

NEWSletter

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APRIL 2004



Come celebrate our 15th year with us!

MHC's 15th Annual Meeting is a bash you most definitely want to attend. We are honoring some of the founding members of the Coalition — those men and women of acute insight who foresaw the need for an umbrella organization to advance the way this region meets the need for affordable housing for low income persons.

The Annual Meeting will be held on **May 12** at **Papa John's Stadium** at 5:30pm with a cash bar, and dinner to follow at 6pm. Fill out the order form on the back of this newsletter and get your tickets now. They do go fast and space is limited.

The founders being honored are:

- **Joe Gliessner** (New Directions Housing Corporation)
- **David Bos** (formerly Director of St. Matthews Community Ministries)
- **Dennis Bricking** (Legal Aid)
- **Galen Martin**, (Fair Housing Council and formerly Director of the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights)

- **Ella Robertson** (Shelby Park Neighborhood Association)
- **Jenny Stoner** (formerly United Way of Kentucky)
- **Sue Speed** (formerly Director of the Homeless Coalition)
- **Jack Trawick** (Louisville Community Design Center)
- **Elwood Sturtevant** (Thomas Jefferson Unitarian Church)
- **Bill and Janet Dakan** (University of Louisville)

You can carry your good wishes to these fabulous people by bringing a friend along to meet many of the most interesting people in town. And you can quote us. Come for music, and lots of fun, because we all love a celebration! Get there early, and mix, mix, mix. Buy a table for your organization, or tickets for yourself and friends. The price of an individual ticket is \$35, and a table for eight is \$300 per table. There are lots of sponsorship opportunities, so don't wait to reserve your space! ■

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April 2004 Meetings

4/2 – REGIONAL HOUSING COMMITTEE
Monday, April 12 at noon, New Directions Housing Corporation, 1000 E. Liberty Street

4/14 – ANNUAL MEETING COMMITTEE
Wednesday, April 14, 9:30am, New Directions Housing Corporation

4/15 – ADVOCACY AND EDUCATION
Special Strategy Meeting this month only!
Thursday, April 15, 9-11:30am, Coalition for the Homeless

4/20 – FAIR HOUSING COALITION
April 20, 11:30am for lunch, noon for presentation, Louisville Urban League, 1535 W. Broadway

4/28 – MHC BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, April 28 at noon, New Directions Housing Corporation

4/29 – MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
Thursday, April 29, noon, New Directions Housing Corporation



MHC MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

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Here's what some of our members are up to ...

The Housing Partnership, Inc. will break ground on its newest development, Fawn Lakes, at 1pm on April 6. Fawn Lakes will be among the first developments in Metro Louisville to use the new Alternative Development Incentive, and it is already generating significant excitement. Please call (502) 585-5451 if you need more information. ■

The ACLU of Kentucky Amicus Club will host a program, *One Nation, Under God: Is the Pledge of Allegiance Unconstitutional?*, at the Inn at Jewish Hospital on Thursday, April 15 at 2pm. Two continuing legal education credits are available for those who attend the program. For reservations or additional information, call the ACLU of Kentucky office at (502)581-9746. ■

Wesley House Community Services will host its annual Circle of Caring Celebration on Thursday, April 22 at 5pm at Locust Grove on Blankenbaker Lane. The program will honor Mrs. Betty Grissom, and her children will accept the award in her honor. Guests will share a special evening of stories and memories of the contribution Mrs. Grissom made to Wesley Community Services. For more information and/or tickets, please call (502) 583-8317. ■

Wellspring's famous Derby Preview Party will be held on Thursday evening, April 22 from 6:30-9pm at the Kentucky Derby Museum. This is a great opportunity to pull out your spring finery, enjoy good company and betting tips, and mingle with racing folks who have made Derby history. As an extra bonus, Bill Doolittle, author of *Kentucky Derby Run for the Roses 125*, and *How to Be a Better Bettor Book*, will share his perspective. All this for \$85 per ticket, and you will help one of our great special needs housing programs. ■

AU Associates' downtown Louisville development, The St. Francis, is the winner of the American Institute of Architects award, as well as the Louisville Preservation Award.

