WHY IS FAIR HOUSING IMPORTANT?

Fair housing ensures everyone is treated equally when negotiating the sale, rental, insuring, or financing of property. Housing discrimination occurs when a person is treated differently than others because of their race, color, sex, national origin, religion, disability, familial status, sexual orientation, or military status. Equal housing opportunity is important because where you live often determines the quality of education your children receive, employment options, and access to services. Your zip code should not determine your destiny.

Equal housing choice is required by law.

The Fair Housing Center

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.

ARE YOU READY TO BE AN AMBASSADOR FOR JUSTICE?

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WHAT IS TESTING?

Testing is an investigative tool utilizing trained individuals to gather credible information about housing practices. Similar to mystery shoppers, testers pose as renters or buyers of real estate in order to determine whether unlawful housing discrimination is occurring.

WHY IS TESTING IMPORTANT?

Testing ensures that:

- All home-seekers are receiving an accurate representation of all available housing options or services and are able to choose from all housing options for which they qualify.
- Home-seekers are allowed to form their own conclusions about the housing or related products they are considering.
- Housing rates, deposits, and specials, as well as the opportunity to apply, are equally provided to all.
- Home-seeker qualification is determined solely by income, credit, rental history, and other legitimate factors.

WHY SHOULD YOU BE A TESTER?

The work accomplished through The Fair Housing Center’s testing program is vital to ensure equal housing opportunity within our community. The valuable experience of being a tester allows you to give back to the community and serve in the fight for justice.

Potential Testers must be:

- Objective and fair
- Observant and detail-oriented
- Responsive and flexible
- Able to follow detailed instructions and write a fact-based report
- 18 years of age or older
- Conscientious and responsible in honoring their commitment

In addition, you must have:

- Good written and communication skills
- Reliable transportation

Testers receive a stipend based on the type of test that is conducted, and mileage is also reimbursed under certain circumstances.

Are you ready to help us make a difference?
If you are interested in attending the introductory tester orientation/training, please call (419) 243-6163