

# What is MHC?

Metropolitan Housing Coalition (MHC) is a private, non-profit education and advocacy organization focused on fair and affordable housing in the 13 counties in Kentucky and Southern Indiana that form the Metropolitan Louisville region.

Over 300 individuals and organizations support MHC as coalition members. They believe that safe, decent housing is a basic human right and the cornerstone of vibrant, healthy communities.

Each coalition member makes Louisville's voice for housing stronger.

**Join MHC and help build this strength!**

To support the production of affordable housing, MHC:

- conducts innovative research demonstrating our housing need;
- educates and mobilizes people to collaborate on housing policy advocacy;
- organizes forums and public actions on housing and community development issues; and
- assists affordable housing developers by running the Non-profit Housing Alliance (NHA) and operating a construction loan pool.



*"Without decent housing, I don't know where children would do their homework. I don't know where they would find their anchor and we all need to be anchored somewhere."*

- Suzy Post,  
MHC Founding Director



*"MHC is very important to the Center for Accessible Living and our clients because they are the watch dog of fair housing for all the groups of people who cannot speak for themselves. MHC is also a wonderful educator for our community, making this area a better place to live."*

- Lee Ann Thomas, Housing Program Manager  
Center for Accessible Living

## Metropolitan Housing Coalition



*The united voice for fair, accessible & affordable housing in Greater Louisville*



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*Greater Louisville's  
Voice for Safe, Fair &  
Affordable Housing  
since 1989*

# Organizing & Advocacy

MHC works for a future in which every person in the Metropolitan Louisville Area has a safe, decent, affordable place to call home. To achieve this goal, MHC identifies important affordable housing and community development issues in order to craft policy responses.

MHC has led many advocacy and organizing efforts, building coalitions to advance legislative and policy priorities.

Our advocacy successes include:

- developing strategies to address our growing vacant property crisis;
- facilitating a coordinated, multi-agency response to children's homelessness;
- creation of both the Louisville and Kentucky Affordable Housing Trust Funds;
- inclusion of Alternative Development Incentives for affordable housing in the Louisville Land Development Code; and
- intervening before the KY Public Service Commission on three utility cases to fight for the interests of low-income ratepayers.

*"MHC's strong research and advocacy efforts bring together many parts of our community- from concerned citizens to non-profits to builders like me- to help ensure we can meet the great need for affordable housing in our region. That's why I'm a MHC member."*

- Tawana Hughes, Owner  
Tawana Hughes  
Builder LLC



JOIN  TODAY!

# Research & Education

MHC analyzes housing policy from a data-driven perspective then uses this research as a tool to advocate for fair, safe, and affordable housing. Our research brings important housing issues to light.

Since 2003, MHC has published the annual *State of Metropolitan Housing Report*, which examines nine housing measures and explores a focus topic important to affordable housing.

MHC also provides current and valuable housing data through our other research papers. Our groundbreaking research topics include: Louisville's foreclosure crisis, the impacts of vacant properties on neighborhoods, and our growing population of students experiencing homelessness.

MHC brings our research to the community and uses public education to empower residents to take action. MHC keeps our members informed about important housing issues with our monthly newsletters and regular e-mail alerts.



*"Metropolitan Housing Coalition's annual State of Metropolitan Housing Report provides critical information and analysis on affordable housing to the entire Louisville community. Without their services, we would be a much poorer city."*

- Janel Temple, Director of Family Services & Outreach  
Habitat for Humanity of Metro Louisville

 research publications  
are available for free download at  
[www.metropolitanhousing.org](http://www.metropolitanhousing.org)

# Get Involved!

MHC depends on the volunteer energy of our diverse membership to support our committees. Please contact MHC to learn more about these committees and to participate.

- **Louisville Vacant Properties Campaign (LVPC)** brings together concerned citizens, neighborhood organizations, non-profits, businesses, and governmental agencies to explore the problems and opportunities created by vacant properties.
- **The Fair Housing Coalition (FHC)** responds to fair housing issues and supports anti-discrimination efforts in housing and lending.
- **The Education & Advocacy Committee** explores opportunities to advocate for affordable housing policies in Greater Louisville and Kentucky and advises MHC's public education campaigns.

MHC also establishes ad-hoc committees as needed to address current issues in housing and community development.

*MHC's members are the foundation of our coalition. Together we form the voice calling for fair and affordable housing for all people.*

*Become a member of MHC and add YOUR voice to the united coalition for safe, decent, and accessible housing TODAY!*

Yes, I want to become a member of 

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