

2008 Fair Housing Month Activities

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On April 1, from Bucharest, Romania, President George W. Bush proclaimed April 2008 as *National Fair Housing Month*. The President noted that this month also marks the 40th anniversary of passage of the Fair Housing Act which President Lyndon Johnson signed into law on April 11, 1968.

HEADQUARTERS OFFICE of FAIR HOUSING AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

1. **On April 2, in Washington, DC,** Assistant Secretary Kim Kendrick launched FHEO's month-long celebration of the 40th anniversary of the enactment of the Fair Housing Act. During the program, which was webcast to all Regions, she welcomed participants and attendees and especially Marian O. Williams, the first person to file a complaint under the 1968 Fair Housing Act. The public school essay contest winner read the winning essay, and the Fair Housing Quilt was unveiled. Ms. Kendrick also introduced Franklin, the Fair Housing Fox mascot.
2. **On April 3, in Washington, DC,** freelance writer William Payne interviewed Deputy Assistant Secretary Bryan Greene for a story about the 40th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act and FHEO's *2007 Annual Report*. Mr. Greene explained that the Fair Housing Act bans discrimination in the sale or rental of a dwelling based on a person's race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status, or disability.
3. **On April 3, in Washington, DC,** *Omaha World-Herald* reporter Leslie Reed interviewed Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Programs Bryan Greene about undocumented citizens and their rights under the Fair Housing Act. Mr. Greene was quoted in the April 4th issue as saying, "Federal law doesn't require that a person be a citizen of the United States to avail themselves of the law."
4. **On April 17-18, in Washington, DC,** Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Programs Bryan Greene was interviewed by the Associated Press of Omaha regarding the Nebraska Attorney General's refusal to accept

- housing discrimination cases from illegal immigrants. Mr. Greene explained that all persons, whether documented residents or not, are protected under the Fair Housing Act. (See also above entry.)
5. **On April 18, in Washington, DC**, Deputy Assistant Secretary Bryan Greene was interviewed by *Miller-McCune Magazine* about FHEO's 2007 *Fair Housing Annual Report*. Mr. Greene pointed out the scores of complaints that FHEO investigates and charges against housing providers, lenders, and insurance companies – large and small – and the subsequent debarment actions FHEO has taken.
 6. **On April 18, in Washington, DC**, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Programs Bryan Greene was interviewed by Jen Poyant of WBCO, an NPR radio station in Newark, New Jersey, regarding a disability conference he addressed in honor of Fair Housing Month.
 7. **On April 22, in Washington, DC**, FHEO Policy, Legislative Initiatives, and Education Director Pamela Walsh welcomed the Coordinating Committee of the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, which held a meeting at HUD for the first time. Tino Calabia, also of FHEO Policy, Legislative Initiatives, and Education, represents HUD on the Coordinating Committee.
 8. **On April 28, in Washington, DC**, the FHEO Office of Policy, Legislative Initiatives and Outreach hosted a limited English proficiency meeting with housing stakeholders to discuss vital documents identified for possible written translations. Program Analyst Celia Bobisud of FHEO's Program Standards and Compliance Division and Special Assistant Adrienne Lewis of the Office of Policy, Legislative Initiatives, and Outreach organized the meeting.
 9. **On April 30, in Washington, DC**, HUD distributed a public service announcement (PSA) on fair lending to cable and commercial television networks nationwide. The PSA, featuring actor Dennis Haysbert, is in English, Spanish, and is closed caption.
 10. **On May 1, in Washington, DC**, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Programs Bryan Greene was interviewed by a *Multi-Family Executive Magazine* writer regarding the 40th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act. Mr. Greene discussed the housing discrimination complaint process as well as new guidance released by the Department of Justice and HUD on reasonable modifications as well as how to receive federal grants to combat housing discrimination.

REGION I

(Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont)

1. **On April 2, in Hartford, CT,** FHEO Program Compliance Branch Chief Merryl Gibbs of HUD's Boston office discussed the significance of the 40th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act and gave a presentation on Section 504 in HUD Assisted Multifamily Housing. The Opportunity Roundtable event was sponsored by HUD and JeffCo, HUD's Multi-Family contractor.
2. **On April 8, in Marlboro, MA,** FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Persis Clinton provided a fair housing presentation to 30 Advisory Board members of the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission about HUD programs, civil rights-related program requirements, and first-time homeownership opportunities.
3. **On April 10, in Cromwell, CT,** FHEO Director Natasha Saxton of HUD's Hartford office attended the Fair Housing Association of Connecticut's 29th Annual Fair Housing conference entitled, *Examining Impediments to Equal Housing Opportunity*.
4. **On April 15, in Norwalk, CT,** FHEO Director Natasha Saxton of HUD's Hartford office participated in a training program for the Norwalk Housing Authority. Ms. Saxton offered guidance and technical assistance regarding reasonable accommodations.
5. **On April 16, in Portland, ME,** FHEO Program Compliance Branch Chief Merryl Gibbs of HUD's Boston office spoke on *Trends and Statistics in Fair Housing Cases* at a Fair Housing Month event sponsored by the Maine Human Rights Commission.
6. **On April 16, in Hartford, CT,** FHEO Director Natasha Saxton of HUD's Hartford office participated as a panelist during the Hartford Office of Human Relations' celebration of the 40th anniversary of the passage and signing of the Fair Housing Act. Ms. Saxton discussed the Act and her duties as the local Program Director.
7. **On April 17, in Torrington, CT,** FHEO Director Natasha Saxton of HUD's Hartford office was a guest speaker at the *Tenants and Landlords, Know your Rights and Responsibilities* seminar presented by the Litchfield County Board of Realtors.
8. **On April 22, in Berlin, CT,** FHEO Director Natasha Saxton of HUD's Hartford office participated in the Homebuyer Seminar sponsored by Home Sweet Home Realty Inc. Ms. Saxton provided fair housing information and materials and discussed civil rights related-HUD requirements. FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Russell Archibald of HUD's Boston office discussed predatory lending.
9. **On April 24, in South Burlington, VT,** FHEO Enforcement Branch Chief Amziah Craig of HUD's Boston office was a guest speaker at Vermont's Center for Independent Living Biennial Universal Design Conference. He moderated a

