



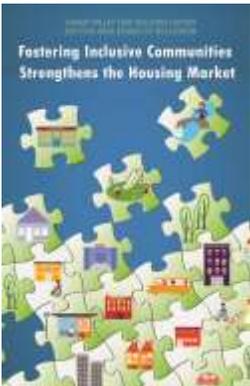
# MIAMI VALLEY FAIR HOUSING CENTER NEWSLETTER

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## HUD Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing & Equal Opportunity to present keynote address at April Fair Housing Month Event



The Miami Valley Fair Housing Center is please to announce that Gustavo Velasquez, the Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing & Equal Opportunity for the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development will present the keynote address at the 2015 Fair Housing Month Event, sponsored annually by Miami Valley Fair Housing and the Dayton Area Board of REALTORS®.

This year's event will focus on the theme of *Fostering Inclusive Communities Strengthens the Housing Market*, and will be held on Thursday, April 2, 2015 at Sinclair Conference Center. The event includes educational workshops that are approved for continuing education for Realtors and other housing professionals, followed by a luncheon, keynote presentation and presentation of the Marie Kindrick Fair Housing Awards.

### Fair Housing Month Keynote Speaker

Gustavo Velasquez was nominated by President Obama and confirmed by the United States Senate to become Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Prior to his nomination, Velasquez was Executive Director of the Latino Economic Development Center (LEDC), a non-for-profit organization based in Washington, DC dedicated to serve thousands of Latinos and other immigrants and underserved populations to gain the necessary skills and capital to start and maintain their own businesses. Prior to his tenure at LEDC, he served for seven (7) years as Director of the District of Columbia Office of Human Rights, where he led the enforcement provisions of the DC Human Right Act, considered one of the most comprehensive non-discrimination laws in the country.



### Fair Housing Month Schedule

Date: Thursday, April 2, 2015

Location: Sinclair Conference Center, 444 W. Third Street, Dayton, Ohio 45402. Parking in Lot C under Building 12 is included in the registration

8:30—11:30 a.m. REO Management and Fair Housing workshop

10:15—11:30 a.m. Accessible Housing Initiatives workshop

11:45—2:00 p.m. Luncheon, Keynote Presentation and Marie Kindrick Awards

*Note: Check in for the workshops begins 30 minutes prior to the start of the workshop*

For more information and registration visit [www.mvfairhousing.com](http://www.mvfairhousing.com)

*Workshop descriptions on Page 2....*

## Fair Housing Month Workshops

### REO Management and Fair Housing Workshop

This workshop explores the impact of REO properties and abandoned foreclosures, and will highlight efforts to stabilize area communities of color. The workshop features a panel of experts who will explain what their agencies are doing to combat problems with REO properties and abandoned foreclosures. They will also talk about innovative programs to stabilize and promote growth in neighborhoods that suffered in the great recession of 2008.

The panel will include Veronica Bedell-Nevels, President of the Dayton Realtists, Karl Keith, Montgomery County Auditor, as well as other national speakers.

*This course is approved for civil rights or elective continuing education credit by the Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of Real Estate and Professional Licensing.*

### Accessible Housing Initiatives Workshop

Fair Housing Issues for seniors and People with Disabilities are inevitable in the future of city planning. This workshop will be a discussion about the need for affordable, accessible housing as the baby boomers age and as our technology helps more people with disabilities live in the community rather than institutions. The workshop explains the problems that people with disabilities and seniors encounter in buying, owning and renting housing. Getting inadvertently “stuck” in an institution due to a long term disability is a current barrier to open and fair housing for many seniors. People of all ages need accessible features in a home so that their home is a more sustainable housing choice.

*This course is approved for civil rights or elective continuing education credit by the Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of Real Estate and Professional Licensing.*

## Tell us what you think about Housing Discrimination



Montgomery County, the city of Dayton and the city of Kettering are committed to eliminating racial and ethnic segregation, illegal physical and other barriers to persons with disabilities and other discriminatory practices in housing. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides federal funding to all three jurisdictions for their housing and community development programs. As a prerequisite to receiving these federal funds, entitlement communities, including Montgomery County, Dayton and Kettering, must affirmatively further fair housing. To accomplish this task, these communities prepare an Analysis of Impediments (AI) to fair housing, a plan to address these impediments, and then maintain records of their fair housing activities.

The Miami Valley Fair Housing Center has been contracted to facilitate the planning process. Among the many required tasks is citizen participation. To accomplish meaningful citizen participation, the Miami Valley Fair Housing Center is conducting an online survey as well as focus groups, interviews and Town Halls about obstacles to housing choice and housing opportunity/availability.

The online survey is free and anonymous. To take the survey visit [www.mvfairhousing.com/fhsurvey](http://www.mvfairhousing.com/fhsurvey).

Join us for a Town Hall on Monday, March 16, 2015 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Town Hall will be held at the Miami Valley Fair Housing Center, 505 Riverside Drive, Dayton 45405. Reservations are not required.

Dayton Area Board of REALTORS®

**Diversity, Fair Housing  
and Community  
Initiatives**

Women's Council of  
**REALTORS®**  
DAYTON CHAPTER

*Annual WCR Fair Housing Lunch and Learning Seminar*



**Cora Diggs**  
Chair of Equal Opportunity & Diversity Committee, DABR

**John Zimmerman**  
Vice President of WCFHC

**Michael Martin**  
President Elect, DABR

Thursday, April 9, 2015  
CE session from Noon-1:30 pm  
REALTORS® CENTER

Approval for 1 Hour OHIO RE CE Credit \$10/15

Attendees will have the opportunity to learn about fair housing trends and discuss with one another what they see as fair housing obstacles in their community. In conjunction with this, attendees will learn how DABR's committees improve our community and enhances our REALTORS® Members' experience and knowledge of diversity in the community.

