

#### FAIR HOUSING DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

The Bowling Green Human Rights Commission is a non-profit agency committed to serving the community through advocating for the rights of the protected classes which includes: Race, color, religion, national origin, age (over 40), sex, disability, and familiar status (in housing). Created by the City of Bowling Green ordinance in 1966, the commission also investigates allegations of discrimination in housing, employment, and public accommodations. The commission overall efforts focuses on education, assistance and promoting fair treatment and positive human relations within our community.

The staff and board members of the Bowling Green Human Rights Commission would like to wish everyone a very



Happy, Safe,

#### WHAT IS FAIR HOUSING?

The fair housing act of 1968 was the last of the Civil Rights Movement's important legislative initiatives passed in the tumultuous 1960's.

Following the Civil Rights Act of 1964 which addressed public accommodations, and the Voting Rights Act of 1965 which addressed voting rights, the Fair Housing Act of 1968 was passed and signed into law on April 11, 1968 just a week after the assassination of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. It is often stated and believed that assassination of Dr. King was the final act is officially known as the Fair Housing Act of 1968.

The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in housing on the basics of: race, color, national origin, religion, sex. In the sale and rental of housing it is prohibited to refuse to rent or sell housing, refuse to negotiate for housing, make housing unavailable, deny a dwelling, set different terms, conditions or privileges for sale rental of a dwelling, provide different housing services or facilities.

In 1968, the Fair Housing Amendments of 1988 were passed and this expanded coverage of the Fair Housing Act to prohibit discrimination in housing practices based on disability and familiar status.

#### **Examples of Discrimination**

A landlord puts families with children in a separate building so they want disturb other tenants.

#### Why does this violate the Fair Housing Law?

If the owner rents to persons of all age groups (i.e. does not specialize in seniors, etc.), then this would be discrimination based on familiar status.

A landlord charges Hispanics tenants a higher deposit because he/she believes they cause more damage than non-Hispanics.

#### Why does this violate the Fair Housing Law?

This is discrimination based on National Origin

A property owner advertises an open rental property with the phrase"Christians preferred."

#### Why does this violate the Fair Housing Law?

This is unlawful under the state and federal Fair Housing Law based on religion.

A real estate agent shows an African American couple housing in a predominately black neighborhood and shows a Caucasian couple housing in a Caucasian neighborhood.

#### Why does this violate Fair Housing Law?

This term is called steering, which means a person (s) being discouraged from seeking housing in particular community, neighborhood.

The act established design and construction requirements for multi-family housing (consisting of four or more dwelling units) built for first occupancy after March 13, 1991.

"LETS LOOK BACK ON THE BOWLING GREEN
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION HIGHLIGHTS OF
FAIR HOUSING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2018
~ 2019"

Room In The Inn events: WATCH SERVICE STATE STREET
BAPTIST CHURCH December 31, 2018





<u>Homeless Memorial at HOTEL, Inc. Chapel December 21,</u>
2018





<u>Hispanic Resource Fair TECHNICAL COLLEGE April 09,</u>
2019



#### STAND FOR CHILDREN EVENT JUNE 18, 2019





**WORLD REFUGEE DAY EVENT JUNE 29, 2019** 







DELTA HOMEOWNERSHIP WORKSHOP SEPTEMBER 07, 2019 HELD AT MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH



IAOHRA CONFERENCE ORLANDO, FLORIDA AUGUST 22 ~
AUGUST 27, 2019









## BOWLING GREEN APARTMENT ASSOCIATION FEEDING THE HOMELESS



SOUTHERN KENTUCKY REALTORS ASSOCIATION FAIR
HOUSING PROCLAMATION APRIL 10, 2019













# BOWLING GREEN APARTMENT ASSOCIATION DONATED AND DELIVERED ITEMS TO ROOM IN THE INN BOWLING GREEN FOR THE WARMING SHELTER











<u>VETERANS RESOURCE FAIR TECHNICAL COLLEGE NATIONAL</u>
<u>GUARD AMORY</u>







Warren County Service Fair at Warren Central High School





BOWLING GREEN APARTMENT ASSOCIATION AWARD
CEREMONY NOVEMBER 22, 2019 AT LOUISVILLE MARRIOTT







Fair Housing Event Theme:

The 1<sup>st</sup> Fair

Housing Community Neighborhood Celebration

April 26, 2019







































### <u>VETERANS APPRECIATION COOKOUT DAY EVENT</u> <u>FAIRVIEW PLAZA CENTER</u>















# HOUSING AUTHORITY OF BOWLING GREEN JOB AND EDUCATION FAIR







The Bowling Green Human Rights
Commission and board members
would like to thank all of our
Community Partners for your
support and continued support
over past and present years to
come. We hope that all of you
will have a prosperous New Year.
We could not do the work that we
do without all of you, for that We
Say Thank You!!!

#### **COMMUNITY PARTNERS LISTING**

THE CITY OF BOWLING GREEN AND

**NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES DEPARTMENT BOWLING GREEN POLICE DEPARTMENT** WARREN COUNTY FISCAL COURT THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF BOWLING GREEN **LEARNING CENTERS** FORT WEBB OLDHAM CENTER COMMUNITY ACTION OF SOUTHERN KENTUCKY **EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER PHASE 36** LIFESKILLS, INC. HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOTEL, INC. **SALVATION ARMY ROOM IN THE INN NAACP VETERNANS AFFAIRS** WARREN COUNTY SCHOOLS **BOWLING GREEN CITY SCHOOLS BOWING GREEN TECHNICAL COLLEGE** SOUTHERN KENTUCKY REALTORS ASSOCIATION **BOWLING GREEN APARTMENT ASSOCIATION BOWING GREEN LEADERS ADVOCATING THE COMMUNITY** DELTA, INC COMMUNITY EDUCATION STATE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH MARTIN LUTHER KING PLANNING COMMITTEE SEVENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH **BROADWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** HOMELESS AND HOUSING COALITION OF SOUTH **CENTRAL KENTUCKY** LEXINGTON FAIR HOUSING COUNCIL **KENTUCKY COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS** SCOTT CROCKER LAW FIRM **HUGHES AND COLEMAN LAW FIRM** CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH **BUILDERS ASSOCIATION** GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER CENTER **ALPHA KAPPA SOROTITY SCHOLAR HOUSE** 

KENTUCKY LEGAL AID	
BARREN RIVER AREA SAFE SPACE	
ELEVENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH	
LOUISVILLE APARTMENT ASSOCIATION	
BALLOON -A-GRAM	
WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY	
CENTER SOUTH UNION BAPTIST CHURCH	
MARIAH'S RESTURANT	