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## Greetings!

### METROPOLITAN HOUSING COALITION



*Together in Compassion  
Together in Action*

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2016 ANNUAL MEETING

## The Annual Meeting was a Success! by Michael Kolodziej

The Annual Meeting was an amazing success. First off, thank you to our keynote speaker, Emily Allen, Vice President of the AARP Foundation. Ms. Allen's speech was titled "Housing - the Linchpin of Well-Being," and there is a brief synopsis of her speech in the

**MHC needs YOU!**  
Your membership advances safe, fair, and affordable housing for our community!

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Each new member and every donation makes possible MHC's critical work for our community.

Become a recurring monthly donor for as little as \$1 per month to provide ongoing support of MHC's work or consider gift to MHC in the name of a loved one.

Contact Michael Kolodziej at [michael@metropolitanhousing.org](mailto:michael@metropolitanhousing.org)

or

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To make an online donation, visit us on the web at [www.metropolitanhousing.org](http://www.metropolitanhousing.org)

or

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following article. Also, we want to thank Kentucky Attorney General Andy Beshear who discussed the Attorney General Office's new Scam Alerts program and their additional work helping aging adults.

Thank you to the Olmsted for helping us put together a wonderful event. Everything looked beautiful, and the food was delicious.



Photo by Bill Carner

Of course, the event would not have been possible without the overwhelming support of our organizational sponsors.

### **Keynote Sponsors**

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### **Groundbreaking Sponsors**

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Louisville Metro Housing Authority  
New Directions

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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.**

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**Fan Fair/Fan Giveaway Event**  
*Fans will be available for seniors 60 and older, as well as to individuals with physical disabilities, on a first-come, first-served basis.*

**Saturday, July 16  
9am - 12pm  
United Steelworkers Local  
1693 Headquarters  
1233 S. 10th St.**

Fan Fair qualifications:

- Person 60 years or older
- OR documentation verified by a physician of a physical disability
- Must be a resident of Jefferson, Oldham, Henry, Shelby, Spencer, Trimble or Bullitt counties
- Proof of address and age will we required
- One fan per household

*Coinciding with the Fan Fair will be a health fair to provide basic health checks and information from local resources.*

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### In-Kind Sponsors

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Thank you to our volunteers and to everyone that attended! We hope you will join us next year and the many years that follow!



For more information about the Fan Fair, contact Jennifer Craig (502) 266-5571 at KIPDA or Sarah Teeters (502) 574-5092 at the OADC.

### **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 July 12 - September 27**  
**Legal Aid Society Office**  
**416 W Muhammad Ali Blvd**  
*Reservations not required*

**Tenants' Rights Clinic: What 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 July 14 - September 29**  
**Legal Aid Society Office**  
**416 W Muhammad Ali Blvd**  
*Reservations not required*

**Expungement Clinic**  
*Attorneys will be on hand to discuss the expungement process & provide 1-on-1 expungement consultations. Attendees are encouraged to bring an unofficial copy of their criminal record that shows the disposition of each case. A copy of the record may be obtained from Court Archives located in the Old Jail Building at 514 W. Liberty St.*

**Thursday July 14 at 1 pm;**  
**Thursday, August 11 at 1 pm;**  
**& Thurs, September 8 at 1 pm**



Photo by Bill Garner

## **Emily Allen - "Housing - the Linchpin of Well Being"** **Condensed by Cathy Hinko**

MHC was privileged to have Emily Allen the Vice President of the AARP Foundation as the keynote speaker at the 2016 Annual Meeting. The full text of Ms. Allen's speech is on the MHC website, but here are some highlights.

"At AARP Foundation, the charitable affiliate of AARP, we work daily to create and advance the most effective solutions to help low-income older adults - people who built this nation - recapture the American Dream and ensure they have access to healthy and nutritious foods, affordable and safe housing, critical social connections and income generation opportunities..."

In our nation today, 1 in 5 seniors struggles with poverty.

- More than 20 million older adults don't have the financial resources to meet their basic daily needs.
- More than 10 million face hunger every single day.
- More than 8 million suffer the very real negative health effects of living in social isolation.
- And more than 19 million older adult households live in housing that is inadequate to their needs or unaffordable.

Our population is aging rapidly, with 10,000 people turning 65 each and every day. By 2030, the 50+ population will have increased by 20 percent, and one in five people will be 65 or older.

One thing is clear: Older adults want to continue to live at home as they age. When older adults are able to stay in their homes and be safe and healthy, the advantages multiply. Quality of life improves. Both individuals and governments realize cost savings when institutional care is avoided. And, communities benefit from intergenerational engagement.

Only about 1 percent of the current housing stock has all five of the features and retrofits we recommend for accessibility: single floor living; no-step entry; extra-wide hallways and doors; accessible light switches and power outlets; and lever style door handles and faucets.

**Louisville Free Public Library  
Main Branch, 301 York St.  
*Reservations not required***

### **Divorce Clinic**

*Clients will receive assistance from attorneys in filling out all of the necessary paperwork to file for a divorce.*

**Friday, July 15 at 9:30 am;  
Friday, August 12 at 9:30 am;  
Friday, Sept. 16 at 9:30 am  
Legal Aid Society Office  
416 W Muhammad Ali Blvd  
*RSVP at 502.584.1254***

**&**

**Thursday, July 28 at 12pm  
Hardin County Judicial Center  
120 E. Dixie Ave  
Elizabethtown, KY  
*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, July 20 at 1 pm  
Wednesday, August 17 at  
1pm**

**Wednesday, Sept 21 at 1 pm  
Legal Aid Society  
416 W. Muhammad Ali Blvd.  
*Reservations not required***

### **Debt Collection Defense Clinic**

*Presenter will talk about what one can do if he or she is contacted or sued by a debt collector. The presentation will also cover the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act.*

**Wed, July 20 at 3:00 pm  
Wed, August 17 at 3:00 pm  
Wed, September 21 at 3:00  
pm**

**Legal Aid Society  
416 W. Muhammad Ali Blvd  
*Reservations not required***

### **Ask an Attorney Clinic for Veterans**

*Attorneys will be on hand to provide civil legal advice to*

Affordability is the other main challenge, and the Great Recession has left nearly a quarter of mortgages held by older adults underwater. Add to that the fact that high housing costs currently mean one-third of adults 50 and over are paying more than 30 percent of their income for homes. That was the impetus for our Housing Solutions Center, which offers free HUD-certified counseling to homeowners 50 and over who are at risk of foreclosure.

Our collaboration with Habitat for Humanity International expands their existing aging-in-place programs and services, conducting a series of Aging in Place Learning Exchanges.

We're also encouraging innovation from entrepreneurs. AARP Foundation awarded our Innovation Prize to a technology that uses a system of low-frequency radio waves to monitor where a person is, his or her gait, breathing and heart rate, and to tell within 60 seconds when that person has fallen, all without the use of sensors.



Photo by Bill  
Carner

*Re-Defining Home: Home Today, Home Tomorrow* is a design challenge with the primary goal of disrupting the traditional approach to universal design. We are also sponsoring a \$50,000 Aging-in-Place Challenge, in collaboration with Aging 2.0.

To help people age in place, we need to step out of siloed thinking that so often separate housing and health care such as a Johns Hopkins University program called CAPABLE, for Community Aging in Place, Advancing Better Living for Elders which creates a collaboration between a nurse, an occupational therapist, and a handyman/woman to check on a low income senior's vital signs and mobility and to make sure there are handrails, smooth flooring, and other home features that can prevent falls.

An investment initiative AARP Foundation launched with Capital Impact Partners and the Calvert Foundation is Age Strong, and it will invest \$70 million in critical services and programs for

veterans.

**Friday, August 12**  
**11:00 am - 1:00 pm**  
**Robley Rex VA Medical**  
**Center**  
**800 Zorn Ave.**  
*Call 1.844.268.0838, Ext 2*

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**Saturday, August 20**  
**11:00 am - 1:00 pm**  
**Active Heroes**  
**8701 Old Bardstown Rd. Ste B**  
*Call 1.844.268.0838, Ext 2*

**Small Business Training:**  
**Employment Law**  
*An attorney will present on various legal issues small business owners should consider if they have or are considering hiring employees.*

**Thursday, August 18 11:00 am**  
**Louisville Urban League**  
**1535 W. Broadway**  
*Reservation highly encouraged but not required. Call Legal Aid at 502.584.1254 to RSVP*

**Small Business Set-up Clinic**  
*Clients will receive assistance from attorneys in filling out the necessary forms to establish their business as a legal entity.*

**Thursday, August 18 11:00 am**  
**Louisville Urban League**  
**1535 W. Broadway**  
*Reservation highly encouraged but not required. Call Legal Aid at 502.584.1254 to RSVP*

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**2016 Kentucky Affordable Housing Conference:**  
**"Building a Stronger Kentucky"**  
**Tuesday & Wednesday**  
**October 18 - October 19**  
**Crowne Plaza Louisville - Airport Expo Center**

vulnerable older adults nationwide.

'Housing - the linchpin. It's the linchpin for individual well-being, and it's the linchpin for stronger communities.'

Here is a [link](#) to Ms. Allen's full speech.

## Zoning - U of L's Shelbyhurst Campus... And the Binding Element by Cathy Hinko



This zoning/waiver case involves the "Shelbyhurst" campus of the University of Louisville, located out Shelbyville Road near Hurstborne and is over 100 acres in size. U of L is asking for a zoning change for about 22 acres of this campus. The Metropolitan Housing Coalition asserts that the University of Louisville is in violation of the Fair Housing Act, Title VIII, applying to the entire 100 acre campus.

