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Greetings!

**Give for Good Louisville is done and was a
great success!**

***Thank you for helping us reach our goal of at least 50 donors and
\$4,500!***

by Michael Kolodziej

GIVE 
FOR GOOD
LOUISVILLE™

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Give for Good Louisville has come and gone! The biggest day of local giving took place all day on Thursday, September 14th, and once again it was a wonderful experience. MHC also attended the Mid Day rally on 4th Street where 100+ nonprofits also participated.

Last newsletter, we stated our goal for this year's Give for Good was to raise \$4,500, and to also have at least 50 unique donors. I'm extremely pleased to announce that we had 60 unique donors and raised \$5,000. We will find out how much we earned from the matching pools next month, but we already raised more money! Last year we had 39 donors, so an increase of 21! Hopefully next year, we'll reach the stretch goal of 75 unique donors!

A big thanks to everyone that donated and spread the word. I'd also like to thank the hard work of MHC's Development Committee and our Board of Directors. We wouldn't have been able to reach these goals without your help! And of course, thanks to the Community Foundation of Louisville for making it all happen and providing assistance and training at every turn.

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

***Join MHC or Renew Your
Membership Today!***

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
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or

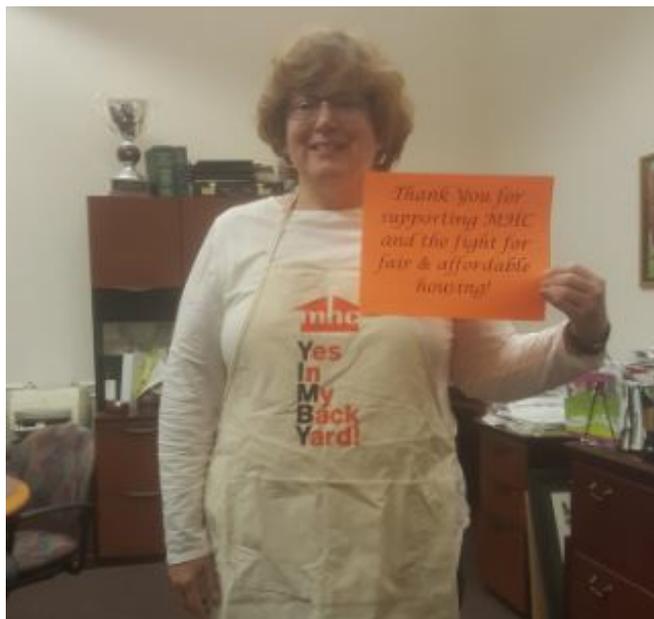
502 584-6858 regarding
donations & gifts.

**To make an online donation,
visit us on the web at
www.metropolitanhousing.org**

or

**Mail your donation to:
Metropolitan Housing Coalition
P.O. Box 4533
Louisville, KY 40204-4533**

Thank you!



Mark your calendars! SMHR to be released Tuesday, December 12th by Michael Kolodziej

What: Official release of 2017 SMHR
When: Tuesday, December 12th, 12:00 pm - 1:00 p.m.
Where: Metro United Way, 334. E. Broadway

MHC has been hard at work with University of Louisville's Center for Environmental Policy and Management (CEPM) working on the 2017 State of Metropolitan Housing Report. This year we will focus on renting especially from a regional perspective. We will have more details on the focus topic in upcoming newsletters, but for now, make sure to mark in your calendars and be there for the release!

Congratulations to the Louisville Metro Department of Resilience and Community Services on their improved changes to LIHEAP by Cathy Hinko

Great changes have been implemented by the Department of Resilience and Community Services to make the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) much easier to use. Last year, they went to a system where people could call into the program to make an appointment. Before you had to go to the physical site just to get an appointment to come back and apply. This

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Community Calendar

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

Louisville Vacant Property Campaign Has a new location! LVPC meets 5:30pm each 3rd Tuesday, currently at the Western Branch of Louisville Free Public Library at 10th and Chesnut (604 S. Chesnut St.)

Free Tax Preparation
Free tax preparation May 15 - October 13, 2017. By Appointment only; Call LABC 502.814.2715

Tuesdays: Louisville Asset Building Coalition
1126 Berry Blvd

Wednesdays: Louisville Urban League
1535 W Broadway

Thursdays (every other week 10 am - 2 pm):
Sun Valley Community Center
6505 Bethany Lane
United Crescent Hill Ministries
150 State St.

Thursday evenings (5 - 8pm)
Americana Community Center
4801 Southside Dr.

*For taxpayers with Household Income of \$65,000 or less
Visit <https://www.labcservices.org/> for more information and on what info to bring*

was implemented with great success.

This year, they have added a pre-registration phase for being able to set-up an appointment. Pre-registration is for Jefferson County residents who are on a fixed income, who are age 60 or over, or disabled receiving social security, SSI, pension, or Black Lung benefits.

