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As Seasons Change... **JUSTICE REMAINS: PROTECT FAIR HOUSING**

As crisp air rolls in and leaves begin to turn, we're reminded that while seasons may change, the fight for justice, equity and housing rights must remain steady. Fair Housing isn't a seasonal issue — it's a year-round commitment to ensuring every person, every family, every neighborhood has access to safe, affordable, and discrimination-free housing.

October is a time of reflection, harvest, and preparation. It invites us to look inward and consider what kind of communities we're nurturing around us. Are they inclusive? Accessible? Rooted in equity? These are questions that move us from awareness to action—and the answers shape the housing landscape for generations to come.

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AMPLIFY Internship Program

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month



If you're a student or recent graduate looking for a meaningful opportunity to make a difference, we'd love to hear from you! Email us at info@fhcmm.org to learn more.

This season let's challenge biases, advocate for equity, and stay informed about the rights and responsibilities that uphold fair housing. Justice may bend with the wind, but it should never fall with the leaves.

Together, we can be the steady voice that reminds our neighbors, leaders, and institutions that fair housing is not optional...it's essential. As fall invites us to slow down and reflect, may it also move us to recommit to a future where every person has the dignity of a safe, welcoming home—no matter who they are or where they came from.



Spotlight from Our Report: When Choice Isn't An Option

Did you know that the areas in Memphis with the highest rates of Fair Housing complaints are also those facing the most severe housing hazards? From mold to leaks to pest infestations and non-functioning elevators, our first-year data revealed that these poor conditions are concentrated in historically Black neighborhoods—often neglected and near environmental hazards.

This alarming overlap underscores a deeper truth: housing discrimination isn't always loud or obvious—but it's often embedded in the very walls we live within.

Interested in reading more?
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October is

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

What does Fair Housing have to do with it?

Survivors of domestic violence often face additional barriers when seeking safe and stable housing. Under the Fair Housing Act, it is unlawful to discriminate against someone because of their sex — and that includes protections for survivors who have experienced violence, stalking, or harassment in the home.

Housing providers cannot:

- Evict or refuse to rent to someone simply because they are a survivor.
- Treat domestic violence as a “disturbance” that justifies eviction.
- Deny housing based on stereotypes or assumptions about victims.

**This October, we stand in
solidarity with survivors.
Safe, stable, and
discrimination-free housing
is not a privilege — it's a right.**



Fall Into Reading with *Finding Home:* A Story of Fair Housing

This fall, curl up with a story that's traveling far and wide—changing the way we talk about justice, belonging, and the meaning of home. *Finding Home: A Story of Fair Housing* is a beautifully illustrated children's book designed to spark big conversations with little learners.

From bedtime reading to classroom lessons, this story is a must-have for parents, educators, and advocates alike. It teaches kids ages 5–10 about fairness, family, and the right we all share to live in a safe, welcoming home—no matter who we are or where we're from.

Already reaching homes and classrooms across more than a dozen U.S. states and now even Jamaica! *Finding Home* is proving that this message resonates far beyond borders.

Add it to your shelf today and join the movement for fair housing, one story at a time.

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[Click here](#) to order the books or visit www.fhcmm.org.

Partnership Spotlight: Whitehaven Library

This fall, we're proud to launch a brand-new partnership with Whitehaven Library—a hub of learning, growth, and opportunity in South Memphis. As one of our newest collaborators, Whitehaven Library has opened its doors to host monthly "Knowledge is Power" Fair Housing classes for adults and serve as the pilot site for our AMPLIFY Youth Internship Program.

Together, we're creating an intergenerational impact—equipping the community with the tools to navigate housing decisions while empowering teens to become fair housing advocates in their communities. We're excited about the future of this partnership and all the ways it will help strengthen access to education, equity, and opportunity.

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**AMPLIFY
YOUTH INTERNSHIP
program**

At the Fair Housing Council of Metropolitan Memphis, the AMPLIFY Youth Internship Program empowers middle & high school students to:

- A**dvocate for housing justice
- M**obilize their peers and communities
- P**romote public awareness around fair housing
- L**ead with purpose and integrity
- I**nitiate meaningful change through service
- F**oster equity by learning Fair Housing laws
- Y**ield their voice to ignite impact

Together, our interns don't just learn — they AMPLIFY their voice, their impact, and their future.

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Fair Housing Tip of the Month: When “NO” Isn’t Just a “NO”.



You don’t need to experience direct name-calling or threats for discrimination to be illegal.

Housing discrimination can show up in a subtle—but still harmful—ways, just like a landlord delaying your application, refusing reasonable accommodations, or steering you to certain neighborhoods based on your race, disability, or familial status. If something feels unfair, it might be. Trust your gut and reach out to us! We are here to help you know your rights and protect your housing journey.



Get Involved

Volunteer with us, host a training, or become a [Fair Housing Tester](#). Learn more at www.fhcmm.org/events

Upcoming Events & Trainings

- Come & Learn: Knowledge is Power – October 15th @ 10:30AM | Cherokee Library
- AMPLIFY Internship Interest Meeting – October 23th @ 2:00PM | Whitehaven Library
- Lunch & Learn: Knowledge is Power – October 27th @ 12:00PM | Whitehaven Library
- AMPLIFY Internship Training – October 29th @ 2:00PM | Whitehaven Library



Fair Housing Myth Buster

Each month, we’ll tackle a common myth or misconception about fair housing laws.

This Month’s Myth:

“Fair Housing only applies to large apartment complexes, not private landlords or single-family homes.”

FACT:

The Fair Housing Act applies to most types of housing—including single-family homes and properties owned by private landlords, especially when they use a broker or advertise publicly. Many people assume fair housing laws only cover large-scale housing providers, but that is simply not true. If you’re renting or selling housing, chances are you’re covered by the fair housing law.

Discrimination doesn’t need a big building to do damage—know your rights, speak up, and protect your housing power!

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