workshop focused on reasonable accommodations and the requirements of the Fair Housing Act.

10. **On April 28, in Hyannis, MA**, FHEO Director Susan Forward of HUD's Boston office provided fair housing training for Cape Cod property owners.
11. **On April 28, in Warwick, RI**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Norma Hernández of HUD's Boston office took part in training and a roundtable discussion entitled *Fair Housing in Rhode Island: The Role of the Public Sector*.
12. **On April 30, in Greenfield, MA**, FHEO Director Susan Forward of HUD's Boston office conducted fair housing advertising training for the employees of the *Wheeler Dealer* publication, which lists local homes for sale, apartments for rent, persons searching for roommates, etc.
13. **On April 30, in Boston, MA**, FHEO management and staff of HUD's Boston office hosted a *Lunch 'n Learn* and showed the documentary *Brick by Brick, a Civil Rights Story*, about the 27-year struggle in Federal court for fair housing in Yonkers, New York.
14. **On April 30, in Cambridge, MA**, FHEO Program Compliance Branch Chief Merryl Gibbs of HUD's Boston office appeared as a special guest on the CITY TV-8 series, *Know Your Rights*. The series of discussions and presentations focused on civil and human rights issues.

REGION II

(New Jersey and New York)

1. **On March 28, in Cheektowaga, NY**, the FHEO and Field Policy and Management Divisions of HUD's Buffalo office hosted local elected officials during presentations proclaiming April 2008 Fair Housing Month. The presentations took place at the Buffalo Niagara International Airport Art Gallery. Fair housing posters and drawings designed by local elementary school children depicting their understanding of the concept of fair housing were on display at the Art Gallery throughout the month of March.
2. **On March 28-30, in Edison, NJ**, FHEO Director Rolando Alvarado of HUD's Newark office and Equal Opportunity Specialists Lena Mitchell, Debbie Valente, and Betzy Morales of Mr. Alvarado's staff participated in the area's annual Abilities Exposition.
3. **On April 1-30, in Buffalo, NY**, the Buffalo FHEO Office participated in the creation of a quilt block for the 40th Anniversary Commemorative Quilt. The Region II Buffalo Office Block of the quilt is located in the lower left hand corner of the completed quilt. It is an equal housing logo superimposed on a "Buffalo"

that is itself superimposed on a bed of stars and stripes, symbolizing pride in HUD's Buffalo office and the dedication of its staff.

4. **On April 1, throughout New Jersey**, 55,000 Realtors and their firms received copies of the April 2008 edition of *The New Jersey Realtor* whose cover story spotlighted the 40th anniversary of the enactment of the Fair Housing Act. The article described the scope of the Act, the classes of persons protected by it, and FHEO's responsibilities under the Act. FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Dinorah Velez of HUD's Newark office served as consultant to the article's author.
5. **On April 2, in Amherst, NY**, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Programs Bryan Greene was the keynote speaker at an all-day Fair Housing Seminar and Conference entitled *Building Bridges to Affordable Housing*. The event focused on barriers to affordable housing, fair housing enforcement, how communities benefit from affordable housing, and challenges to developing affordable housing.
6. **On April 3, in Buffalo, NY**, the Buffalo FHEO Division staffed an informational booth at the United Way and Homefront-sponsored Housing Fair. This event was co-sponsored by WNLO-TV.
7. **On April 5, in Newark, NJ**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Dinorah Velez of HUD's Newark office represented HUD at a press conference with Newark Mayor Cory Booker, the Urban Task Force for Newark/Essex County, and other community organizations at which fair housing and foreclosure awareness were discussed.
8. **On April 8, in Buffalo, NY**, FHEO Director Andrij O. Pryshlak of HUD's Buffalo office along with representatives of HUD's Community Planning and Development Division conducted outreach through a teleconference with 29 HUD-Entitlement Communities from throughout New York State.
9. **On April 8, in Syracuse, NY**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Andrea Mujahid-Moore of HUD's Buffalo office presented a workshop at the Annual New York Association of Homes and Services for the Conference entitled *Fair Housing Compliance*. Her workshop focused on how to recognize discrimination and how to respond to requests for reasonable accommodation.
10. **On April 9, in Teaneck, NJ**, Balenda Nelson and Dinorah Velez, staff from the Newark FHEO Center, attended a consumer education workshop. The major topic was predatory lending, housing discrimination, common mortgage terms, the housing crisis and what to do when help is needed.

