

There's No Place Like HOME

Everyone had a wicked good time at the Pinnacle on August 8 for our signature fundraiser There's No Place Like Home! Nearly 350 guests joined us for our fifth annual happy hour celebration, helping to make this year's event our most successful!



DJ Mpress once again kept the crowd on their feet, many of whom sported red shoes to honor the evening's theme.

The 50/50 raffle, Red Shoe Raffle, and silent action offered a great selection of prizes, including the chance to take home Wizard of Oz-themed décor, beauty packages, wine baskets, a car detail, autographed Cleveland Cavs merchandise, private marina dockage, and much more!

Emmy award-winner and host of the Daily Downtown, Brigitte Burnett served as emcee for the evening's short program. President and CEO Marie Flannery thanked donors, sponsors, and community partners for their support

that enabled The Fair Housing Center to continue providing vital services to our community even during a challenging delay in grant funding.

We want to recognize our Development, Outreach, and Communications Committee for helping us pull off the event by selling tickets, making decorations, gathering auction items, and making this year the best yet!

Special thanks to Joan Rauh from RE/MAX who organized a special team of friends and colleagues to volunteer at the event and kept things running smoothly all night.

Many guests showed their generous support by making a Gift of the Heart, a direct donation to help further The Fair Housing Center's mission so more people in our community can live in diverse, vibrant neighborhoods where they have the opportunity to thrive.

Thank you to everyone who attended and donated to make There's No Place Like Home a special evening. Because of your support, we are able to continue this vital work and ensure everyone can find a place to call home.





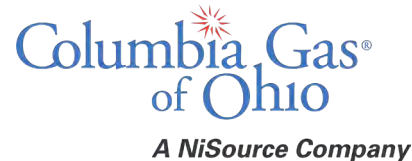
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It's been a busy and exciting year, here's a quick recap of what we've been up to so far.

ODE to the ZIP CODE



The fourth annual Ode to the ZIP Code poetry contest concluded with a live event at Handmade Toledo on April 18. Phil Kaplan served as this year's emcee, and judges

Sandra Rivers-Gill, Joel Lipman, Jonie McIntire, and Jim Ferris narrowed down the outstanding group of entries to select the top three winners in both youth and adult categories, who were awarded cash prizes. This partnership of The Fair Housing Center, Toledo City Paper, The Arts Commission, and Toledo Lucas County Public Library encourages local residents to write short poems inspired by their ZIP Code, highlighting the ways our lives are shaped by where we live.

1st Place Adult Terri Draper

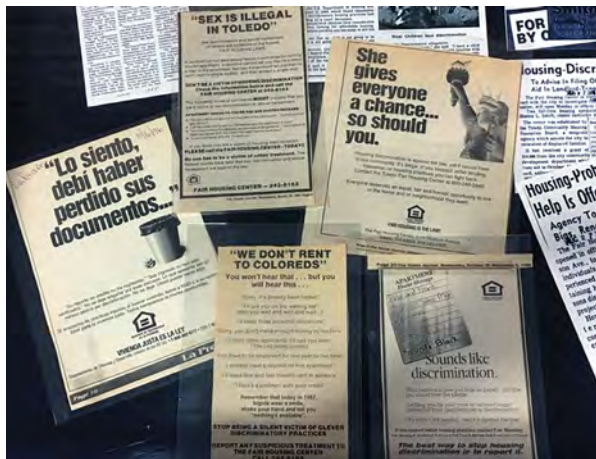
- 4 I vaped with the
- 3 Dollar Tree boy
- 6 In his pickup bed in the
- 1 Empty
- 5 Parking lot of Family Video

1st Place Youth Mia Westfere

- 4 No "darkest hour" comes
- 3 Where light's everlasting,
- 6 An electric city in candlelight glows
- 1 Brilliantly.
- 4 Only people grow weary.

Presentation at Ohio Realtors Conference

We were excited to receive an invitation from the Equal Opportunity & Diversity Committee to present at the Ohio Realtors 2019 Spring Legislative Conference in Columbus in April. It was a great chance to discuss how our ZIP Code impacts our opportunities for success and share the WIMBY campaign with housing professionals across the state.



Canaday Center Special Exhibit

We're so honored that the history of our organization is now part of the permanent collection at the Ward M. Canaday Center. Stop by the Carlson Library at the University of Toledo to view the full archive of photos, news clippings, advertisements, annual reports, and other materials, and learn more about the impact we've had on our community for more than 40 years.

Open House

We welcomed the community to meet our new President and CEO Marie Flannery during an Open House hosted at The Fair Housing Center in January. Local leaders, community partners, and elected officials joined us to enjoy appetizers and learn more about Marie's vision for the organization.



Connecting with the Community



Rock the Block – Staff joined Maumee Valley Habitat for Humanity, Fifth Third Bank, and other community partners to help revitalize the Junction neighborhood by completing home exterior maintenance projects.



Toledo GROWs – TFHC staff and volunteers planted, harvested, and bagged fresh herbs and vegetables from the Toledo GROWs community garden, helping to provide healthy food to local residents in our community.



ADA Day at the Zoo – The Ability Center hosted their annual ADA Day at the Zoo event, drawing together local organizations including TFHC to offer resources to people with disabilities so they can enjoy a more accessible community.

