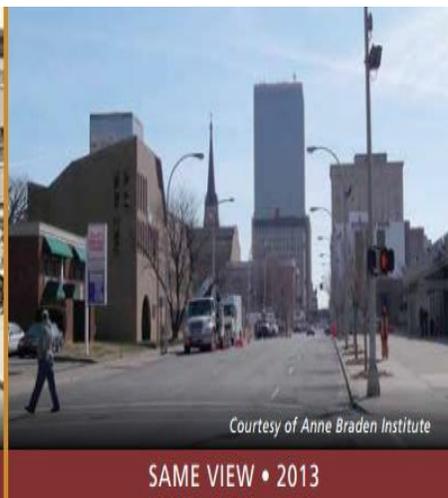
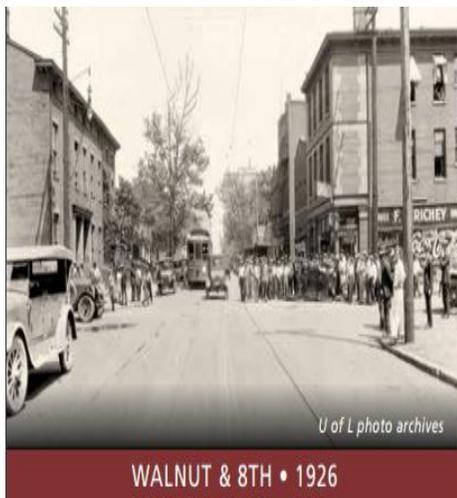




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or

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The Past is Part of Our Future in Fair Housing

by **Cathy Hinko**

Suzy Post, the first director of MHC, recently was named a Daughter of Greatness by the Muhammad Ali Center for all of Suzy's work in justice over the decades. In her remarks, Suzy talked about how the past is entwined with the present, and we explore that in this issue of the MHC newsletter.

The recent loss of two great and formidable champions of fair housing: Senator Georgia Powers and Dr. Jack Ford, makes us reflect that we are on a long multi-generational journey toward justice. We need to know the road we have followed to see where we are headed.

This newsletter we will honor Georgia Powers, and in a subsequent one, Dr. Ford will be honored. Please read the articles about these two tireless workers for fair housing and for housing for persons with disabilities. Then review the history of segregation in Louisville in the

publication *Making Louisville Home for Us All: a 20-Year Plan for Fair Housing*, which reminds us that:

"residential patterns are neither accidental nor the result of individual choice. They developed over generations of policies and practices that included (1) widespread denial of mortgage loans to people of color in suburban areas whose residents resisted diversifying, (2) the routing of highways through African American and poor neighborhoods resulting in large scale displacements, (3) land-use policies that confine multi-family housing to small areas of the count and (4) persistent housing discrimination and massive cutbacks since the 1980s in subsidized housing and even in times of high unemployment. "

These same conditions exist today in transmogrified forms:

(1)The 2015 State of Metropolitan Housing Report had recent data from the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act that showed denial of mortgages to minorities is as intense as ever.

HMDA 2014 Data Louisville/Jefferson County MSA

	All Groups	White	Black	Latino
Total Population	597337	421719	136,790	26,880
% of Total		71%	23%	4%
Total Applications	50845	37224	3,152	1,083
% of Total		73%	6%	2%
Origination	24743	22660	1,481	602
% of Total		92%	6%	2%
Denials	7802	6635	912	255
% of total		85%	12%	3%
% of total applications of race/ethnicity approved		61%	47%	56%
% of total applications of race/ethnicity denied		18%	29%	24%

Source: Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council (FFIEC)
<http://www.ffiec.gov/Hmda/hmdaraw.htm>
 and U.S. 2010 Census Data.

(2)The only large scale displacements in the last decade have been from flooding in African American neighborhoods or from HOPE VI, which neighborhoods were predominantly African American.

(3)While we are very proud of the incentives and permission to have development in R4 and R5 that includes multi-family and affordable housing, but these are only incentives. To combat decades of exclusion, we need deliberate strategies covering all industries involved in development.