11. **On April 11, in Long Branch, NJ**, FHEO Program Compliance Branch Chief Brenda Edmondson and Equal Opportunity Specialists Brenda Salas and Balenda Nelson of HUD's Newark office conducted a training session on Section 3 and Section 504 at the annual Spring Meeting of the New Jersey Association of Housing and Redevelopment Organizations.
12. **On April 12, in Buffalo, NY**, staff led by FHEO Director Andrij Pryshlak of HUD's Buffalo office represented HUD and participated in a seminar entitled *Fair Housing and You*.
13. **On April 13, in West Long Branch, NJ**, FHEO staff from HUD's Newark office, Brenda Edmondson, Marilyn Boddy, Teril Holston, Brenda Salas and Balenda Nelson, took part during the annual Monmouth County Poster Awards Ceremony. Ms. Edmondson assisted in presenting certificates and Savings Bonds awards to the winners of the poster contest which had been judged in March 2008.
14. **On April 15, in Buffalo, NY**, staff led by FHEO Director Andrij Pryshlak of HUD's Buffalo office represented HUD at the 45th Annual Housing Opportunities Made Equal (HOME) meeting and banquet. HOME is supported by HUD's Fair Housing Initiative Program (FHIP) funds, and the agency provides technical expertise and outreach on fair housing matters.
15. **On April 16, in Buffalo, NY**, FHEO Director Andrij Pryshlak of HUD's Buffalo office along with FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialists Andrea Mujahid-Moore, Angela Woodson-Brice, and Joseph Butch and Equal Opportunity Assistant Priscilla Miles-Combs, conducted presentations in three grammar schools in Buffalo as part of HUD's *Fair Housing Education Day in America*.
16. **On April 16, in Suffern, NY**, FHEO Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Programs Bryan Greene was the luncheon keynote speaker at *A Conference on the Sub-Prime Mortgage Crisis*, sponsored by the Rockland County Commission on Human Rights.
17. **On April 18, in New Brunswick, NJ**, FHEO's Accessibilities FIRST training was given at the 2nd Annual New Jersey Division on Civil Rights Housing Conference. Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Programs Bryan Greene was the keynote speaker. He highlighted the 40th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act. FHEO's contractor for the Accessibility FIRST program provided an overview of the Fair Housing Act's accessibility design and construction requirements and also educated the trainees about disability rights under Federal and New Jersey state law and how those rights are enforced.
18. **On April 21, in Hackensack, NJ**, FHEO staff from HUD's Newark office, Brenda Edmondson, Brenda Salas, Balenda Nelson, Betzy Morales, Debbie Valente, and Dinorah Velez, judged fair housing posters created by the children of Bergen County in the Annual Fair Housing Month Poster Contest sponsored by

the Fair Housing Council of Northern New Jersey, an agency supported by FHIP funds. The awards ceremony took place on May 18.

19. **On April 25, in Buffalo, NY**, staff led by FHEO Director Andrij Pryshlak of HUD's Buffalo office in conjunction with the Erie County Fair Housing Partnership presented *The Pursuit of Happiness*, starring Will Smith. Prior to showing the movie, the Buffalo FHEO staff highlighted the Fair Housing Act and HUD's role in enforcing the Act.
20. **On April 25, in Trenton, NJ**, the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights held a fair housing event. Presenters included FHEO Director Rolando Alvarado of HUD's Newark office.
21. **On April 28, in Springville, NY**, FHEO's management and staff of HUD's Buffalo office, in conjunction with the Erie County Fair Housing Partnership, presented the film, *The Pursuit of Happiness*. (See also April 25th, Buffalo entry above.)
22. **On April 29, in Schenectady, NY**, FHEO Director Andrij Pryshlak along with Equal Opportunity Specialists Andrea Mujahid-Moore and Joseph Butch of HUD's Buffalo office took part in a fair housing seminar and workshop that addressed Title VI, Section 504, fair housing analysis of impediments, paired testing, discriminatory lending, Section 3, and Minority Business Enterprise/Women Business Enterprise requirements.
23. **On May 1, in Absecon, NJ**, FHEO Program Compliance Branch Chief Brenda Edmondson and Senior Equal Opportunity Specialist Brenda Salas of HUD's Newark office gave presentations on Section 504 regulations and complaint-processing at a workshop cosponsored by the New Jersey Affordable Housing Management Association and the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency.
24. **On May 15, in Verona, NY**, the Buffalo FHEO Office was represented by FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Andrea Mujahid-Moore at the annual New York State Public Housing Authority Directors Association Conference. Ms. Moore presented a workshop that focused on Section 504 and reasonable accommodation. Ms Moore also highlighted the activities associated with the 40th Anniversary of the Fair Housing Act.
25. **On May 21, in Niagara Falls, NY**, Buffalo FHEO Director Andrij O. Pryshlak and FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Joseph Butch participated in a Niagara County cable TV talk show. The one-hour program focused on the 40th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act. The topics discussed gave a historical perspective of the last 40 years as well as recent strides achieved in combating discrimination.

