

# Fair and Affordable Housing for All



Greetings!

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## **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.

## **Louisville Metro Housing Authority FY2020 Moving to Work Annual Plan Violates the Recommendations of the Housing Needs Assessment**

by Cathy Hinko  
August 23, 2019

The Louisville Metro Housing Authority (LMHA) has been a part of a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) program called Moving To Work (MTW) which allows participating housing authorities to ignore the federal laws on allocation and even to pass changes to how Voucher and Public Housing residents are treated without going through the federal law-making process. Basically, allowing the latitude to unilaterally override federal law.

LMHA has used this power to move money out of Section 8 Vouchers and to decrease the potential number of low-income people served every year. MHC has commented on this travesty every year. However, now that the Housing Needs Assessment has identified the need for 32,000 new (additional) housing opportunities for those with incomes below 30% of median income, it becomes clear that LMHA has only contributed to the lack of affordable housing for those with greatest need.

The Section 8 Voucher program has been the program for the lowest income households for decades, as there is a federal mandate that at least 75% of households entering the program have incomes below 30% of median. Yet just this year alone, LMHA took \$5million from the Section 8 Voucher program which, according to their own estimate of the average assistance, would have served over 650 families: 75% of 650 is 487 families at the lowest income levels that are not being served just this year. LMHA has used the Section 8 Voucher program as a piggy bank for operations for as long as they have been MTW, so the cumulative amount of human misery they have not addressed is staggering.

While LMHA claims this is from a Project Based Vouchers, they are only perpetrating a fraud. The second way that LMHA is violating the Housing Needs Assessment is by not replacing the public housing that is being torn down- or double counting it. Beecher Terrace is not getting replaced with newly built replacement units. Instead LMHA is creating contracts with private vendors for already existing rental units, so there will be a net loss of 400 or more

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P.O. Box 4533  
Louisville, KY 40204-4533

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501 (c)(3) organization. Your  
contribution is tax deductible within IRS  
regulations.

## Community Calendar

**Fair Housing Coalition**  
meets at 2:00 P.M.  
on the 2nd Tuesday of each  
month at New Directions,  
1000 E. Liberty

**Louisville Vacant  
Property Campaign**  
meets at 5:30 P.M.  
on the 3rd Tuesday of each  
month at the  
Western Library  
604 South Tenth Street

**Women's Equality Day**  
August 23-24, 2019

rental units in Louisville. But they double count those contracts to replace public housing as new Section 8 Project Based Vouchers. Either they are new or they are replacement- counting them twice is deceptive.

There are problems with the replacement units that will create hardship for people coming off the waiting lists, but in response to MHC's comments, the only people LMHA addresses is current residents. They are turning a blind eye to those on the waiting list. Once again.



## SUPPORT MHC!

### September 12, 2019

Give For Good Louisville

**20 DAYS** UNTIL LOUISVILLE'S BIGGEST DAY OF GIVING!

### Four ways YOU can PARTICIPATE and SUPPORT MHC:

**1** [CLICK HERE](#) to **DONATE** between midnight and 11:59PM on September 12, 2019.

**2** **SIGN UP** as a Peer-to-Peer Fundraiser for MHC. CONTACT MHC Development Director Tony Curtis at [tony@metropolitanhousing.org](mailto:tony@metropolitanhousing.org) to setup your page.

**3** **SHARE** the MHC Give For Good Louisville page link with your social media and e-mail networks. Tag [@mhclouisville](#) in your social media post and use the hashtag [#GiveForGoodLou](#).

**4** **SETUP** a 1:1 MATCHING GIFT for MHC. Contact Tony at [tony@metropolitanhousing.org](mailto:tony@metropolitanhousing.org) for more information.

**VOTE = POWER**  
IN CELEBRATION OF WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY

August 24, 2019

Join us for this FREE event commemorating the 99th Anniversary of the right for women to vote. We will celebrate and acknowledge the struggles and victories of women from the creation of the 19th Amendment up to modern day. All welcome!

Featuring:  
Hannah Drake, Spoken word artist  
Coline Jenkins, Great great granddaughter of Elizabeth Cady Stanton  
Mackenzie Berry, Founder of Young Pioneers of Louisville

NETWORKING & SHOPPING  
10:00-10:30 am  
PROGRAM  
10:30-12:30 am

**frazier**  
FRAZIER HISTORY MUSEUM  
829 W Main St, 4th Floor

More information: [FrazierMuseum.org](http://FrazierMuseum.org) **8/24/2019** FREE EVENT ALL AGES WELCOME

**Friday, Aug. 23**  
Intimate evening with Coline Jenkins, great-great granddaughter of Elizabeth Cady Stanton

Lang House, 115 S. Ewing Ave.,  
Louisville

5:30 - 7:00 pm EDT  
\$25 in advance, \$30 at door  
Register [HERE](#)

**Saturday, Aug. 24**  
**VOTE = POWER**

Frazier History Museum, 826 W. Main St. (4th floor), Louisville

10 - 10:30 am: Networking and shopping  
10:30 - 12:30: Program  
Free!

