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Greetings!

Give for Good Louisville is less than a month away: Thursday, September 14th !

**Support MHC and make it the biggest day yet
by Michael Kolodziej**

GIVE 
FOR GOOD
LOUISVILLETM

HOSTED BY **COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF LOUISVILLE**

Give for Good Louisville (formerly Give Local Louisville) is less than a month away! The biggest day of local giving takes place from 12:00 a.m. - 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, September 14th.

Last year was a success as we had our most amount of unique donors ever on this day of giving. MHC's goal this year is to raise at least \$4,500, and to also have at least 50 unique donors. However, it's good to have different sized goals so the ultimate goal is to raise +\$7,500 and have 75 unique donors. Organizations are rewarded extra money through shared prize pools (3 pools worth \$60,000 each) by reaching unique donor milestones of 25, 50, and 75. Last year we were just short of 50 so by reaching those two

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 michael@metropolitanhousing.org

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:
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milestones of 50 and 75 we'd be even closer to the larger goal!.

Please consider giving to us on September 13th. You can help even further by becoming a **Peer-To-Peer Fundraiser!** If you already plan on giving to MHC this year, sign up to become a Peer-to-Peer Fundraiser and help us cultivate more donors. You can sign up on by contacting michael@metropolitanhousing.org.

The advantage of this fundraising approach is each peer-to-peer fundraiser gets a unique page representing MHC where you share your own story on why you personally support MHC and can set your own fundraising goal. You then receive a weblink to this unique page that you can share via email or social media to individuals from your own selected list of contacts. This is a new feature to Give for Good Louisville and could make a large impact! Help MHC achieve our ultimate fundraising goal and become a Peer-to-Peer Fundraiser!

In the mean time, keep a look out in your emails, e-blasts, and on social media for updates on Give for Good Louisville and spread the word to your friends and family. There are a lot of great organizations that you can support during the biggest day of local giving. Let's make this year even more successful than the last!

Comprehensive Plan Workgroups have begun meeting again

Comprehensive Plan Work Groups are meeting again. There will be at least one more meeting for each group to review policy lists. There will be a close out meeting where all goals, objectives, and policies for all six groups will be presented - similar to the kick off meeting last November. Work Groups should receive a list of policies one week before their scheduled meeting. Here are the upcoming dates and meeting locations for all six Work Groups.

- **Livability** (Main Classroom #1 - 301 York St.)
Tuesday, August 15th, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
- **Community Facilities** (Neighborhood House - 201 N 25th St.)
Friday, August 18th, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
- **Community Form** (South Central Regional Library, 7300 Jefferson Blvd)
Tuesday, August 22nd, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- **Housing** (Edison Center - 701 W Ormsby Ave)
Thursday, August 24th, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- **Mobility** (Louisville Urban League - 1535 W Broadway)
Tuesday, August 29th, 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
- **Marketplace** (Edison Center - 701 W Ormsby Ave)
Thursday, August 31st (*Time TBA*)
- **Work Group Close Out** (Memorial Auditorium, 2nd Floor Ballroom - 970 4th St.)
Saturday, September 16, 9:00 am - 11:00 am

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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

MHC and JCPS Get the Lead Out



With the help of great volunteers, MHC handed out lead dust test kits at the JCPS Clothing Assistance event. Since the kickoff of our Get the Lead Out campaign, we've handed out over 2,000 free kits! Thank you to all of our volunteers, JCPS, Mayor's Healthy Hometown Grant, Louisville Metro Department of Health and Wellness, Lead Safe Over Louisville, and Louisville Metro Department of Housing!



Visit <https://www.labcservices.org/> for more information and on what info to bring

4th Annual Smoketown GetDown for Democracy

Jefferson County Chapter of Kentuckians For The Commonwealth presents the 4th Annual Smoketown GetDown for Democracy! Smoketown GetDown is a FREE block party powered by the people and open to the public with live entertainment and local food & beer.

Featuring voter registration, Smoketown organizations, family-friendly activities, food trucks, and a West Sixth Brewing beer garden. Smoketown GetDown is co-hosted by the Jefferson County Chapter of Kentuckians For The Commonwealth and Kertis Creative.

GetDown Facebook Event info [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

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

September 12th
October 10th
December 12th

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

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>



Helping You Manage Your Utility Costs, brochure

Improving Energy Efficiency in your home with resources to assist you with paying your utility bills

Over the years, MHC has worked with LG&E to help create a brochure on resources that help manage utility costs. Below is the newest iteration of the brochure. You can click on the images to get each page as a JPEG or you can click the link below to go to the report section of our website. It is titled "Helping You Manage Your Utility Costs 2017".

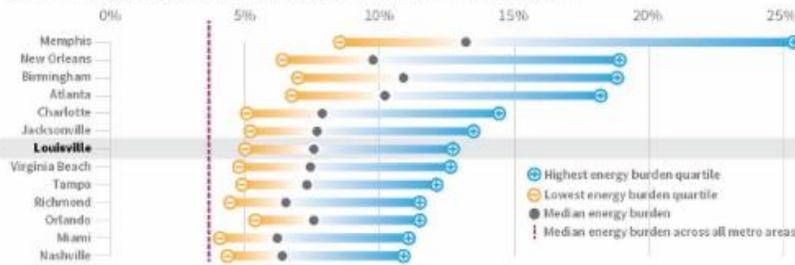
<http://www.metropolitanhousing.org/resources/mhc-reports/>.

