

NEWSletter

METROPOLITAN
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LOUISVILLE KY
February '05



NEW venue for 2005 annual meeting!

In solidarity with the Indiana-Kentucky Regional Council of Carpenters strike against the Galt House, the Metropolitan Housing Coalition has moved its annual meeting location to the newly built **Downtown Marriott**.

James Carr, from the Fannie Mae Foundation, will be MHC's speaker for the 2005 Annual Meeting.

The Fannie Mae Foundation, a private, nonprofit organization, is the largest foundation in the country devoted to affordable housing and community revitalization. In 2003, the Foundation awarded \$45.4 million in grants to more than 790 nonprofit organizations and had \$20 million in loans outstanding through the Community and Neighborhood Development Fund (CNDF). We expect Mr. Carr to offer us an intriguing and informative presentation!

Please tell your friends that the meeting location has been switched. We want to attract more than 500 participants this year — so bring a friend to the Annual Meeting on May 17 and introduce them to Metropolitan Housing Coalition! ■

Hunger and homelessness in Louisville Metro

Mayor Jerry Abramson recently participated in a survey conducted by the United States Conference of Mayors entitled *Hunger and Homelessness*. The report found that Louisville-area working families struggle to pay for the competing necessities of utilities, rent, health insurance, food and transportation. Last year, utilities increased drastically in the metro region, most notably a 70% increase in gas prices. The report also stated that recent economic downturn has resulted in a major increase in requests for basic needs, including rental assistance. Vouchers in Metro Louisville are at full capacity — thus frozen — with more than 14,000 families on the waiting list. Some families wait 10 years to obtain rental assistance, compared to a national average of 20 months. The results of the 27-city survey can be read online at www.usmayors.org. ■

Welcome to our newest MHC members

Welcome to new organizational member **Downtown Development Corporation** with delegate **Patti Clare** and individual members **Pat & Phil Reinhart, Mary Mayrose, John Bugbee & Hewitt Hurley, Barbara Banaszynski, Mary Bryan,** and **Phil Tom**. ■

February meetings

2/9 Advocacy & Education Committee
Wednesday, February 9, 3:30pm,
Coalition for the Homeless, 1115
South 4th Street

2/17 Fair Housing Coalition
Thursday, February 17, 1pm
New Directions Housing
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2/23 MHC Board of Directors
Wednesday, February 23, noon
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MEMBER *News*

The Portland **NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE** will be a site for a new JCPS "Next Step" program. This free, innovative program empowers parents to earn GEDs or upgrade their academic skills and teaches them basic computer skills, while offering organized activities and homework help for children ages 3-12. Families will receive a free, refurbished computer to use while participating in the program and will keep the computer upon successful completion of the program. For more information about the program, contact Emily Bosley at 485-3400. ■

NEW DIRECTIONS HOUSING CORPORATION starts taking applications for the 2005 Repair Affair program on Monday, February 14. Applications will be taken for two weeks over the phone — from Monday through Friday, 8am to 4pm. Or you can fill out an application during regular business hours at New Directions located at 1000 E. Liberty Street. Repair Affair helps people over 60 years of age or certified disabled who qualify as low income and who own their own home. For information, call 371-4906. ■

The **KENTUCKY COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS** seeks nominations for the Kentucky Civil Rights Hall of Fame until Friday, March 18, 2005. Nominated individuals will be honored for making important contributions to civil rights in the commonwealth. Inductions will be held at a special celebration planned for July 2005. For information about eligibility requirements and nomination forms, call Cynthia Fox at 595-4024 or 800-292-5566, or visit www.kchr.ky.gov. ■

CLOISTER LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, located in the Phoenix Hill area, is in year 15 of a low income tax credit project and will be redeveloped or sold. They are looking for non-profits or developers who have a need and welcome your input. The Cloister

is 34 units (1, 2's & 3's) and has two commercial units. Please contact Tim at Peters Construction Company at 456-1522 or email Connie@tcpeters.com. ■

LOUISVILLE CENTRAL COMMUNITY CENTER will host its Annual Meeting fundraiser at 11am on Wednesday, March 9, at Actors Theatre of Louisville, 316 W. Main Street. Former State Senator Georgia Davis Powers will receive the 2004 Lyman T. Johnson Distinguished Adult Leadership Award. A Young Adult recipient will also be honored. A reception with musical entertainment and light refreshments will follow. Sponsorships are available. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 583-8821. ■