**Kentucky Affordable Housing Conference**  
Lexington Convention Center  
Lexington, Ky  
September 12-13, 2019



Kentucky Housing Corporation, in partnership with the Homeless and Housing Coalition of Kentucky, is proud to present this year's [Kentucky Affordable Housing Conference](#), Beyond the Vision of Home, Thursday and Friday, September 12-13, 2019, at the Lexington Convention Center in Lexington, Kentucky. Keynote speakers

## WHAT DOES SUCCESS LOOK LIKE?

100 Unique Donors

\$7,500 in Donations

Accessing ALL Prize Pools @ 25, 50, & 75 unique donors

Securing a 1:1 Matching Gift

**Thank you for your continued support of MHC!**

## Metropolitan Housing Coalition's 30th Anniversary Birthday Bash

September 12, 2019  
6:00 - 9:00PM



@ Mile Wide Beer Co.  
636 Barret Ave.  
Louisville, KY 40204



## You are Invited to Celebrate 30 Years of the Metropolitan Housing Coalition!

The Metropolitan Housing Coalition (MHC), with our event partner [Mile Wide Beer Co.](#), invite you to join MHC for our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Birthday Bash on September 12, 2019 at Mile Wide Beer Co. (636 Barret Ave., Louisville, KY 40204) from 6:00 - 9:00 P.M. We will be celebrating 30 years of housing advocacy work, creating awareness for fair and affordable housing in the Louisville community, and inviting you to participate in [MHC's Give For Good Louisville fundraiser](#). LIVE music starts at 6:30 P.M. and MHC will provide birthday cake to all who attend. There are no cover charges to attend, but we ask that you consider a donation to support MHC's Give For Good Louisville campaign.

Mile Wide Beer Co. is donating a portion of the proceeds from their core beer sales for the evening. Enjoy a Brabble (Blonde Ale); Idlewild (Session IPA); Leroy (American Brown Ale); Kapowski (Amber Ale); or McPoyle (Nitro Milk Stout) and support MHC's mission!

include Jon Petz, Glenn Lundy, Jonathan Kumar, Samantha Johnson, and Rob Perez. Learn more about conference speakers, sessions, and registration on [KHC's website](#), under News/Events, Conference, [2019 Kentucky Affordable Housing Conference](#).

[Register](#) today for this year's dynamic consortium of thought leaders and housing industry experts, and we'll look forward to connecting with you in September!

## One West's Responsible Revitalization Symposium 2019 September 13-14, 2019 Register [HERE](#)

One West is hosting a critical event in order to take a comprehensive look at how the residents of neighborhoods in the West End of Louisville are responding to and benefiting from the substantial development currently taking place in these neighborhoods. Through this conference, we hope to co-create a work-plan leading to the implementation of formal equity and inclusion policies that will ensure responsible revitalization.

Click [HERE](#) for event information.

**Dona O'Sullivan  
Fund to Fight  
Homelessness  
September 16, 2019  
Flanagan's Ale House  
934 Baxter Ave.**

Food will be available to purchase onsite at Mac's Dough House.

Follow the Facebook Event to let us know if you can attend and to learn about musician announcements:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/430043037836828/>.



## Property Tax Help Available

Property Tax time will soon be here and it is time to plan on how to pay those taxes if you are not currently being escrowed by a mortgage lender. Property Tax bills will be mailed to homeowners on November 1, 2019. If you know now that there will be a financial hardship created in paying that tax bill, there is help available. If you act BEFORE the end of November you may even take advantage of a 2% discount on the bill. LHOME, a mission-driven Community Development Loan Fund has limited funds available to assist in paying current and/or delinquent tax bills. We are located at Taylor and Berry Blvds In Louisville and exist to provide access to capital to areas of our community that have been financially underserved.

Our property tax loan product can not only save you 2% if applied before the end of November, it is available at a very low interest rate and avoids all late charges and penalties. Act now and save! If you apply during September or October you can be ready to take advantage of the discount and not worry about the bill when it arrives in November. We spread the repayment over 12 to 24 months. To qualify for this loan you must be the owner and occupant of the property being taxed and you must have a source of income which will allow repayment over time.

Don't wait until the last minute, call or email our chief loan officer Dan Farris today: 502- 657-1297, [dfarris@lhomeky.org](mailto:dfarris@lhomeky.org), [www.lhomeky.org](http://www.lhomeky.org).

11AM to Close

Join us in supporting the

**DONA O'SULLIVAN**  
Fund to Fight Homelessness



934 Baxter Avenue | 502.585.3700

Live music on  
the patio featuring  
**Hound of  
the Buskervilles**



**Monday,  
September 16th**  
Doors open at 11am

"Dona was a fierce advocate for the homeless;  
her spirit lives through support of people like you!"

100% of the proceeds from sales will be contributed.

LHOME may also help answer questions about homestead and disability exemptions available if you qualify and have not previously applied. Don't wait, waiting is not your financial friend in this case.



## Click & Listen to UofL Oral History: Fair Housing in Louisville

The [University of Louisville Archives & Special Collection's Oral History Center](#) digitized (w/ transcript) oral history interviews with many of Louisville's fair housing advocates from the "Fair Housing in Louisville" archive.

Click [HERE](#) to listen to the ALL of the interviews!

## Support MHC Through Kroger Community Rewards and Amazon Smile!



- (1) Go to [www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com](http://www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com).
- (2) Look for "I'm a Customer" and click "View Details."
- (3) Sign in with your existing Kroger account,

or create a new account.

(4) Enter the code BA764 in the "Find an Organization" search box - click "Search."

(5) When Metropolitan Housing Coalition pops up, simply click "Enroll."



(1) Sign in to smile.amazon.com on your desktop or mobile phone browser.

(2) From your desktop, go to Your Account from the navigation at the top of any page, and then select the option to Change your Charity. Or, from your mobile browser, select Change your Charity from the options at the bottom of the page.

(3) Search "Metropolitan Housing Coalition" and click "Select" to support.



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