



# MEMPHIS

## Heard The Message

### FAIR HOUSING MONTH RECAP

April was a powerful month of awareness, education and action across Memphis. From community events and workshops to media and outreach, fair housing conversations reached thousands throughout our city.

**We showed up. Memphis showed up.**



### BY THE NUMBERS



**38,222**  
Pieces of literature & promotional items distributed



**Malco Cinema**  
Fair Housing Ads shows before each movie at 3 different locations



**Mighty Lights**  
Memphis Bridge lit blue and purple on April 11<sup>th</sup> the anniversary of the Fair Housing Act



**MATA**  
Bus ads inside and outside citywide



**Spotify**  
Advertising campaign reaching over 92,000 people



**Countless**  
Trainings, events, partnerships & outreach efforts

# FAIR HOUSING MONTH

## In Action

A MONTH OF EVENTS. A CITYWIDE IMPACT

- APR 1** No Joke Fair Housing Kick Off Rally
- APR 2** Understanding Fair Housing Compliance & Best Practices for developers at the Community Redevelopment Agency
- APR 6** Training for Tenant Screening Protections Cohort
- APR 8** Fair Housing Month Conference: Fair Housing Council of Central Indiana
- APR 8** Meeting with Yolanda Cooper-Sutton regarding the Behind Closed Doors Report
- APR 9** Knowledge is Power Lunch and Learn at the Poplar Library
- APR 10** Fair Housing Matters Conference with West Tennessee Legal and TN Fair Housing
- APR 11** Telisa Franklin's Neighborhood & Community Resource Fair
- APR 11** Mighty Lights for Fair Housing
- APR 13** FHCMM on Zaneta's Consumer Corner on WREG News Channel 3
- APR 13** Knowledge is Power fair housing Training at Community Alliance for the Homeless
- APR 16** Accessible Homes, Real Rights: A Renter's Workshop on Fair and Livable Housing with Disability Connection Mid-South
- APR 17** Knowledge is Power Training for the Shelby County Land Bank Nominal Conveyance Conference
- APR 21** Fair Housing Class Collaboration @ Memphis Are Association of Realtors
- APR 21** Knowledge is Power: Digesting Fair Housing Q&A with the Kiwanis Club of Bluff City
- APR 25** Agape Fest
- APR 28** Knowledge is Power Lunch and Learn at the Whitehaven Library



More people now know about fair housing than they did one month ago.

# ACCESSIBLE HOMES Real Rights

In partnership with Disability Connection Mid-South, FHCMM hosted Accessible Homes, Real Rights: A Renter’s Workshop on Fair and Livable Housing.

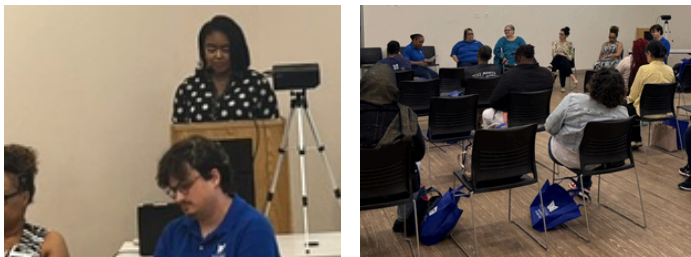
The workshop focused on disability rights, accessibility barriers, reasonable accommodations and modifications, and accountability when housing systems fail residents.

## WHAT WE DISCUSSED

- ✓ Livable housing
- ✓ Accessibility barriers
- ✓ Housing conditions
- ✓ Reasonable Accommodations & Modifications
- ✓ Advocacy & accountability



“Fair housing is not just about access—it’s about livable conditions.”



## PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

# Shepherd's Haven

### DAY CENTER FOR ADULTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Throughout Fair Housing Month, Shepherd’s Haven Day Center has been an incredible partner to FHCMM.

Over the past two months, our friends at Shepherd’s Haven helped organize outreach materials and prepare resource bags for community events and trainings across Memphis, helping us expand our outreach efforts in a meaningful way.

According to Day Center Director Pam Griffin, “Our friends love to help others. They enjoy the process of getting a large task completed. They enjoy working together toward a goal, just as any group of friends would.”

Their joy, teamwork, and sense of purpose were felt throughout Fair Housing Month, and we are deeply grateful for their partnership and heart for the community.



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# FAIR HOUSING *In This Jun*

Resources. Rights.  
Trainings. Community Updates.

We're here to help you navigate  
your rights and build a stronger,  
more inclusive Memphis.

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## FAIR HOUSING TIP *of the Month*

### It is best to get a lease in writing

Month-to-month agreements can leave renters vulnerable to sudden rule changes, added fees, or housing instability. A written lease helps clearly outline your rights, responsibilities, protections, and expectations as a tenant.

Without a signed lease, enforcing certain tenant protections can become much more difficult. Always read your lease carefully before signing and keep a copy for your records.



## FAIR HOUSING MYTH



**"If your rent is due before your disability check arrives, you still have to pay late fees or risk penalties."**



If your disability income is your primary source of income, you may be able to request a reasonable accommodation to align your rent due date with when your disability check is received. Housing providers must consider reasonable accommodation requests related to a person's disability.



## LET'S KEEP BUILDING A FAIRER MEMPHIS

Your voice, your partnership, and  
your support help open doors and  
create opportunities for all.

*Thank you for being part of the change!*



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## REMINDER:

## WE OFFER TRAININGS!

Let us bring a training your organization, business, or community group. Together we can build a more equitable Memphis for ALL.

### Trainings We Provide:

- Knowledge Is Power**  
 Free community-based trainings designed to educate residents about fair housing rights, discrimination, disability rights, source of income protections, and how to recognize and report violations.
- Finding Home**  
 Youth-centered fair housing education using storytelling, books, interactive discussions, and educational resources to teach children and young people about fairness, belonging, and housing rights.
- A.C.C.E.S.S.**  
**Advancing Compliance, Community Equity & Systemic Solutions**  
 A fee-based professional training program for businesses, housing providers, property managers, and corporate teams focused on fair housing compliance, accessibility, disability rights, and inclusive practices.



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