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Non-profit alliance strengthens MHC

The new Non-Profit Housing Alliance exists to strengthen the climate for non-profit affordable housing development in Metro Louisville. NHA continues to gain momentum with new staffing and focus.

Cathy Hinko has joined the staff of MHC as the NHA Program Director and she will work closely with Metro government, a prime supporter of this initiative. The future of NHA and its members is rich with possibilities including: membership mentoring, capacity building, new resource develop-

ment and the opportunity to provide services to all of Metro Louisville.

NHA, with its strong, shared vision, will work to have an impact on policy. Membership in the Non-profit Housing Alliance is open to all non-profit, 501(c) 3, organizations that develop and/or provide housing or have a mission including an explicit intent to provide housing opportunities in Louisville Metro neighborhoods.

Call Cathy Hinko at 584-6858 for more information and an application form. ■

Save May 17, 2005 on your calendar

Save May 17, 2005 on your calendar! At that time, MHC will host its 16th Annual Meeting in the Galt House East Ballroom.

In response to demand for increased mingle time, you will enjoy a full social hour from 5 to 6pm. **James Carr**, Senior Vice President of Research for the Fannie Mae Foundation and visiting professor at Columbia University, will be the keynote speaker.

Mr. Carr's distinguished career includes both governmental and pri-

vate sector positions, aimed at furthering housing research and improving the effectiveness of community investment. He has lectured extensively on housing and urban policy, as well as housing financial services. Mr. Carr is an award-winning leader in the field of housing research and has authored several groundbreaking books on topics ranging from housing policy to municipal finance.

We expect him to offer MHC's crowd of 500+ a compelling presentation! ■

January Meetings

1/10/05

REGIONAL HOUSING THINK TABLE

Monday, January 10, noon

New Directions Housing Corporation

1000 E. Liberty

1/12/05

ADVOCACY & EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Wednesday, January 12, 3:30pm

New Directions Housing Corporation

1/20/05

FAIR HOUSING COALITION

Thursday, January 20, 1pm

New Directions Housing Corporation

1/26/05

MHC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wednesday, January 26, noon

New Directions Housing Corporation



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MEMBER

News

The **LOUISVILLE METRO HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION** is having its Annual Race Relations Conference on January 27, 2005 at the Galt House East. The Keynote Luncheon Speaker is Ms. Juanita Abernathy, the widow of civil rights leader, Rev. Abernathy. Workshop topics include an EEOC legal update, the education achievement gap, doing business with Metro Government, and police community relations. Registration begins at 8:30am and the day ends at 4pm. The luncheon is at 12 noon. For more information, please contact the Commission at 574-3631. ■

The **KENTUCKY COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS (KCHR)** will hold its annual Martin Luther King Day Celebration and King Youth and Adult Leadership Awards on Friday, January 21, from 1-3pm, in the Floyd Theatre, on the third floor of the University of Louisville Student Activities Center, 2100 South Floyd Street. The keynote speaker is Prof. Herman Daniel Farrell III, noted playwright and screenplay writer of more than 30 works. Scenes from his HBO movie, *Boycott*, will be shown. He is also a commissioner of the Midway-Versailles-Woodford County Human Rights Commission. Call KCHR's Adrienne Henderson at 502-595-4024 for more information about this event. ■

CHOICES, INC. will hold their fourth annual Chili Cook-Off at Highland Baptist Church on Saturday, January 29, from 5 until 8pm. Come show

your support by participating as a taster or as a cooker! For more information, contact Tandee at 585-3780. ■

Are you or someone you know in danger of having your heat cut off? Starting January 10, 2005, the **LOUISVILLE METRO COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP** will operate the Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Crisis component. Households with incomes at or below 110% of the poverty level (\$20,735 for a family of four) who are without heat or who are in danger of being disconnected (in receipt of the LG&E cut-off notice or "Brown Bill") may be eligible for help on their gas and electricity bill. For more information, contact your nearest Community Action Partnership office or call 574-1157. ■

WELCOME!

