



Happy New Year, Old Brooklyn!

As the neighborhood rings in the New Year, we at OBCDC wanted to take a moment to thank you all for your support over the last year. 2017 was an incredible year for our neighborhood and organization. We've seen new businesses open up and many more approach us with interest in calling Old Brooklyn home. We continued our work of revitalizing neighborhood streets with home rehabs, tree plantings and beautification projects, and extended our work in local schools in an effort to support great education options for students. We also launched the Old Brooklyn Community Health Initiative, a program focused on improving quality of life for residents and dedicated to bringing more resources to the community.

But this past year brought us so much more. 2017 was the year OBCDC was awarded the Dominion Impact Award for our Cleveland Summer Cinema movie nights, which brought more than 10,000 people out to Loew Park over the summer. This series, now in its fourth year, spurred the creation of the Smorgasbord Street Festival, an event that celebrated the diversity of Old Brooklyn. Held in July it declared the re-open of our main street: Pearl Road. Our organization was also recognized with an award from Cleveland Neighborhood Progress for the #whatsyouoldbrooklyn social media campaign asking you to share your story as a resident, business owner, or guest. Lastly, this year OBCDC was named Ohio Community Development Corporation of the year by the Ohio CDC Association — an honor and responsibility we take with us into 2018.

As we close out the year, we must also highlight the most exciting part of our past and future: our new headquarters on Pearl Road. In 2017, OBCDC purchased the former Atlas Furniture building and is currently renovating the property. In 2018, we plan to move our organization to that location and bring new businesses and storefront tenants to our main street. As part of the project, OBCDC is restoring the 30-foot sign in front of the building and raising funds to ensure this piece of history is not lost. Please consider donating to help us reach our goal.

In the year ahead, OBCDC will continue our mission to develop and revitalize the community by uniting and empowering neighbors and leaders; and we'll continue to ensure that Old Brooklyn remains a great place to grow. Once again, thank you for your support and Happy New Year!

Your Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation