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Are you aware of the increase in hate and discrimination in communities across the nation, including here in Connecticut? Perhaps you wonder what you can do to help fulfill the promise of the Fair Housing Act, a civil right, the right of people to live where they choose, free from housing discrimination.

The Fair Housing Association of Connecticut, Inc. (FHACT) is Connecticut's 180+ member Fair Housing 501(c)(3) organization. In this, our 41<sup>st</sup> year, we continue to work towards more inclusive communities. We educate. We advocate. We collaborate with others when there's a need to litigate.


**Each April, during Fair Housing month**, we host the pre-eminent Fair Housing conference in Connecticut. This year the conference is on Thursday, **April 30, 2020 at the Hilton Gardens in Wallingford, Connecticut, from 8:15 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.** The conference title is **OUR 2020 VISION: COMMUNITIES THAT ARE INCLUSIVE**

Data shows us that communities are actually becoming less inclusive and more segregated. Acts of hate and discrimination are on the rise. Discrimination against people with disabilities, including group homes, occurs here in Connecticut. Municipalities don't always understand that the Fair Housing Act applies to them, including to land-use decisions. **We have an exciting panel of speakers to discuss group home and issues affecting people with disabilities, including municipal obligations and liabilities.**

Other hot topics include: **LBGTQIA fair housing issues and inclusivity**; keynote speaker Michael Allen, Esq., from Relman, Dane & Colfax (Washington DC), **"Welcoming the Stranger: Federal Law and Faith Traditions"**; and the presentation of the movie, **"Testing the Divide"**, and a panel to discuss **Newsday and Fair Housing Justice Center's ground-breaking 3 year investigation of housing discrimination in NY:"**

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. reminded us that the "The arc of the moral universe is long but it bends toward justice." But it won't bend without our combined effort and support. Won't you work with us, help us in our mission of education and advocacy, by contributing as set forth on the sponsorship form? We will be happy to honor your support of Fair Housing at the conference, as indicated.

Thank you in advance for being a Fair Housing supporter, and don't hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Yours very truly,  
  
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