

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS TO FAIR HOUSING

YOU HAVE A RIGHT, by law, to rent, purchase or obtain financing or insurance for housing without discrimination based upon RACE, COLOR, SEX, NATIONAL ORIGIN, RELIGION, AGE, MARITAL, FAMILIAL or DISABILITY STATUS. Both State of Michigan and Federal laws apply to the actions of owners, real estate brokers or agents, apartment managers, cooperatives, condominiums, mortgage lenders, appraisers or residential insurers, and they prohibit, with few exceptions, any differences in treatment based on any of the protected characteristics.

WELCOME TO THE FAIR HOUSING CENTER OF METROPOLITAN DETROIT

Since 1977 the Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit (FHCMD), a private, non-profit, citizen based organization - with IRS 501 (c) [3] tax exempt status - has worked to help assure equal housing opportunities throughout the metropolitan Detroit area. As you will discover when you browse this website, FHCMD has had many significant successes, especially in relation to improving the enforcement of fair housing laws, with subsequent improvements in the fair housing behavior of housing providers in the metropolitan Detroit area. ***The recovery from defendants of over \$11,000,000 for the plaintiffs in 394 closed litigations has made a positive difference for fair housing***

. Our goal is to go out of business - when we and the community can be assured that homeseekers are able to exercise their equal rights to the housing of their choice, without encountering unlawful housing discrimination.

The evidence from the housing discrimination complaints filed with FHCMD by homeseekers, from the "testing" conducted by the FHCMD, and from the statements provided by many housing providers who support fair housing laws and are willing to step forward to help expose violations of those laws, demonstrates that practices of unlawful housing discrimination continue and the services of FHCMD are needed. Your support as a complainant, a tester, a witness, a Cooperating Attorney, a researcher or as a financial contributor can help us reach the day when all persons have equal rights to the housing of their choice.