The mixed-use development is composed of 58 apartments and the St. Francis High School. The project was completed with funds from the Mayor's Downtown Housing Fund, The Housing Partnership, the Housing Authority, HUD and historic tax credits with equity from National City Bank. ■

The **Kentucky Housing Corporation** (KHC) and the Kentucky Department for Mental Health/ Mental Retardation Services have developed a physical design for duplex units that are attractive, accessible and affordable. The two agencies have also developed a funding strategy for this model of housing that is simplified and easy to understand. The agencies invite you to a two-day training session on the development of supportive housing for people with substance addiction on April 14-15, at the Salato Game Farm in Frankfort. There is no charge for training, but you are asked to please register by calling or emailing Jim Sparks at KHC at 800-633-8896. ■

MHC reminds you that this is *your* newsletter. If you have newsworthy information that you would like to share with the membership, please call the office at (502) 584-6858. ■

THIS THAT

MHC warmly welcomes our newest members

Welcome new organizational member **C.A.R.E. Kentucky** and its delegate, **Pat Kessinger**, and new individual members **Jennie Jean Davidson** and **John Catlett**, and **David Coyte**. ■

Fair Housing Month's event set for April 20

MHC has staffed the Fair Housing Coalition for 13 years, bowing to its strong belief that housing should never be denied to anyone because of race, religion, national origin, disability or single heads of household. The Federal Fair Housing Act is now over 30 years old, and Louisville's anti-discrimination ordinance was passed in 1967 after

much dispute. **This year's recognition of April as Fair Housing Month will feature a program on April 20 at the Louisville Urban League.** Lunch will be provided.

Our speaker is **Dr. Adewale Troutman** is the newly named Director of Louisville Metro Health Department. Dr. Troutman has an M.D. from the University of Medicine of New Jersey as well as an M.P.H. from the Columbia School of Public Health. He also earned an M.A. in Black Studies from the State university of New York.

Dr. Troutman will address many of our concerns about the disparate impact on the health of low income residents in decaying houses in the urban core. These health issues include lead poisoning,

asthma, cancer, hypertension, stroke, and many others traced to environmental factors. Dr. Troutman is interested in collecting the data needed to improve the delivery of health care to underserved populations and in designing mechanisms to reduce health disparities between minorities and the rest of the community. Block out April 20 now — you don't want to miss this interesting and informative program. Bring a colleague if you wish. ■

2004-07 MHC Board Nominees

The MHC Nominating Committee has nominated the following slate to be elected at

MHC's 15th Annual Meeting on May 12 at Papa John's Stadium. Nominating Committee members are **Joe Stevenson** (Volunteers of America), **Cathy Hinko** (Metro Louisville Housing Authority), **Steve Bourassa** (University of Louisville), and **Ron McKulick** (Southern Seven Workforce Investment).

The slate of nominees is:

- **Barbara Banaszynski**, Volunteers of America
- **Kevin Dunlap**, Louisville Urban League (second three-year term)
- **Gabe Fritz**, All State Builders
- **Maria Hampton**, Housing Partnership, Inc. (second three-year term)
- **David Howard**, National City Bank (second three-year term)
- **John Rosenberger**, New Albany Redevelopment
- **Susan Stokes**, volunteer
- **Phil Tom**, Presbyterian Church U.S.A.
- **Kathi Whalen**, Bank One, (second three-year term)

Nominees may be nominated in writing to the MHC office 30 days before the Annual Meeting on May 12 or from the floor. ■

FY 2005 budget and Section 8

Come hear a panel of national experts discuss the proposed federal FY 2005 budget and the ways it might affect the Housing Choice Voucher Programs, or Section 8.

Barbara Sard of the Center for Budget Policy and Priorities and Phyllis Gilberti from the National Alliance to End Homelessness will speak about the proposal to block grant the Housing Choice Voucher Program at noon at the Center for Women and Families at 248 West Breckinridge Street. Make sure to come get good information on this critically important topic. Bring a brown bag lunch and a friend. ■

MHC Individual MEMBERSHIP FORM

Send MHC a check for \$25 (or more!) for your **INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP!** Please make your check payable to: **METROPOLITAN HOUSING COALITION, & mail to MHC, P.O. Box 4533, Louisville, KY 40204-4533.**

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Make your reservations today!

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