REGION III

(Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia)

1. **On April 1, in Huntington, WV**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Carole Boster of HUD's Charleston office was a guest speaker at the Huntington Human Relations Commission's Fair Housing Luncheon. Ms. Boster paid homage to the Fair Housing Act and commented on the 40th anniversary of its enactment.
2. **On April 1, in Richmond, VA**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Sylvia M. Berry of HUD's Richmond office hosted an hour-long, call-in show on WCLM 1450 AM. It was simulcast on WHAP 1340 AM in Richmond and Petersburg, whose signal reaches even into North and South Carolina.
3. **On April 2, in Charleston, WV**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Carole Boster of HUD's Charleston office took part in a Fair Housing Month proclamation ceremony sponsored by the Governor's Office of Economic Development, which administers HUD's Small Cities Program.
4. **On April 2, in Annandale, VA**, Assistant Secretary Kim Kendrick was the keynote luncheon speaker at a Fair Housing Conference in which the Fairfax County Human Rights Commission honored the 40th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act. FHEO District of Columbia Office Director Steven Paikin and his staff also took part.
5. **On April 5, in Erie, PA**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Michael Jansen of HUD's Pittsburgh office gave a Title VIII presentation entitled *Federal Housing Law and Its Implications in Active Real Estate and Lending Industries*.
6. **On April 5, in Alexandria, VA**, FHEO Director Steven Paikin of HUD's District of Columbia office helped to represent HUD at the City of Alexandria's 14th Annual Homeownership and Fair Housing Fair. Mr. Paikin assisted in providing information and literature about HUD's homeownership programs, housing counseling agencies, and fair housing rights.
7. **On April 9-10, in Gettysburg, PA**, FHEO Director Debra McGhee of HUD's Baltimore office and Intake Branch Chief Cheryl Burrichter of HUD's Philadelphia office provided a presentation about the 40th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act.
8. **On April 11, in Williamsburg, VA**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Sylvia M. Berry of HUD's Richmond office was a guest on WRRW Radio Station. Ms. Berry discussed the 40th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act, violations of the Act, what to do if you believe your rights have been violated, and requests for reasonable accommodations.

9. **On April 14, in Washington, DC**, Baltimore City Solicitor George Nilson spoke about *Baltimore's Foreclosures Suit Against Wells Fargo: What One City Is Doing About Loans Leading to Foreclosures*. Mr. Nilson appeared as a guest in the Tuesday Speaker Series coordinated by Tino Calabia of FHEO Policy, Legislative Initiatives, and Education.
10. **On April 15, in Baltimore, MD**, FHEO Assistant Secretary Kim Kendrick was a guest on *Neighborhood Beat*, an hour-long cable television show. She discussed HUD's mission, the 40th anniversary of passage of the Fair Housing Act, HUD's efforts to increase homeownership, and HUD's initiatives to address the subprime mortgage crisis.
11. **On April 15, in Washington, DC**, FHEO Director Steven Paikin of HUD's District of Columbia office provided fair housing training to 12 corporate rental agents of the DC-area Corporate Rental Agents Association.
12. **On April 16, in Annandale, VA**, FHEO Center Director Steven M. Paikin and Belinda Fadlelmola of Field Policy Management in HUD's Washington, DC-area office presented three vignettes at the Poe Middle School. These vignettes featured a dramatization of three classes of persons protected by the Fair Housing Act, and ended in a simulated Court where a judge rendered a decision on each case.
13. **On April 16, in Richmond, VA**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Sylvia M. Berry served as team leader for a Fair Housing Education Day program at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School. She was assisted by FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialists Dolores Pacileo, Doris Nesbit-Harris, and Nicole Brown-Taylor of HUD's Richmond office.
14. **On April 17, in Huntington, WV**, the Huntington Human Relations Commission, which is supported by Fair Housing Assistance Program (FHAP) funds, hosted a Fair Housing Information Forum involving FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Carole Boster of HUD's Charleston office.
15. **On April 17, in Southeastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware**, FHEO Region III Director Wanda Nieves was seen on the 6 and 11 o'clock evening news over WUVP-TV Univision 65. She was interviewed in Spanish about the 40th anniversary celebration of the passage of the Fair Housing Act and fair housing developments in the Tri-State region.
16. **On April 18, in Baltimore, MD**, General Deputy Assistant Secretary Cheryl Ziegler gave the keynote address at a conference entitled, *Celebrating 40 Years of Fair Housing: A Response to the Foreclosure Crisis*. The conference was sponsored by the Baltimore Regional Housing Work Group (whose members include representatives of Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City, Baltimore

County, and Harford County), the Maryland Commission on Human Relations, the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, and HUD's Baltimore office.

