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2016 Annual Meeting a Success!



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 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.

Thank you to Emily Allen, Attorney General Andy Beshear, all of our sponsors, the Olmsted, volunteers, and attendees!

Annual Meeting (Cont.)

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



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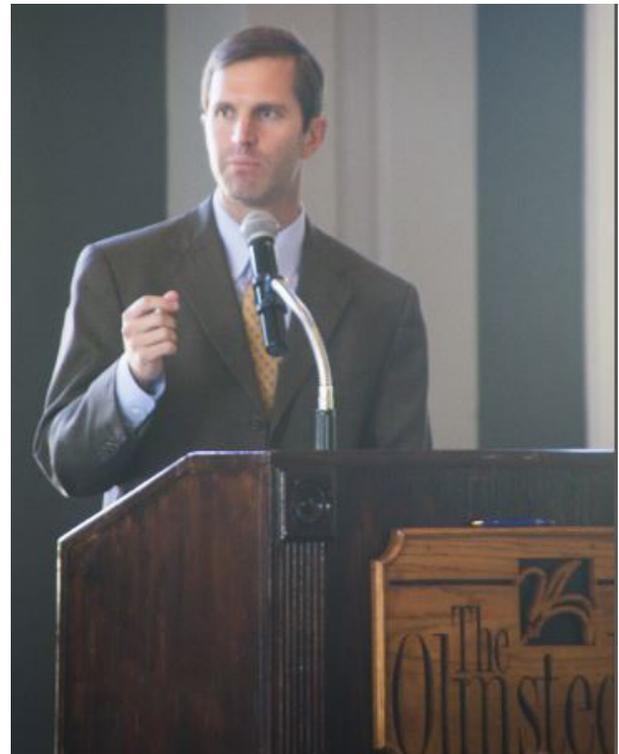


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Emily Allen: “Housing - the Linchpin of Well-being”

Speech condensed by Cathy Hinko



Photo by Bill Carner

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.



Photo by Bill Carner

You can view Emily Allen’s full speech from the Annual Meeting on our website at:
<http://metropolitanhousing.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/EmilyAllen-Full-Speech.pdf>

Emily Allen speech (cont...)



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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.

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 vulnerable older adults nationwide.

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

On behalf of MHC's Board of Directors & staff, thank you to 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.

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Zoning at 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 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.

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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

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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.

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>.



Community Calendar

Louisville Fair Housing Coalition

Meets each 2nd Tuesday at 2pm at New Directions 1000 E. Liberty

Louisville Vacant Property Campaign

Meets each 3rd Tuesday at 5:30pm at Shelby Park Community Center, 600 E. Oak St

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

9 am - 12 pm

United Steel Workers Local 1693
Headquarters

1233 S. 10th Street
Louisville, KY 40210

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 & age will be 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.

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

Homeless & Housing Coalition of Kentucky Annual Meeting

The meeting will feature a review of the past year's activities and successes, and the election of new members to the HHCK board. All members, Partner Agencies, and interested persons are invited to join us.

Monday, October 17

5:30 pm

Crowne Plaza Louisville - Airport Expo Center

830 Phillips Ln.

Snacks and drinks will be available.

2016 Kentucky Affordable Housing Conference: "Building a Stronger Kentucky"

A collaborative, hosted by KHC & the HHCK, addressing housing in the Commonwealth- single-family, multifamily, housing counseling, energy efficiency, & housing for special populations.

Tuesday & Wednesday

October 18 - October 19

Crowne Plaza Louisville - Airport Expo Center

Topics for the HHCK- KHC Specialized Housing Workshop track include:

- Housing First 101 : Moving from Concept to Practice
- Landlords and Supportive Housing- Building Partnerships
- Family & Youth Homelessness: How communities are working together to address it.
- Coordinated Entry: Rural Balance of State Systems Shift
- Effective Client-Centered Services in Supportive Housing

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