(4)Massive cut backs in public housing, Community Development Block Grants, and HOME funds have eroded the city's ability to respond to the legacy of segregation. Louisville needs a local well-funded Affordable Housing Trust Fund to have the ability to

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Community Calendar

Fair Housing Coalition meets 2pm
each 2nd TUE at New Directions,
1000 E. Liberty

Louisville Vacant Property Campaign meets 5:30pm
each 3rd Tuesday at Shelby Park Community Center
600 E. Oak St.

Affordable Housing Committee meets QUARTERLY
12pm, 3rd Wednesday,
Upcoming: March 16

Education and Advocacy Committee meets QUARTERLY
3:30pm, 2nd TUE at New Directions Housing Corp.,
1000 E. Liberty
Upcoming: April

The Legal Aid Society is offering free legal clinics

Foreclosure Clinic
Attorneys will be on hand to provide advice on loan modifications and alternatives to foreclosures

Every Tuesday at 11 am from January 19 - March 29
Legal Aid Society Office
416 W Muhammad Ali Blvd
RSVP at 502 584-1254

Tenants' Rights Clinic: What

respond. All resources need to be expended using a fair housing lens in allocation.

Using our historical perspective we can see how much and how little we have moved (pun intended) toward true housing opportunities and choice.



Honoring Senator Georgia Powers

Legendary civil rights icon, Senator Georgia Davis Powers, died on Saturday, January 30, 2016, at the age of 92. Georgia Lee Montgomery was born to the union Ben Gore and Frances Walker Montgomery on October 29, 1913, in Springfield, Kentucky. She grew up in West Louisville on Grand Avenue with eight brothers - Georgia was the only girl.

Georgia Powers' political career began in 1962 working for candidates Wilson W. Wyatt for US Senate, Edward T. Breathitt for Governor, Norbert Blume for Congress, and other local candidates. A history maker and civil rights activist, Powers led the Allied Organization for Civil Rights in promoting a statewide public accommodations and fair employment law. She was one of the organizers of the 1964 March on Frankfort in support of equity in public accommodations.

Senator Georgia Powers was elected to the Kentucky Senate in 1967 as the first African American and first woman elected to a full term, serving 21 years until her retirement in December 1988. Georgia Powers was Kentucky's original drum major for justice and equality. During her tenure in the Senate, Powers authored more

you should know about your landlord's obligations and your rights

Attorneys will be on hand to answer questions about the eviction process, landlord obligations, and tenants' rights
Every Thursday at 2 pm from January 21 - March 31
Legal Aid Society Office
416 W Muhammad Ali Blvd
RSVP at 502 584-1254

Divorce Clinic

Clients will receive assistance from attorneys in filling out all of the necessary paperwork to file for a divorce
Friday, March 18 at 9:30 am
Legal Aid Society
416 W. Muhammad Ali Blvd.
RSVP at 502 584-1254

Small Claims Clinic

Clients are provided with the forms necessary to file a claim, and an attorney will review completed claims.
Wednesday, March 16 at 1 pm
Legal Aid Society
416 W. Muhammad Ali Blvd.
RSVP at 502 584-1254

Volunteers of America Mid-State's

Real³ Journey

A Real³ Journey is a one hour program and engaging tour that highlights the services Volunteers of America Mid-States provides to families in our community challenged by homelessness and addiction. The Journey is specially designed to share how we help real people facing real challenges to find real and lasting solutions.

Tuesday, April 5
9 am - 10 am
Shelby Street Clinical Campus

than 150 bills, including statewide fair housing legislation and bills prohibiting employment discrimination, and sex and age discrimination. Senator Powers also supported legislation to improve education for the physically and mentally disabled.

Never fully retired from service, Powers continued her work in the community as an activist and as a sought after lecturer. Cherished throughout the country for her quiet strength, no nonsense leadership and charisma, Senator Powers received hundreds of awards and honors, including five honorary doctorate degrees. At the age of 81, Senator Powers was elected First Vice President of the Louisville Branch NAACP and served untiringly with distinction for ten years.

In describing her life, Senator Powers wrote
"What a blessed life I've lived from my birth until this time.
I considered myself on a mission as an advocate
for African Americans, women, children, disabled,
handicapped, elderly and 'voiceless' people."