17. **On April 22, in Richmond, VA**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialists Dolores Pacileo and Doris Nesbit-Harris of HUD's Richmond office gave a training presentation on Section 504 and Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing to the staff of the Virginia Housing Development Authority and on-site managers, regional managers of both assisted-, conventional, and tax-credit housing programs, plus members of the general public.
18. **On April 22, in Severn, MD**, FHEO Director Debra McGhee of HUD's Baltimore office spoke at a Fair Housing Month event sponsored by Arundel Community Development Services, Inc. The event commemorated the passage of the Fair Housing Act 40 years ago.
19. **On April 22, in York, PA**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Ronaldyn Latham of HUD's Philadelphia office served on a panel entitled, *Is Equal Access a Reality for All?*, during an event hosted by the York City Human Relations Commission.
20. **On April 23, in Pittsburgh, PA**, FHEO Region III Director Wanda Nieves and Equal Opportunity Specialist Donna C. Chernoff of HUD's Pittsburgh office spoke at an event held at HUD's Pittsburgh office. The event featured a Fair Housing Opening Exhibition and Ceremony during which the first-ever Western Pennsylvania Fair Housing Quilt was unveiled.
21. **On April 23, in Huntington, WV**, the Huntington Human Relations Commission hosted a Fair Housing Information Forum. Members of civic, realty-related, and housing advocacy groups served on panels to discuss *Impediments to Fair Housing Choice*. FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Carole Boster of HUD's Charleston office was among the discussants.
22. **On April 24, in Middletown, PA**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Corlis Person-Hawk of HUD's Philadelphia office made a presentation during a *Bridging the Gap Between Advocate and Architects* seminar. The seminar provided advocates and architects information about how to eliminate design flaws that cause inaccessibility and how to identify practical alternatives.
23. **On April 25, in Wilmington, DE**, FHEO Region III Director Wanda Nieves was honored by Housing Opportunities of Northern Delaware, Inc., at its 25th Annual Fair Housing Month Observance and Awards Luncheon.
24. **On April 26-27, in Southeastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware**, FHEO Region III Director Wanda Nieves was seen in a half-hour public affairs

- program, *En Portado*, over Telemundo-TV. She discussed the Fair Housing Act, and she noted the importance of fair housing for Latinos.
25. **On April 29, in Lancaster, PA**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Vivienne Cardullo of HUD's Philadelphia office spoke at the Lancaster County Human Relations Commission's Disability Conference, whose theme was *Equal Access; It's About Time; It's About Rights*. Ms. Cardullo summarized the fair housing complaint statistics filed in the last year, noting that the majority of complaints alleged discrimination based upon disability related to different terms and conditions, closely followed by refusal to rent.
 26. **On April 29, in Washington, DC**, Assistant Secretary Kim Kendrick served as the keynote speaker at the 7th Annual Fair Housing Symposium *40th Anniversary of the Fair Housing Act: Celebrating Victories and Moving Forward – the Legacy Continues*.
 27. **On April 29, in Philadelphia, PA**, HUD's Fair Housing Accessibility FIRST program conducted a training session along with the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission. The training modules provided a detailed technical overview of the Fair Housing Act's design and construction requirements and a discussion of common design and construction violations and solutions.
 28. **On April 30, in Pittsburgh, PA**, Assistant Secretary Kim Kendrick was the main speaker at an event entitled *Agents of Change*, sponsored by the Pittsburgh Commission on Human Relations. Ms. Kendrick discussed past fair housing programs, current efforts, and future fair housing challenges.
 29. **On April 30, in Georgetown, DE**, FHEO Director Debra McGhee of HUD's Baltimore office spoke at the First Annual Statewide Disability Conference sponsored by the Delaware Fair Housing Task Force.
 30. **On April 30, in Richmond, VA**, General Deputy Assistant Secretary Cheryl Ziegler was a featured speaker at the 40th Anniversary Celebration of the signing of the Fair Housing Act hosted by the Virginia Real Estate Board and co-hosted by the FHEO Richmond office. Topics of discussion included an overview of the Fair Housing Act, cultural diversity, reasonable accommodations/modifications, and accessibility.
 31. **On May 2, in Claymont, DE**, Attorney Advisor Patricia McGarvey-Knebels of HUD's Philadelphia office made a fair housing presentation to approximately 75 junior and senior high school students at Archmere Academy, a private, Catholic, co-educational high school. This event was coordinated by Ms. Knebels in support of Fair Housing Education Day in America.