The Department also took up MHC's issue on state rules that punish people who use metered gas and electric services and favor those using propane, oil or wood for fuel. The old policies made people have to get a late notice from LG&E (how counter-productive to make households go into default) before they could get the Crisis part of LIHEAP. With the intervention of the city, along with MHC's fair housing argument, the state now recognizes that those using metered utilities should not be required to ruin their credit to gain access to a program when that is not a requirement for others.

We should all commend the Louisville Metro Department of Resilience and Community Services on this commitment to consumer service. Thank you!

For more information on LIHEAP such as required documentation and how to schedule an appointment by phone or online, visit:

<https://louisvilleky.gov/government/resilience-and-community-services/low-income-home-energy-assistance-program-liheap>

Click [here](#) for a downloadable flyer.

LAHTF has announced its Orientation Workshops for 2018 Funding



The workshops will be held as follows:

Wednesday, September 27th 10:00 am

At the Middletown Firehouse, 108 Urton Ln

Thursday, September 28th 9:00 am

At the Edison Center, 701 W Ormsby Ave

Thursday, September 28th 2:00 pm

Phoenix Hill NuLu Farmers' Market: Double \$\$ for SNAP/EBT and Senior Farmer's Market Nutrition Program checks.

Thanks to funding from Community Farm Alliance and Hunt Properties, each Market day, you can DOUBLE your money-up to \$20 for SNAP and \$12 for Senior checks (as long as our grant money is available). Come to Market Manager tent.

**Every Tuesday through the end of October from:
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm
1007 E. Jefferson St.
(corner of Jefferson & Baxter)**

For more info on the Phoenix Hill Nulu Farmer's Market visit [here](#)

Start Fresh

Bank on Louisville's Start Fresh is a FREE workshop for people with negative (non-fraud) banking histories, are in ChexSystems, or are banking for the 1st time. It will help you gain new info & tools to use 2nd-chance or new checking accounts. This workshop will help you think about your relationship with money and plan how you will make mainstream financial services work for you. Upon completion, you will get a certificate you can use to open a new account with Bank on Louisville's bank or credit union partners.

There are two locations for the workshops:

Louisville Urban League hosts the workshop from 5:30-7:30 pm on the following Thursdays:

November 9th

At the Southwest Regional Library, 9725 Dixie Highway

Friday, September 29th 10:00 am

At the South Central Regional Library, 7300 Jefferson Boulevard

For more information on the Louisville Affordable Housing Trust Fund, visit www.louisvilleahhf.org

Free fair housing training!

FREE 90 minute Fair Housing Training for members of HOA and Condo Association

Training led by Lexington Fair Housing Council, a U.S. Department of Housing & Development certified fair housing expert.

Thursday, October 26th

5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Jewish Family & Career Services

2821 Klempner Way Louisville, KY 40205

(located near Bowmans Field on corner of Cannons Ln and Dutchmans Ln)

Are you a member of the Condominium Association or Home Owners Association? Chances are you are a volunteer.

Come to this **free** training to learn about issues that affect your association's by-laws and practices. Make sure that you do not inadvertently violate any fair housing laws.

Questions? Please contact MHC at 502.584.6858 or michael@metropolitanhousing.org. Training is open to everyone not just members of HOA and Condo Association



NIA Center hosts the workshop from 10am-12pm on the following Tuesdays:

**October 10th
December 12th**

To register for any of these workshops or get more info, call Bank on Louisville at 574.5156.

Center for Neighborhoods 2017 Neighborhood Summit Community Showcase



Emceed by Louisville Metro District 4 Councilwoman Barbara Sexton Smith, the 2017 Neighborhood Summit will include a variety of educational mobile workshops in the Portland and Russell neighborhoods, a vendor and information fair, and inspiring general session keynote speakers - all with the purpose to teach new skills, develop new connections, and to energize the work of building a stronger community one neighborhood leader and one community effort at a time.

The 2017 Summit Awards Luncheon, which will also take place at the Summit, provides an opportunity to celebrate the great work happening at neighborhood level across the region.

**Saturday, October 28
8:30 am - 2:45 pm
Kentucky Center for African
American Heritage
1701 W Muhammad Ali Blvd**

Early registration tickets on sale now for only \$15. Visit [here](#).

For more information about the Summit visit [here](#).

NEW LANDLORD/TENANT LAW

**Are you a housing provider?
Do you own rental properties?**

If so, you should know about the new legal protections for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault AND the landlords who rent to them.

The Lexington Fair Housing Council and the Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence are offering 3 free webinars about the new state law and existing federal protections.



To register & receive updates
about this training, visit:
<https://kcadv.clickmeeting.com>



Training is on September 22nd, 3:00 pm



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Have a Kroger card in your wallet or keychain?

Then you're *almost* ready to help support MHC!

If you don't yet have a Kroger Plus card, just ask a cashier for one.

Here's how to get started or re-enroll:

For those who DO have a Kroger Plus card, go to www.kroger.com

If you already HAVE a Kroger.com account:

- 1) At the top of the main webpage, find & click on "Community" on the top right of the screen, just below the "Sign In" box.
- 2) On the 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".
- 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 the "Register" button at the top right of Kroger.com. Simply follow the instructions on the website to set up your account & then follow the above instructions.

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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