Register online at [dabr.com](http://dabr.com), [Education - All Classes - Monthly View](#)  
Or email [CEregistration@dabr.com](mailto:CEregistration@dabr.com) or call 937-223-0900

Cancellation policy: Full credit or refund if cancellation is received before class begins.  
For special accommodations please call the Director of Professional Development at 937-223-0900.

## Celebrating Life & Health

Since 1996, the Levin Family Foundation has been identifying the needs of Dayton and surrounding areas to provide funding for creative solutions to new and long-term troubles to increase the quality of life of individuals in our community.

Particular emphasis was given to the homeless, the hungry, women and children at risk, and the medically under-served.

The Celebrating Life & Health Fair is the area's largest health-related event and offers attendees a wide array of free services and support services to at-need populations to ensure their good health and identify potential risk-factors. It is provided by the Levin Family Foundation and hosted at the Sinclair Community College Conference Center.

Date: Saturday, April 18, 2015 beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Cost: Free. Tickets and additional information available at [celebratinglifeandhealth.org](http://celebratinglifeandhealth.org) or by calling 937-223-5433.



## Operation RED - Realist Expo Day

*"Empowering the Community to Make a Difference"*

Presented by the Greater Dayton Realist Association, Operation RED - Realist Expo Day is designed to educate Realtors/Realists, Lending professionals, Real Estate attorneys and legal staff and bring them together with homeowners, consumers, home-sellers, home-buyers, veterans, and tenants on the responsibilities and opportunities related to homeownership.

Operation RED events are **free of charge** and will be held on Saturday, April 18, 2015 at the Dayton Marriott, 1414 South Patterson Blvd. Check in and continental breakfast begins at 8:00 a.m.

Workshops include:

- *Mortgage Rescue Options Defense, Claims Resources and Fair Lending Issues*
- *Current Trends in Accounting and Taxes*
- *How a Veteran can get a Home Loan*
- *First Time Home Buyers Basics in an Hour*
- *Successful Home Buying with a Realist/Realtor*
- *Home Repair and Design*

For registration and additional information visit [www.mvfairhousing/opred](http://www.mvfairhousing/opred)



**The Book Corner**



**March: Book Two**

by Congressman John Lewis, Andrew Aydin and illustrations by Nate Powell

January 2015

Congressman John Lewis, an American icon and one of the key figures of the civil rights movement, continues his award-winning graphic novel trilogy with co-writer Andrew Aydin and artist Nate Powell, inspired by a 1950s comic book that helped prepare his own generation to join the struggle. Now, *March* brings the lessons of history to vivid life for a new generation, urgently relevant for today's world. After the success of the Nashville sit-in campaign, John Lewis is more committed than ever to changing the world through nonviolence - but as he and his fellow Freedom Riders board a bus into the vicious heart of the deep south, they will be tested like never before. Faced with beatings, police brutality, imprisonment, arson, and even murder, the movement's young activists place their lives on the line while internal conflicts threaten to tear them apart.

And be sure to check out *March: Book One* available at your local bookstore or online.

**Support the Greater Dayton Realist Association at TGI Fridays**



Use this coupon on April 14, 2015 at the TGI Fridays near the Dayton Mall and 20% of your purchase will be donated to the Greater Dayton Realist Association. The coupon is good for dining in or carry out.

TGI Fridays is located at 2022 Miamisburg-Centerville Road and opens for lunch at 11 a.m.



Mark your calendars for these UPCOMING EVENTS!

- April 2
- April 9
- April 18
- April 18
- April 29
- May 3

[Fair Housing Month Celebration](#)

Women's Council of REALTORS® Annual Fair Housing Lunch and Learning Seminar (see page 3)

[Greater Dayton Realists Operation RED](#)

[Celebrating Life and Health Fair](#) at Sinclair College

[34th Annual GDAA Trade Show](#) at the Presidential Banquet Center in Kettering

[Walk for Women's Wellness](#) at Delco Park

**MVFHC Mission Statement**

The mission of the Miami Valley Fair Housing Center (MVFHC) is to eliminate housing discrimination and ensure equal housing opportunity for all people in our region.

Specifically, the Miami Valley Fair Housing Center seeks to eliminate housing discrimination against all persons because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, familial status, or any other characteristic protected under state or local laws. In furthering this goal, MVFHC engages in activities designed to encourage fair housing practices through educational efforts; assists person who believe they have been victims of housing discrimination; identifies barriers to fair housing in order to help counteract and eliminate discriminatory housing practices; works with elected and government representatives to protect and improve fair housing laws; and takes all appropriate and necessary action to ensure that fair housing laws are properly and fairly enforced throughout the Miami Valley.

**MVFHC Vision Statement**

The Miami Valley Fair Housing Center recognizes the importance of "home" as a component of the American dream. We envision a country free of housing discrimination where every individual, group and community enjoys equal housing opportunity and access in a bias-free and open housing market. We envision a country where integrated neighborhoods are the norm, and private and public sectors guarantee civil rights in an open and barrier-free community committed to healing the history of discrimination in America.

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