing work, not only helping families maximize their equity, but also helping them identify and pursue life-changing goals. Over the past six months, three members in the Renter Equity Club have gone back to school, and six members have become gainfully employed.

We are happy to share that Cornerstone is once again the recipient of the Safe and Clean Neighborhood grant. Funds from the grant will be used to create a Community Zen garden, to install security cameras, and for ongoing street beautification.

We are pleased to announce the new Bob Maly Equity Fund, which was created to continue the legacy of our former Board President and Executive Director. Read more about the Bob Maly Equity Fund on page 3.

Lastly, we invite you to participate in our upcoming Holiday Kids Skate Party on December 16th. Ways you can get involved include donating to our Toy Drive and volunteering at the event. More information can be found on the back page of this newsletter.

As always, thank you for your support and advocacy of our community in Over-the-Rhine.

Sincerely,

Alisa Berry
Executive Director



Member Spotlight: Bridgette Miller

"I have gotten so much support from the Renter Equity Club and my Family Coach (Tameka Thomas). Anyone thinking about joining should definitely do it- you will not be disappointed!"

Bridgette Miller has been a member of the Renter Equity Club for less than a year and has already benefitted from the experience. A single mother to a third grader and college freshman, Bridgette was able to access Project Lift funds to help move her son into Miami University Oxford.

Bridgette has been working in healthcare since 2007, and is currently a patient care assistant at UC Health. She had previously pursued a nursing degree, but a variety of barriers forced her to put that dream on hold. With guidance from her Family Coach, Bridgette is back in school and has her sights set on becoming a psychiatric mental health nurse.

Building Community

Photos (top to bottom): Community Day, National Night Out, Block Clean-Up, Halloween Kids Skate

The summer and fall months have been full of community at Cornerstone! From Community Day, to National Night Out, Block Clean-Ups, and Halloween Kids Skate, our families and partners have been promoting positivity and connection.

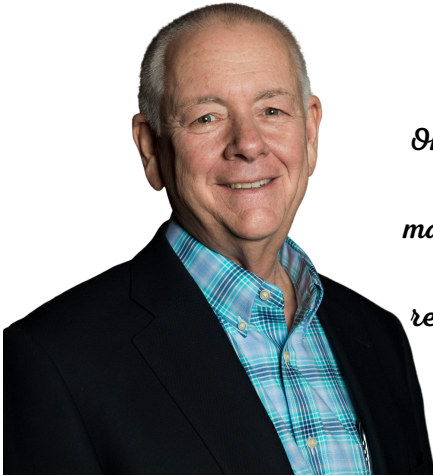
Our most recent event, the Halloween Kids Skate, brought 327 people together to enjoy skating, mask decorating, pizza, treats, and games at the Community Rec Center. We greatly appreciate the volunteers and members who helped make this a fun and memorable event for the children and families.

Look for more upcoming events on the back page of this newsletter!

Special Thanks

Special thanks to the **Cincinnati Women's Club** for their donation to support our summer and fall community events this year. These events are important to the work we do at Cornerstone, allowing us to provide positive activities for families in Over-the-Rhine, education on community resources, and opportunities for Renter Equity Club members to earn money for their long-term savings accounts. We are grateful for your support!





The Bob Maly Equity Fund

On July 6, 2023, Cornerstone Renter Equity lost our former Board President and Executive Director Bob Maly to cancer. Bob was passionate about making a difference in Over-the-Rhine through affordable housing and Renter Equity. His vision for an equitable future for marginalized families and relentless advocacy for our organization gave way to community partners and financial support that enabled us to be where we are today, providing opportunities for families to build assets and gain stability by investing in themselves and their community.

Shortly after Bob's passing, the Maly family requested that donations be made to Cornerstone in his memory. Since then, we have received \$36,440, which has been designated to a special fund called, The Bob Maly Equity Fund.

Every dollar in this fund will go directly to families in the Renter Equity Club, which provides opportunities for members to earn money and build long-term savings for their future. All (100%) of these funds will be distributed to members when they invest in themselves and their community, allowing them to improve their lives and achieve their goals. This could be anything from buying a car, paying off debt, or starting a business, to pursuing an education, taking a vacation, or putting a down payment on a house.

To maximize our impact and continue Bob's legacy in Over-the-Rhine, we ask that you consider making a gift to The Bob Maly Equity Fund. Every dollar counts, and leads to a better life for someone in need.

Give to The Bob Maly Equity Fund

Your gift will go directly to members in the Renter Equity Club, advancing Bob's vision of an equitable future for families in Over-the-Rhine.

Donate online or by mail today!



To donate online:

- 1) Go to www.renterequity.org/donate or scan QR Code on left
- 2) Select "Yes, please" to dedicate your donation
- 3) Type "Bob Maly" in the Honoree boxes
- 4) Complete the rest of the form and hit "Donate Now"

To donate by mail, send check to:
 Cornerstone Renter Equity
 1641 Vine St.
 Cincinnati, OH 45202



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Show Your Support!

Donate

Donations to Cornerstone enable us to provide healthy activities, community events, and other opportunities for families to engage in and earn equity.

Sponsor

Renter Equity Sponsorship = \$2,000 (provides equity funds, one-on-one coaching, and financial planning services for one family over the course of one year)

Donate or Sponsor by visiting renterequity.org/donate or scan the QR code on right



Volunteer

Have fun while making a difference! From community events, block beautification, holiday parties, and more, there are a variety of opportunities to get involved throughout the year at Cornerstone.

For more info email cornerstone@csequity.org or call 513-369-0114

Upcoming Events

November 1 - December 11

Holiday Toy Drive

On December 16th, Cornerstone will host its annual Holiday Kids Skate Party for the children of Over-the-Rhine.

To make this day extra special for the community, we are seeking new toys and gifts for children and families at the event.

Suggested gifts:

Children Ages 1 to 6

Stuffed Animals
Puppets
Building Blocks

Children Ages 12+

Electronics (handheld games, earbuds, speakers)
Makeup and Nail Polish Kits
Art Supplies

Children Ages 6 to 10

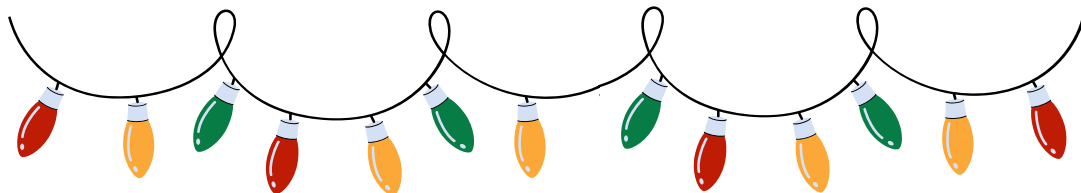
Dolls
Toy Cars/Trucks
Legos

Families

Grocery Gift Cards
Entertainment Gift Cards
Bath and Spa Items

Drop off at Cornerstone Renter Equity Office Monday - Friday 11AM - 3PM

To make a monetary donation, scan QR code below or visit www.renterequity.org/donate



December 16

Holiday Kid Skate

4:00PM - 7:00PM

Over-the-Rhine Community Recreation Center
1715 Republic Street | Cincinnati, OH 45202

Families are invited to enjoy cookie decorating, pizza, caroling, and gifts!

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