The reason is that the University of Louisville and its developers agreed in 2010 to a *binding element* on the land that violates the Fair Housing Act. The highly unusual binding element states: "Residential limitation. Except for university housing, no two-family or multi-family residential uses shall be permitted on the Subject Property."

Targeting residential multi-family use as a prohibited form of development among all other development has an impact that violates the rights of protected classes under the Fair Housing Act. In 2013, MHC's *State of Metropolitan Housing Report* focused on renters. Of the over 33% of Louisville households who rent, 65% lived in a rental with more than one unit, so we know renters live in multi-family. Although African Americans make up about 20% of households in Louisville, they account for 34% of ALL renter households. We also know that a disproportionate percent of

830 Phillips Ln.  
Click [here](#) for more info

Homeless & Housing  
Coalition of Kentucky Annual  
Meeting  
Monday, October 17  
5:30 pm  
Crowne Plaza Louisville -  
Airport Expo Center  
830 Phillips Ln.

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persons with disabilities are renters, and the same is true for female headed households with children. This means that there is a "disparate impact" that is negative and overly affecting people in Fair Housing Act protected classes.

Such a targeted exclusion as this binding element raises issues of intent, but proof of intent is not necessary to make a case for a fair housing case based on disparate impact on protected classes. As the United States Supreme Court says in the case laying out how to prove a Fair Housing Act case of disparate impact, "recognition of disparate-impact liability under the FHA plays a role in discovering discriminatory intent: It permits plaintiffs to counteract unconscious prejudices and disguised animus that escape easy classification as disparate treatment. In this way disparate-impact liability may prevent segregated housing patterns that might otherwise result from covert and illicit stereotyping." But explicit intent is not part of the burden of proof.

It is shocking that the University of Louisville would agree to such a limitation and the impact it has on the community. After working on the 20-Year Plan for Fair Housing for Louisville Metro, MHC believes that at the very least, the University of Louisville is acting counter to the goal of increasing fair housing choice and should redesign the plans for the full campus to include housing that is affordable to those at 60% of median income or below.

## **Presentation Academy Announces Recipients of 2016 Tower Awards**

***Press Release***



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*Louisville, Ky.* (June 13, 2016) - Presentation Academy will honor the recipients of its 2016 Tower Awards during its annual awards dinner on Thursday, October 13, 2016 in the Ballroom of the Louisville Marriott Downtown, 280 West Jefferson Street. The evening begins with a cocktail reception at 6 p.m., followed by a dinner and awards ceremony at 7 p.m.

The Tower Awards serves as a catalyst to open the doors for all young women to experience a Presentation Academy education. This is accomplished by applying all the funds from this event to the school's tuition assistance program. Since inception, this event has raised over \$2 million!

Presentation is pleased to announce the **2016 Tower Award recipients** in the following categories:

#### ARTS & COMMUNICATION

**Sharon M. Scott**, President, ARTxFM - 97.1 FM WXOX

#### BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY & TRADE

**Susan Weiss**, Founder, President and CEO, Net Tango, Inc.

#### EDUCATION

**Marianne Hutti, Ph.D.**, Professor and Coordinator Women's Health-Family Nurse Practitioner Dual Major Program, University of Louisville School of Nursing

#### GOVERNMENT & LAW

**Cathy Hinko**, Executive Director, Metropolitan Housing Coalition

#### SCIENCE & HEALTHCARE

**Elaine Woerner-Kennedy, M.D. '71**, Family Practice Physician, Family Health Centers

#### SERVICE & ADVOCACY

**Karina Barillas**, Executive Director, La Casita Center

#### LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

**Barbara Flanders Wine, '67**, Principal, Presentation Academy

Event sponsors include: Whittenberg Construction Co., SCN family, Kaelin Rybak of Knights Travel, Republic Bank & Trust Co. and Kindred Healthcare.

Seats to the 2016 Tower Awards may be purchased for \$100 each, or \$1,000 per table of 10. For more information or to purchase seats, please contact Martha Brown Stephenson '84 at (502) 583-5935, Ext. 117 or

[mstephenson@presentationacademy.org](mailto:mstephenson@presentationacademy.org).

#### **About Presentation Academy**

In the spirit of Catherine Spalding and the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, Presentation Academy strives to create a diverse community that promotes academic excellence and challenges young women to develop their greatest potential as leaders in a global society.

Beloved since 1831, it is located at 861 S. 4th Street. For more information, call (502) 583-5935 or visit

<https://www.presentationacademy.org>.

**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  
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through a new program.



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**For those who DO have a Kroger Plus card, go to Kroger's Web site: [www.kroger.com](http://www.kroger.com)**

#### **If you already HAVE a Kroger.com account:**

1) At the top of the main Web page, find and click on the word "Community" on the top right of the screen, just below the "Sign In" box.

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

"Kroger Community Rewards". This will take you to the Community 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](mailto:michael@metropolitanhousing.org)

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





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MHC would like to thank Louisville Metro Government for its continuing support of our outreach efforts.