On behalf of MHC's Board of Directors & Staff, we want to thank everyone who donated to MHC in honor of Kenny Lanham, Jr. Kenny was a great advocate for fair & affordable housing and a former MHC Board Member. He will be greatly missed.

Mary Gail Bryan
Bernard & Mary Ellert
Daniel Garvey
Kathryn Hagerty
Kenneth & Sharon Bohnert
Mary & James Henry
Martha McIntire
Jim Mims
Tom Miron
New Directions Housing Corporation
Lisa Osanka
Candice Payton
Sally & Richard Johnson
Sandra Riley Bryant
Vision Homes LLC
Judie Westmeier

1436 S. Shelby St

Tuesday, April 26

5 pm - 6 pm

Shelby Street Clinical Campus

Tuesday, May 17

8:30 am - 9:30 am

**Louisville Family Housing
Services Campus**

**Second Annual Strategy
Roundtable: Meeting the
Needs of the Immigrant/
Refugee / Noncitizen
Community**

*Please join the Human Rights
Advocacy Program of the
Brandeis School of Law.*

*At this event we will report on
the following four projects
conducted in 2015-2016. Each
of these reports include unique
research results and analysis
on relevant and pressing issues
in our community: Language
Access, Educational Access,
Media Rhetoric, Healthcare.*

Tuesday, April 12

12 pm - 2 pm

Genscape Inc.

1140 Gavin Place

**To RSVP on Eventbrite, copy
the following link:
<https://goo.gl/a3uJgD>**

**Fair Housing & Diversity
Training**

*This FREE training will focus on
the fair housing law basics and
will also include a brief diversity
session. Sponsored by
Lexington Fair Housing
Counsel, the Kentucky Housing
Corporation, & Bowling Green
Human Rights Commission*

Thursday, April 14

9 am - 1 pm (CST)

April is Fair Housing Month

Please join MHC & community partners for a free event, open to the public. See the flyer below!

Community Forum: Aging in Place

Please join us during Fair Housing month for a community forum on aging in place. Community partners will discuss the upcoming challenges as an increasing number of our population ages and what services will be necessary to ease this transition.

When: Tuesday, April 5th 12pm-1:00pm

Where: Metro United Way 334 E. Broadway

RSVP or Questions: Email michael@metropolitanhousing.org or call (502)-584-6858

Community Partners



Take our online 2016 MHC Supporter Survey!

Every year we use this survey as a way to assess how our members and the public view our work and help us better identify

National Corvette Museum
350 Corvette Drive
Bowling Green, KY 42101

To register: visit lexingtonfairhousing.com OR call Lexington Fair Housing Council's office at (866) 438-8617

ACLU of Kentucky Annual Meeting & Toast to the end of the General Assembly
We'll recap the 2016 Legislative session, share tips on how to engage legislators during the interim. Light refreshments and drinks will be served. We'll have a photo booth space & coloring activities for the kids
Tuesday, April 19
6 pm
ACLU-KY Office
315 Guthrie St, Suite 300

Questions? Email Africa@aclu-ky.org

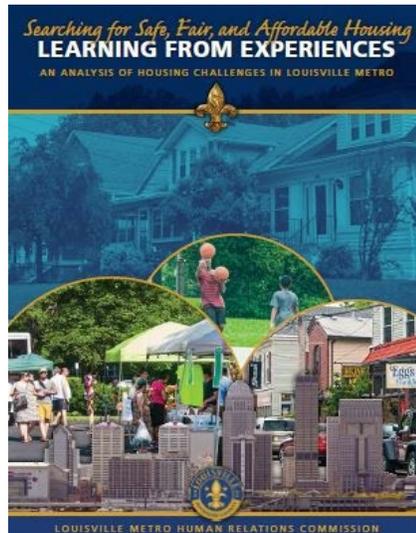
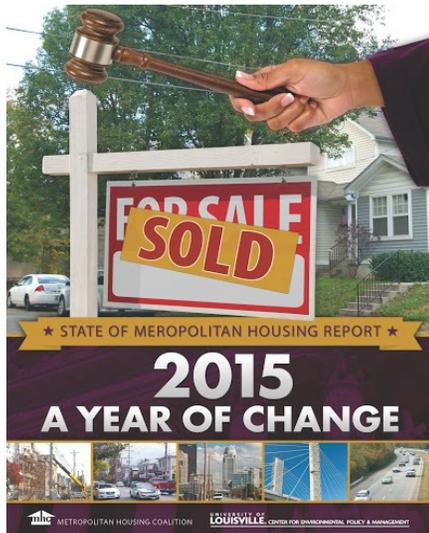
Fair Housing Luncheon
Sponsored by Lexington-Fayette Urban County Human Rights Commission
Special speaker: George D. Williams Sr., serves as Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Office of Policy, Legislative Initiatives and Outreach, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Fair Housing & Equal Opportunity.