Please share this with as many people as possible!

How energy efficiency can help low-income households in Kentucky

Low-income Kentuckians face high energy burdens, meaning that an outsized portion of their income goes towards home energy bills, including electricity, natural gas, and other heating fuels. This is despite their having some of the lowest energy rates in the United States. While investments in energy efficiency will benefit utilities and communities throughout Kentucky, low-income and rural residents will see particular benefits since they tend to live in less energy-efficient housing. Research suggests that for both single- and multifamily low-income households, energy efficiency can eliminate up to 35% of their excess energy burden.¹

Quartile Energy Burdens of Low-Income Households in Southeastern Cities



Low-income households in Louisville face relatively high energy burdens. Half the low-income households in Louisville have an energy burden greater than 7.6%, and a quarter of them, over 12.7%. The national average is 3.5%.

Benefits of Energy Efficiency

Residents, communities, and utilities across the country have much to gain from energy efficiency. The state of Kentucky and the utilities that serve Kentuckians could deliver these benefits to those most in need by expanding policies, programs, and investments in efficiency.

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LOWER MONTHLY BILLS.
 More disposable income, reduced stress, more money spent in the local economy.
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IMPROVED HOUSING.
 Safer and more comfortable homes, increased housing satisfaction, lower maintenance costs.
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LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.
 More local jobs, improved quality of life, increased property values.
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LESS POWER USED.
 Reduced environmental pollutants, avoided investment in generation, capacity, and transmission.
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IMPROVED PUBLIC HEALTH.
 Reduced pollution from power plants, improved indoor air quality and occupant health, lower healthcare costs.²

Kentucky low-income energy efficiency programs

In two recent surveys of large utilities, ACEEE found that per residential customer, utilities across the Southeast spend slightly less on low-income energy efficiency programs than utilities in other parts of the country. They also save less energy per residential customer.⁴ Duke Energy Kentucky and Louisville Gas & Electric Company/Kentucky Utilities Company are exceptions in Kentucky. Utilities can maximize energy savings and other benefits for every household by increasing low-income energy efficiency spending and delivering more targeted, comprehensive programs.

Kentucky utility low income energy efficiency programs (2015 data)

Electric utility	Spending per residential customer (\$)	Savings per residential customer (kWh)
Duke Energy Kentucky	\$6.73	7.39
Kentucky Power	\$1.44	1.99
Louisville Gas & Electric Company / Kentucky Utilities Company	\$12.36	20.81
Southeast Median	\$2.42	2.78
National Median	\$2.58	2.86

Jobs

Over 23,600 Kentucky residents already work on products and projects that cut energy waste. Energy efficiency creates local jobs in the manufacture, sale, and installation of efficiency measures.³

Strategies to reduce the energy burden in Kentucky

Southeastern states have many options for reducing energy costs for low-income households. The following are a few best practices that Kentucky can use, especially as it considers establishing policies and rules to govern utility investments in energy efficiency programs throughout the state.

- 1 Enact policies to encourage or require energy efficiency investments in low-income households.**
State legislatures and public service commissions can pass legislation, enact regulations, and/or issue commission orders that set spending or savings requirements for utility low-income energy efficiency programs. State housing finance agencies can allocate low-income housing tax credits with preference to projects that incorporate energy efficiency measures.
- 2 Establish guidelines for treating low-income energy efficiency programs in cost-effectiveness tests.**
States can exempt low-income programs from cost-effectiveness requirements or establish cost-effectiveness frameworks that capture the range of nonenergy benefits delivered by these programs (e.g., health, safety, air quality improvements).
- 3 Coordinate ratepayer-funded energy efficiency efforts with other statewide and local weatherization programs.**
Utilities can partner with community action agencies or other weatherization providers to coordinate resources, offer additional energy conservation measures, and address health and safety deficiencies in participants' homes.
- 4 Convene a group of state, local, and utility stakeholders to focus on low-income energy efficiency.**
State and local officials, utility representatives, advocates, and members of the low-income housing community can work together on efforts to serve low-income households.
- 5 Design energy efficiency programs to reach both owners and renters.**
Use a portfolio approach to offer a range of energy efficiency measures and services that are accessible to both renters and owners.
- 6 Deliver dual fuel or fuel-blind programs to address electric and natural gas use simultaneously.**
Individual utilities can offer programs that address both end uses, or electric and gas utilities can coordinate programs and funding streams. These approaches decrease program labor and delivery costs and make it easier for customers to enroll.

Notes

1 aceee.org/research-report/111602.

2 aceee.org/fact-sheet/ee-and-health-betterbuildingsolutionscenter.energy.gov/sites/default/files/attachments/Home%20&%20The%20Health%20Benefits%20of%20Home%20Performance%20-%20A%20Review%20of%20the%20Current%20Evidence.pdf.

3 energy.gov/downloads/2017-us-energy-and-employment-report.

4 Utility-specific low-income spending and savings data came from the following reports: aceee.org/research-report/11707; aceee.org/white-paper/low-income-ee-baseline; sealliance.org/wp-content/uploads/Low-Income-Landscape-Assessment-FINAL.pdf. For the utilities included in this last study, we calculated total low-income program spending and savings amounts from data collected by SEEA. We pulled residential customer counts for these utilities from the EIA 861 dataset at www.eia.gov/electricity/data/eia861/.



Earn money for MHC just by shopping Kroger

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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