REGION IV

(Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, and the U.S. Virgin Islands)

1. **On March 26, in Biloxi, MS**, FHEO Director Marilyn Moore-Lemons of HUD's Jackson office and Equal Opportunity Specialist Naima Hull kicked off the Jackson Fair Housing Month activities by conducting fair housing training for members of the Southeastern Affordable Housing Management Association during its 2008 State Conference. The training covered provisions of the Fair Housing Act, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and Section 504 and provided guidance on submitting Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plans.
2. **On April 1, in Orlando, FL**, FHEO Center Director Candace Tapscott of HUD's Miami office gave the introductory remarks at the Florida Commission on Human Relations' Predatory Lending Conference. She noted that April 1st opens Fair Housing Month and that April marked the 40th anniversary of the enactment of the Fair Housing Act.
3. **On April 1, in Orlando, FL**, FHEO Director for the Office of Systemic Investigations Joel D. Armstrong spoke on a panel for the Florida Commission of Human Relations' Predatory Lending Conference. The panel was entitled, *Federal, State, and Local Mortgage Laws*.
4. **On April 2, in Miami, FL**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialists Sylvia Green and Kelsey Harlow of HUD's Miami office provided Fair Housing Act and Affirmative Marketing training to members of the Building Industry Association of South Florida.
5. **On April 3, in Columbia, SC**, FHEO Director Pat Green of HUD's Columbia office delivered the keynote address during the Greater Orangeburg County Association of Realtors Fair Housing Luncheon.
6. **On April 3, in Franklin, TN**, FHEO Director David King of HUD's Knoxville office served as a presenter at the *Fair Housing Matters Conference* sponsored by the Tennessee Human Rights Commission, Tennessee Housing Development Agency, Metropolitan Development and Housing Agency, Tennessee Fair Housing Council, and West Tennessee Legal Services. Mr. King's presentation focused on the Fair Housing Act and illustrated how investigations are conducted by referring to noteworthy cases of local interest.
7. **On April 4, in Columbia, SC**, the FHEO staff of HUD's Columbia office launched its Fair Housing Celebration and Luncheon. The FHEO staff invited employees from all HUD programs, HUD partners across the State, and the general public to join in celebrating the 40th anniversary of the enactment of the Fair Housing Act.

8. **On April 4, in Fort Lauderdale, FL**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Kelsey Harlow of HUD's Miami office provided the welcoming remarks for the Fair Housing Celebration of the Broward County Office of Equal Opportunity. The County sponsored *Fulfilling the Fair Housing Dream* Symposium that included plenary sessions, workshops, and a luncheon.
9. **On April 5, in Louisville, KY**, FHEO Director Vicki Ray of HUD's Louisville office conducted a fair housing workshop during the 2008 Greater Louisville Home Ownership Expo sponsored by the Louisville Urban League.
10. **On April 8, in Atlanta, GA**, the local Fox News affiliate covered a Wreath Laying Ceremony, one of the opening National Fair Housing Policy Conference events in which Assistant Secretary Kim Kendrick placed wreaths on the tombs of Martin Luther King, Jr. and Coretta Scott King at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center.
11. **On April 8, in Louisville, KY**, FHEO Center Director Vicki Ray of HUD's Louisville office carried FHEO's fair housing message during a Foreclosure Crisis Forum Panel Discussion hosted by the Louisville Metro Human Relations Commission. The panelists included representatives from the Legal Aid Society, Metropolitan Housing Coalition, Louisville Urban League, and Louisville Metro Housing and Family Services.
12. **On April 8-12, in Atlanta, GA**, Assistant Secretary Kim Kendrick was the principal host for HUD's Fair Housing National Policy Conference. FHAP and FHIP agency policy makers, representatives of state and local governments, civil rights professionals, Realtors, and other real estate professionals, lenders, attorneys, and the general public attended.
13. **On April 9, in Atlanta, GA**, *CNN Espanol Radio* interviewed FHEO Region III Director Wanda Nieves about the 40th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act and the National Fair Housing Policy Conference. The story aired on several CNN-affiliated Spanish radio stations.
14. **On April 9, in Atlanta, GA**, the *Atlanta Daily World* published a story during the week of April 13th about the National Fair Housing Policy Conference and the 40th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act.
15. **On April 9, in Orlando, FL**, the *Orlando Sentinel* interviewed Assistant Secretary Kim Kendrick about the 40th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act, fair housing issues in Florida, and the Fountain View Apartments case.
16. **On April 9, in Jackson, MS**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Naima Hull of HUD's Jackson office joined with the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Jackson Alumnae Chapter, at a fair housing and lending seminar entitled *Advantages to*

Good Credit. Ms. Hull provided students with information on their rights and obligations related to lending under the Fair Housing Act.

17. **On April 9, in North Augusta, SC,** FHEO Director Pat W. Green of HUD's Columbia office provided a training session for the Iwanta Advertising Company. Ms. Green provided an overview of the Fair Housing Act and tips for creating advertisements that are free from discrimination.
18. **On April 9-11, in Atlanta, GA,** FHEO Operation and Compliance Branch Chief Valecia Bello of HUD's Atlanta office conducted a fair housing workshop on Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plans during a conference entitled, *Superheroes of Affordable Housing Georgia State Meeting.*
19. **On April 10, in Columbia, SC,** FHEO Director Pat W. Green of HUD's Columbia office led a training session for the Orangeburg Community Development Corporation. The CDC receives federal funds to impart the basic skills for buying a home, especially to first-time homebuyers. The CDC invited Ms. Green to train a cadre of homeowners and potential homeowners on techniques and methods for identifying discriminatory lenders and the effects of predatory lending in the housing arena.
20. **On April 10, in Gaffney, SC,** FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Marshall Pendelton of HUD's Columbia office provided a training session for the Southern Development Management Company. The training included an overview of the Fair Housing Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and specifics on how to eliminate discrimination in selecting and placing residents in affordable housing units.
21. **On April 11, in Atlanta, GA,** *CNN* radio interviewed Assistant Secretary Kim Kendrick about the 40th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act and National Fair Housing Policy Conference.
22. **On April 11, in Savannah, GA,** FHEO Senior Civil Rights Analyst Gregory B. King of HUD's Atlanta office was the guest speaker at the Savannah Board of Realtors Fair Housing Luncheon.
23. **On April 15, in Jacksonville, FL,** FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Sherry Norton of HUD's Jacksonville office conducted fair housing training at the North East Florida Builders Association's Fair Housing Month meeting.
24. **On April 15, in Atlanta, GA,** FHEO Region IV Equal Opportunity Specialists Renetta Lee and Roger Gilbert of HUD's Atlanta office provided HUD's local Field Policy and Management staff with a presentation on FHEO's mission and organization plus an overview of fair housing civil rights laws and responsibilities.