Standing Up For Our Client's Rights

After Carmen's* therapist recommended that she get an emotional support animal to help ease the symptoms of her mental disability, she received a kitten from her niece and requested a reasonable accommodation from her landlord. She was asked to complete a lengthy packet of paperwork that required a notarized statement from her doctor as well as a detailed description of the symptoms of her disability. Her landlord approved her request but then informed Carmen that her rent would be going up. After learning that other residents paid less than she did, Carmen inquired about why her rent was being increased and was told simply, "It just is." The Fair Housing Center advocated for Carmen's rights and was able to reach a successful resolution that included monetary damages and fair housing training for the housing provider. To ensure other tenants will not have to face the same burdens, the housing provider also agreed to amend their policy and will no longer require notarized documents or specific information about the nature of a resident's disability.

*Name changed to protect the client's privacy



Have you joined the Movement?

Help foster more diverse, inclusive communities by joining the Welcome In My Backyard (WIMBY) campaign! Inspired by similar efforts in other communities, WIMBY Ohio is a timely and powerful response to the “Not In My Backyard” sentiment that leads to discrimination, harassment, and intolerance.

It's easy to participate! Take the WIMBY pledge, display a yard sign or window decal, and share on social media.

Visit wimbyohio.org to take the pledge today, or contact The Fair Housing Center at 419-243-6163 to pick up free WIMBY signs.



DELTA THETA PHI CHARITY GOLF SCRAMBLE



Benefitting The Fair Housing Center

We were so thankful to learn that the Delta Theta Phi law fraternity at UT selected The Fair Housing Center as the beneficiary of their annual charity golf scramble. Aside from raising funds for an important cause, this event is intended as an opportunity for UT law students to network with professors, attorneys, and other professionals. Please help show your support by signing up!

Sunday, September 15 at 8:30 a.m.

South Toledo Country Club

3915 Heatherdowns Blvd., Toledo, Oh 43614

\$50 per person or \$200 per team

Contact Nick Goedde to sign up at 419-890-9853 or Nicholas.goedde@rockets.utoledo.edu

Save the Date!

ANNUAL MEETING

&

COURTYARD CONNECTIONS



October 16
at 5:30 p.m.

WHO WE ARE

Get to know some of the passionate people who help us keep housing fair!

BOARD PROFILE – Keith Jordan



Serving on The Fair Housing Center’s board for the past four years is just one of the many ways Keith is involved in strengthening our community. His passion for mentoring children motivated him to become the co-founder of JLJ Vision Outreach, and he was recognized in 2017 as a Jefferson Award winner for his devotion to public service.

Originally from Toledo, Keith is a doctoral candidate and earned an MBA focused on organizational strategic leadership.

His interest in civil rights stems from his family, and Keith shares that his “mother and father grew up in the Jim Crow South as sharecroppers” who “witnessed many horrors” and “fled to Toledo for a better living.” They were instrumental in instilling him with a sense of “self-abnegation and service.” Aside from

“If you strive to achieve, you’ll achieve as you strive.” – Keith Jordan

his family, Keith also finds inspiration in his faith.

Keith enjoys his life and work so much that even if given the opportunity to trade places with another person for a week, he would turn it down, stating, “I love who I am and what I do. I am somebody.”

His advice to anyone interested in nonprofit or civil rights work is, “You should be able to do it without lights. Serve because it’s who you are. Don’t move off passion, move because it’s right.” Finding the right role is important because “if you have to question your purpose then it’s not for you.”

VOLUNTEER PROFILE – Tina Hughes

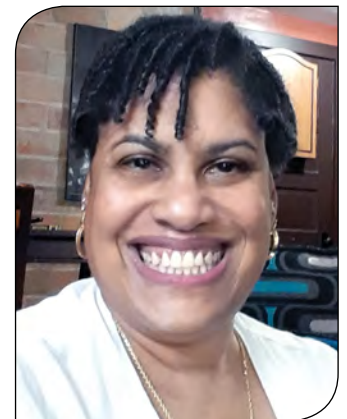
After meeting board member Cherie Sears at a mutual friend’s home, Tina learned more about The Fair Housing Center’s work and realized she could be an asset to the organization. Her passion for social issues stems from more than 20 years of experience as a social worker, so she knows firsthand “how housing discrimination can affect the quality of one’s life and the lack of adequate housing can lead to the deterioration of the familial unit.” Tina regards fair housing as important because, “When families have the security and stability of a home, children have a sense of hope for their futures. When people believe in their neighborhoods, communities become united.”

Tina draws strength and inspiration from “emotionally and spiritually strong women” who remind her that “tomorrow always brings another opportunity to rise above those challenges and keep moving forward.”

Serving for so many years as an advocate and voice for children, Tina believes “children should have the opportunity to grow in a household where they feel loved, protected, and valued.”

In fact, if she was given the opportunity to be President for the day, her goal would be to make sure “all children experience absolute joy for that 24-hour period.”

When Tina takes a break from serving her community, she enjoys cooking, writing, watching old movies, and spending time at home with her husband, two teenage boys, and two spoiled cats.



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VISION

The Fair Housing Center will be a leading visible force in preventing and correcting discriminatory practices.

MISSION

The Fair Housing Center is a non-profit civil rights agency dedicated to the elimination of housing discrimination, the promotion of housing choice and the creation of inclusive communities of opportunity. To achieve our mission, the Center engages in education and outreach, housing counseling, advocacy for anti-discriminatory housing policies, research and investigation and enforcement actions.

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