Wednesday, April 20
11 am - 1 pm
The Carrick House
312 N. Limestone
Lexington, KY 40508

Please RSVP: 859 252-4931
\$45 a person

your priorities going forward! Please click on the link below and let your voices be heard!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5XFFXMG>



Check Out the 2015 SMHR & LMHRC Reports Online!

Over the past few newsletters, we've highlighted our 2015 State of Metropolitan Housing Report and Louisville Metro Human Relation Commission's report: *Making Louisville Home for Us All: A 20-Year Action Plan for Fair Housing*. Both reports (along with previous SMHR's and other reports) are available online at:

<http://www.metropolitanhousing.org/resources/mhc-reports/>

Did you know?

**MHC's recent successful advocacy work on the LG&E/KU meter rate case saved You nearly \$20 on your monthly bill!
Almost \$240 a year!**

MHC's work to advance safe, fair, and affordable housing in our community positively impacts YOU in many ways.

Increase that impact by becoming a member of MHC.

Our members support and guide our work.

Become a part of the coalition or renewing your membership with a donation TODAY!

Donations to MHC may be made via mail at PO Box 4533 Louisville, KY 40204 or via our Web site at [metropolitanhousing.org](http://www.metropolitanhousing.org)

**Blueprint University
Training funded by the Dona
O'Sullivan Fund to Fight
Homelessness:
How to Help the Newly
Housed with Daily Living
Skills**

Wednesday, May 11

9 am - 11 am

Metro United Way

334 E Broadway

*Trainers: Vickie Burks & Paulette
Sublette from St. John Center &
Johnetta Hardin & Baily Higgs of
Family & Children's Place*

Housing First has successfully helped many who have been homeless for years to access permanent supportive housing. This class is designed to share the tools of local case managers, counselors and peer support specialists in helping clients learn the daily living skills that will help them maintain housing and thrive in their new environment.

Please send staff that work directly with the homeless.

**Please RSVP to
nharris@louhomeless.org**



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box.

2) Under the menu at the left side of the Community page, click on
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Rewards page.

3) At the bottom of the Kroger Community Rewards page, you will
see a box for "ENROLL NOW". Click on the box.

4) On the next page, you can find MHC by typing our name,
"Metropolitan Housing Coalition", in the search box.

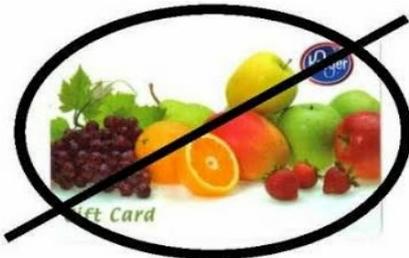
5) When Metropolitan Housing Coalition appears on the list, select
us by clicking the circle next to our name. Then click "Save" to save
MHC as your designated organization.

6) Confirm that MHC is selected as your Community Rewards organization by checking your account profile.

That's it! Now every time you shop and use your Kroger Plus card, you'll be earning rewards for MHC.

If you DO NOT have a Kroger.com account, click on the "Register" button at the top right of the Kroger homepage. Then simply follow the instructions on the Web site to set up your account and then follow the above instructions to designate MHC as your Community Rewards organization.

NOTE: Kroger's new Community Rewards program replaces a previous plan that used Kroger Gift Cards.



Want to get involved but need more knowledge on the issues?

MHC will come to you!

We're happy to present on the issues and our work to your group, whatever the size and wherever the location.

Contact MHC at (502) 584-6858 or michael@metropolitanhousing.org

to find out how you and your organization can learn more and get active.



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