25. **On April 15, in Atlanta, GA**, FHEO Region IV Equal Opportunity Specialists Carol Momoh and Patricia Platt of HUD's Atlanta office provided the local Labor Relations staff with a presentation on FHEO's mission, organization, and an overview of fair housing civil rights laws and responsibilities.
26. **On April 16, in Jacksonville, FL**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Sherry Norton and Equal Opportunity Assistant Dianne Roberts of HUD's Jacksonville office conducted two training sessions during the 2008 Southeastern Affordable Housing Management Association's Florida State Meeting. The sessions included an overview of the Civil Rights Front-End and Limited Monitoring Reviews (Addendum B) and the Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plan process.
27. **On April 16, in Jackson, MS**, FHEO Director Marilyn Moore-Lemons and FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialists Naima Hull and Dita McCarthy of HUD's Jackson office conducted fair housing training classes for 4th, 5th, and 6th grade classes at Clausell Elementary, Pineville Elementary, and Nichols Middle School. This training was part of HUD's national education project, *Fair Housing Education Day in America*.
28. **On April 16, in Louisville, KY**, FHEO Director Vicki Ray and her staff in HUD's Louisville office hosted a Fair Housing Symposium on the theme, *On the Sunlit Path: 40th Anniversary Celebration of the National Fair Housing Act*. State Senator Georgia Powers shared her perspective on the climate of the country leading up to the passage of the federal Fair Housing Act. A panel of experts also discussed steps to continue combating housing discrimination.
29. **On April 16, in Birmingham, AL**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialists Carrie Saunders, Shirlyn Garner, and Willie Polluck and Equal Opportunity Assistant Sharon Ray of HUD's Birmingham office conducted fair housing training classes for the 5th and 6th grade classes at Glen Iris Elementary and Arrington Middle School.
30. **On April 16, in Miami, FL**, FHEO Program Compliance Branch Chief Madlean Tookes of HUD's Miami office conducted fair housing education classes for the 4th and 5th grade mentoring group at Frederick Douglass Elementary.
31. **On April 16, in Knoxville, TN**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Linda Hooper of HUD's Knoxville office conducted a fair housing education class for 5th graders of Christenberry Middle School.
32. **On April 17, in Birmingham, AL**, FHEO Acting Director Carrie Saunders of HUD's Birmingham office and FHEO staff took part in the 12th Annual Fair Housing Seminar sponsored by the Fair Housing Center of Northern Alabama. In honor of the 40th anniversary of the enactment of the Fair Housing Act, the

seminar focused on discriminatory lending and reasonable accommodations/accessibility.

33. **On April 17, in Columbia, SC**, FHEO Director Pat W. Green of HUD's Columbia office was the keynote speaker for the Greater Columbia Association of Realtors. Ms. Green spoke at their Fair Housing Luncheon and provided details on the Fair Housing Act.
34. **On April 17, in Flowood, MS**, FHEO Director Marilyn Moore-Lemons of HUD's Jackson office conducted fair housing training for Tradewinds Classifieds employees. The training covered general provisions of the Fair Housing Act and specific guidance on advertisements under Section 804 of the Act.
35. **On April 17, in Whitesburg, KY**, FHEO Director Vicki Ray of HUD's Louisville office was a panelist at the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights April Advocacy Hearing. The event focused on discussions about *Open Housing in Kentucky: Reality or Myth?*
36. **On April 17, in Cocoa, FL**, Assistant Secretary Kim Kendrick was the opening speaker at the Fair Housing Seminar sponsored by the Fair Housing Continuum. The theme was *Forty Years of Fair Housing ... Where Do We Go From Here?* Workshops focused on fair housing and affordable housing, preserving mobile home parks, fair housing for persons with disabilities, and fair housing accessibility guidelines.
37. **On April 17, in Daytona Beach, FL**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Julio Rocher of HUD's Orlando office conducted a fair housing workshop sponsored by the City of Daytona Beach.
38. **On April 17-18, in Memphis, TN**, FHEO Region IV Director James N. Sutton was the guest speaker at a reception celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act. The reception took place at the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis, site of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. FHEO Senior Civil Rights Analyst Richard L. Redmon of HUD's Memphis office provided a fair housing update at the training conference.
39. **On April 18, in Columbia, GA**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Renetta Lee of HUD's Atlanta office conducted a fair housing education class for 4th graders at Fox Elementary.
40. **On April 18, in Knoxville, TN**, FHEO Director David King of HUD's Knoxville office gave an address at the annual fair housing workshop sponsored by Equality Coalition for Housing Opportunities.
41. **On April 18, in Mobile, AL**, an FHEO representative from HUD's Birmingham office participated in a fair housing month workshop entitled, *Predatory Lending*

in the Current Foreclosure Crisis, sponsored by the Mobile Fair Housing Center, a FHIP grantee.