NEW ALBANY CHDO is making progress on Linden Meadows, the 23-home relocation project on the west side of New Albany, and is now actively looking for

homebuyers. If you have clients who are low to moderate income, or first-time homebuyers, who might be interested in a greatly discounted price on a rehabilitated home in New Albany — direct them to John Miller, Director, at New Albany Community Housing, 945-1866. ■

Rowan Place Senior Housing is ready to open its doors to senior citizens. Located in the heart of Portland at 2132 Rowan Place, this 42-unit housing complex provides seniors with luxurious, modern arrangements. This housing complex is affordable to seniors — a one-bedroom costs \$415 per month, and a 2-bedroom costs \$505 per month. Applications are being taken now and units are move-in ready. For information, call **NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION** at 562-0016. ■

THE CENTER FOR NONPROFIT EXCELLENCE is offering February classes on fundraising (Re-Ignite Board Passion, Capital Campaigns, and Donor Tracking Softwares); Volunteer Management (from the Points of Light Foundation); human resource management (Employment Law); and a Technology Planning support group (begins Feb 25). Check out www.cnpe.org/cnpe_seminars for more information or call (502) 315-2673. ■

ELDERSERVE is now providing the following services for Caregivers: training, support groups, respite, and ElderCare programs for the corporate community. Helping caregivers learn how to meet their own physical and emotional needs is an emphasis of the workshops and seminars. Sessions and topics can be tailored specifically to meet the needs of individual companies' employees. To enroll or to schedule corporate programs, contact Sandra French at 587-8673. ■



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THIS THAT

Courts say HUD violates Fair Housing Act by concentrating public housing

Black public housing tenants are systematically consigned to segregated, poor Baltimore neighborhoods as a result of the policies of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, according to a recent court case. By not placing more public housing residents in suburban counties, Federal judge Marvin Garbis found that HUD fails to meet its obligations under the Fair Housing Act.

The *Thompson vs. HUD* outcome states that HUD has a responsibility to de-concentrate public housing throughout a regional area. The decision ended a 10-year old class-action lawsuit brought by the American Civil Liberties Union on behalf of 14,000 citizens against HUD.

The *2004 State of Metropolitan Housing Report* shows that we have a concentration of public housing in certain districts. On average, 30% of all housing stock in districts 4, 6, and 15 are public housing units, compared

with a 2% average concentration rate in the Metro region as a whole.

Additionally, those districts are populated by a disproportionate amount of African-Americans. ■

Out of Reach 2004

The rise in Louisville Metro rental costs for 2004 was greater than the rise in income for renters. According to the National Low Income Housing Coalition's *Out of Reach 2004* report, on average, fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment increased by \$33, while wages only increased by \$25.

The affordable housing gap in our community is growing wider.

A minimum wage worker in Louisville Metro had to work 79 hours per week to afford a two-bedroom apartment at fair market rent in 2004 — a figure up four hours from 2003.

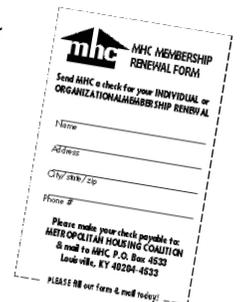
A Louisville resident needs \$20,120 annually to afford a one-bedroom apartment, but an SSI recipient — an elderly grandmother, for example — receives only \$6,624 per year.

To afford a two-bedroom apartment, a full-time worker needs to make \$11.70 per hour or \$23,880 per year. However, a minimum wage employee earns \$10,300 per year. Thus, the person who takes care of your child, cleans your office, or stocks the stores you shop at may earn only half of what they need to afford rent. (Source: *Paycheck to Paycheck 2003*.)

To read *Out of Reach* online, visit www.nlihc.org/oor2004/. ■

FYI

To keep your NEWSLETTER coming — and the METROPOLITAN HOUSING COALITION going — fill out the application form and send it in along with your check for your INDIVIDUAL or ORGANIZATIONAL membership renewal today! Questions? Call us at 502-584-6858.



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