Individual members: **Gordon Garner, Bob Horton, Bani Haines-Hudson & Blaine Hudson, Mary Mayrose, Ron McKulick, and Maura Temes.** Organizational members: **Kentucky Refugee Ministries, Inc.** with delegate **Carol Young; St. John Center, Inc.** with delegate **Sr. Kathleen Sheehan; New Zion Community Development Foundation** with delegate **Carmen Tisdale; LDG Development, LLC** with delegate **Chris Dischinger; Center for Nonprofit Excellence** with delegate **Kevin Connelly; Baja Works Development Corporation** with delegate **Roberto Bajandas.** ■

THANKS!

MHC appreciates the support of these foundations in 2004: **Judah Foundation, Making Connections Louisville,** and **Presbyterian Church USA,** and we are also grateful to **Publishers Printing** for in-kind donation. ■

Upcoming MHC Events

On Tuesday, **January 11** at 3:30pm, at New Directions Housing Corporation, come for a *Local Affordable Housing Trust Fund* discussion. This is your chance to contribute to a process to advance Mayor Jerry Abramson's vision of a local housing trust fund for our community. ■

On Wednesday, **January 12** at noon, MHC and the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis will facilitate a follow-up to November's meeting on *Preserving Affordable Rental Housing* at the Louisville Urban League. Bring a brown bag lunch. ■

THIS THAT

Kentucky Affordable Housing Trust Fund update

As the General Assembly heads into a six-week session at the end of January, advocates must remain vocal about protecting the Kentucky Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The Kentucky AHTF received \$3 million from the general fund for FY2004, the last budget that was passed, but it continues to lack a dedicated source of revenue. This means that every year as the General Assembly creates the state budget — the existence of the housing trust fund is threatened.

The Kentucky AHTF is a crucial source of funding that addresses unmet housing needs in Metro Louisville. It is also a highly efficient source of revenue, leveraging local funds on an average of 7:1 dollars in additional resources.

In 2004, AHTF funded these local programs: Boys Haven Cottages, Dreams with Wings scattered site permanent and rental housing, and the New Directions Housing Corporation Home Repair Program. All of these programs address critical housing needs for families at or below 50% of area median income.

Please call your local representative and senator to remind them that the Kentucky Affordable Housing Trust Fund is crucial to Metro Louisville and must be funded for FY 2005 and FY 2006 before the General Assembly session in January! ■

Thinking about building or rehabbing affordable housing?

MHC has low interest loan money available at 3% interest to its non-profit member organizations for new construction or rehab of affordable housing. The money is part of the KHC Nonprofit Housing Production and Rehabilitation program. Builder/developers must be members of the Metropolitan Housing Coalition to apply. If you are interested in the program, call Cathy Hinko at 584-6858. ■

ASAP-utility subsidy program approved

The Public Service Commission recently approved three years of funding for the All Seasons Assurance Plan. Utility advocates have awaited this decision since the PSC closed the program in 2002. Louisville Metro Human Needs Alliance will help administer the program.

ASAP will help low-income families bear the increased cost of utilities by subsidizing their bills. Participating families will pay only 10% of total household income towards the bills and ASAP will supplement by paying the remainder. In addition, the program helps pay

down outstanding utility debt over the first year of participation.

The estimated 900 households to be served are those with the least income and with the highest costs. Eligibility requirements include participation in the LIHEAP program, a monthly income of at least \$100, not living in subsidized housing, and an arrearage less than \$700. Referrals are now being accepted through community ministries and the Louisville Metro Community Action Partnership. For more information, call 585-3556. ■

WANTED

Part-time staff administrative assistant at MHC

MHC is seeking highly-organized applicants for the position of Administrative Assistant. The position is half-time. Resumes accepted through January 15, at MHC, P.O. Box 4533, Louisville, KY 40204. Job description available on request. Call 584-6858 for information.



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