We are very pleased to announce that, with support from The Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, Louisville Branch, MHC will welcome Michael Bodaken as the 2009 Annual Meeting keynote speaker.

As you know, each year MHC supporters, local businesses, elected officials, neighborhood groups and concerned residents gather to dine, network and learn where we fit into the national affordable housing landscape. MHC is committed to bringing keynote speakers who are bright thinkers with fresh and unique perspectives about affordable housing needs — and Michael Bodaken is just that! In addition to speaking at the dinner, The Federal Reserve Bank will arrange for Mr. Bodaken to have personal time with Louisville area housing leaders, assuring that our community will benefit the most from his visit.

Michael Bodaken serves both as President of the National Housing Trust (NHT) and President and Treasurer of the National Housing Trust/Enterprise Preservation Corporation. The Trust engages in preservation policy, affordable housing lending and development. Mr. Bodaken has been largely responsible for growing the organization in becoming a leader in the field of affordable housing preservation. His efforts for the Trust have directly led to the preservation and improvement of over 20,000 apartments throughout the nation, involving over $1 billion in financing. Additionally, Mr. Bodaken serves as President of NHT/Enterprise, an organization founded by the Trust which owns and operates an additional 3,000 affordable apartments in eight states and the District of Columbia, and NHT Community Development Fund, an organization that provides low interest loans to preservation developers across the United States.

Mr. Bodaken is the convener of the National Preservation Working Group, a member of the Advisory Board of the Housing Development Reporter, as well as the Executive Committees of the National Housing Conference. He serves on the board of directors of the National Leased Housing Association, Homes for America, Housing Preservation Project, Urban Vision, Fairfax and Montgomery County Housing Tax Forces, and Stewards for Affordable Housing for the Future. With this impressive vita, it is easy to see that he is the best fit for the MHC 2009 Annual Dinner. Please mark your calendars now for Thursday, June 4 from 6 to 9pm at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, 320 West Jefferson in Louisville.

For more information about this exciting event, please call the MHC office at (502) 584-6858.
End of year success!

Thank you for helping MHC ring in the new year with the overwhelming support of your end-of-year gifts. This year’s fundraising appeal was hugely successful because of supporters like you! Whether you gave a donation this time or were unable to, having your name on the long list of MHC supporters makes us stronger as we advocate for safe, fair and affordable housing.

As you know, in this economic downturn, raising funds can be a daunting task for many nonprofits. But because we believe that our mission is ever more valuable during these hard economic times, it was our goal to at least double this year’s donations from last year’s. We were able to reach this goal by doing things a little differently. This year we:

✔ Accepted online donations for the first time.
✔ Held fundraising phone banks with board members as well as volunteers.
✔ Engaged a local student artist to design our direct mailing card.
✔ Focused on getting more individual donors than ever before.

Because of this proactive approach, we were able to meet our goals despite the challenges of the economy. This simply proves that when MHC members see a need, you are willing to give generously to make lasting systemic changes. Together we are transforming this basic human need into a basic human right!

Save the date – January 29

You are cordially invited to join the Metropolitan Housing Coalition as we welcome Kentucky Housing Corporation’s new CEO Rick McQuady and recently appointed Board Chair William E. Summers, V, at a Wine and Cheese Welcome Soiree on Thursday, January 29 at 5:30—7:30pm. Please stop by the Metropolitan Housing Coalition office at 3587 Dutchmans Lane (located in the JFVS Building) for wine and light refreshments. Please let us know you are coming by calling Theresa at 584-6858. Come to network and welcome these two important affordable housing advocates!

Rick McQuady was recently named Chief Executive Officer and has worked at the Kentucky Housing Corporation for 23 years. He is a native of Louisville and a recent resident of Lexington. McQuady has previously served Kentucky Housing as controller, chief programs officer, chief operating officer and chief financial officer. He is a certified public accountant (CPA) and is a member of the Kentucky Society of CPAs and the American Institute of CPAs. He holds a bachelor’s degree in accounting and a master’s degree in business administration from Eastern Kentucky University.

William E. Summers, V is an 11-year veteran of Louisville’s banking and financial services industry. He currently serves as the Vice President of Central Bank’s Louisville Private Banking Division. Mr. Summers is a life-long resident of Louisville and is very involved in our community. He serves on various boards and is dedicated to making the quality of life in our hometown the best it can be.
To learn more about upcoming events and other items of interest to affordable housing advocates, please visit [www.metropolitanhousing.org](http://www.metropolitanhousing.org). While you’re there, you can check out our new look! Send us your email address if you would like to receive our new e-newsletter!

**SCHEDULE of EVENTS**

**JANUARY 13** — Our History in the Time of Milk, Tuesday, January 13, 7pm at Chao Auditorium, Ekstrom Library at University of Louisville. Come to hear about the life of Harvey Milk and to hear the story of our local LGBT movement.

**JANUARY 19** — Martin Luther King Jr. Day is Monday, January 19. Please find a local event commemorating this day and honor the life and work of Rev. King.

**JANUARY 27** — Human Relations Commission, Continuing the Dialog Conference, Tuesday, January 27, 8am until 4pm at the Galt House Hotel, 140 N. Fourth Street. Meet Garai Chideya, our keynote speaker, who’s a multimedia journalist from NPR’s News and Notes. For more info, call (502)574-3631.

**JANUARY 27** — Fairness Lobbying Training at the Fairness Campaign 2263 Frankfort Avenue, Tuesday January 27, 6–8pm. Come to prepare yourself to make the most change this legislative session.

**JANUARY 27** — River City Housing’s Second Annual Wine Survivor and Silent Auction on Thursday, January 29 at 7pm. As a plus for housing friends, the event is at The Green Building, 732 E Market. This is the first LEED Platinum certified commercial building in Louisville! Get ready for a good time at a great place with an awesome agency to support. Contact info@RiverCityHousing.org.

**JANUARY 29** — Wine and Cheese Welcome Soiree on Thursday, January 29, 5:30–7:30pm at the office of Metropolitan Housing Coalition, 3887 Dutchmans Lane. Join the MHC as we welcome Kentucky Housing Corporation’s new CEO Rick McQuady and recently appointed Board Chair William E. Summers, V. Wine and light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP by calling Theresa at (502) 584-6858. (Read more about the event on page 2.)

**FEBRUARY 10 & 17** — Kentuckians for the Commonwealth (KFTC) General Assembly Lobby Days is Tuesday, February 10 for the Restoration of Voting Rights Lobby Day, and Tuesday, February 17 for I Love Mountains Day (with a rally at noon). Check out kftc.org or call 502-589-3188 for details.
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