

Who We Are....

The Savannah-Chatham County Fair Housing Council is a non-profit organization that began in 1994.

The mission of the organization is to provide all citizens in Savannah, Chatham and surrounding counties, within constitutional limitations, fair housing services that will result in the protection of equal housing opportunity from discrimination based on race, color, national origin, sex, religion, familial status or disability.

Members and staff of the council have taken a leadership role in eradicating housing discrimination in our community.

The Council operates two programs—*The Education Program* and the *Enforcement Program*—to achieve its goals.

The *Education Program* provides community awareness and education opportunities for providers and consumers of housing. Providers may include realtors, mortgage bankers, property managers, leasing agents and apartment managers. Consumers of housing are people interested in buying or renting housing.

The *Enforcement Program* receives and investigates allegations of housing discriminations. The program relies on testing to assist in gathering information to prove or disprove and allegation of discrimination.

What We Do....

- ✓ *Investigate* cases of allegations of housing discrimination on the basis race color, religion, sex, disability, family status or national origin.
- ✓ *Negotiate* settlement agreements between consumers and providers
- ✓ *Educate* housing providers and housing consumers of the fair housing laws
- ✓ *Educate* the community about myths and facts related to housing
- ✓ *Work* with other federal, state, and local agencies to implement fair housing laws and policies
- ✓ *Refer* individuals with nondiscriminatory housing concerns to agencies that can provide help
- ✓ *Monitor* compliance of housing providers (realtors, apartment managers, management companies, advertisers) with the letter and spirit of fair housing laws.
- ✓ *Publish* a quarterly newsletter to provide the community with a better understanding of fair housing and to inform the community on what is new in fair housing.

What You Can Do..

- ◆ Become trained as a fair housing tester to investigate cases
- ◆ Become a Board member to guide the organization
- ◆ Become a volunteer to assist in fund-raising
- ◆ Volunteer to serve on a Board committee
- ◆ Make a tax deductible contribution to the Council.
- ◆ Assist in promoting awareness of fair housing.



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