42. **On April 18, in Columbia, SC**, FHEO Director Pat W. Green of HUD's Columbia office conducted fair housing training for Coldwell Bankers, a group of Realtors in the Greater Columbia area. Ms. Greene provided an overview of the Fair Housing Act and specifics on how to eliminate and avoid housing discrimination in the real estate market.
43. **On April 19, in Pinellas County FL**, local FHEO staff provided welcoming remarks in the West Florida Fair Housing Training event. The program briefed the general public on discriminatory lending, foreclosure, disability rights, and fair housing laws.
44. **On April 21, in Biloxi, MS**, FHEO Director Marilyn Moore-Lemons of HUD's Jackson office discussed the impact of Fair Housing legislation over a 40-year period, and Equal Opportunity Specialist Dita McCarthy discussed accessibility, reasonable accommodations and modifications during the Gulf Coast Fair Housing Center's 4th Annual Fair Housing Conference.
45. **On April 22, in Ashland, KY**, FHEO Senior Equal Opportunity Specialist Michael Mason of HUD's Louisville office conducted the annual tenant and landlord workshops for residents and landlords about their respective rights and responsibilities under the Fair Housing Act.
46. **On April 22, in Atlanta, GA**, FHEO Director Brenda Shavers of HUD's Atlanta office spoke to new homebuyers at the Family Self Sufficiency Orientation at the Housing Authority of Fulton County. The participants received information on the Fair Housing Act with emphasis on Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974.
47. **On April 22, in Atlanta, GA**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Kirk Ashmeade of HUD's Atlanta office made a presentation to the Community Planning and Development staff and the Enforcement Center staff of HUD's Atlanta office regarding FHEO's mission and organization. His presentation and the subsequent discussion focused on how CPD and the Enforcement Center can assist with HUD's fair housing responsibilities.
48. **On April 22, in Atlanta, GA**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Bonita Howard-Gaskin of HUD's Atlanta office made a presentation on FHEO's mission and organization that focused on the fair housing and civil rights laws and responsibilities.
49. **On April 22, in Atlanta, GA**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialists Roger Gilbert and Renetta Lee of HUD's Atlanta office made a presentation to staff of HUD's Homeownership Office. The presentation focused on FHEO's mission

and organization with emphasis on the relationship of FHEO to the Homeownership Office. After the discussion of FHEO's role, the Homeownership staff shared information on its role in HUD.

50. **On April 23, in Lexington, KY**, FHEO Director Vicki Ray of HUD's Louisville office gave opening remarks during the Annual Fair Housing and Diversity Training hosted by the Lexington Fair Housing Council which is supported by FHIP funds, the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Human Rights Commission which is supported by FHAP funds, and the Kentucky Housing Corporation. The training focused on basic fair housing law and included a brief diversity session.
51. **On April 23, in Atlanta, GA**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Wanda Harmon of HUD's Atlanta office made a presentation on the FHEO mission and organization that focused on fair housing and civil rights laws and responsibilities.
52. **On April 23, in Knoxville, TN**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Linda Hooper of HUD's Knoxville office conducted a fair housing training class for the 4th grade class at Christianberry Middle School as a part of Fair Housing Education Day in America.
53. **On April 24, in Montgomery, AL**, an FHEO representative of HUD's Birmingham office participated at an annual fair housing month program sponsored by the Central Alabama Fair Housing Center during a panel discussion entitled *A Tale of Two Cities: Bridging the Housing Divide*. The event focused on the 40 years that have passed since the enactment of the Fair Housing Act and discussed whether Montgomery is still segregated.
54. **On April 24, in Atlanta, GA**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Wanda Harmon made a presentation on the FHEO mission and organization that focused on the fair housing and civil rights laws and responsibilities.
55. **On April 24-25, in Jackson, MS**, FHEO Director Marilyn Moore-Lemons of HUD's Jackson office was a guest speaker at the 19th Annual Fair Housing, Fair Lending Conference sponsored by Housing Education and Economic Development, a FHIP grantee. The Conference offered workshops on fair lending and predatory lending, Housing Choice Vouchers for homeownership, and other lending information.
56. **On April 24-25, in Miami, FL**, FHEO Director Candace Tapscott and Program Compliance Branch Chief Madlean Tookes, both of HUD's Miami office, served as presenters at the State-wide Sustainable Communities Forum. The Forum focused on successful strategies for accessing available resources to preserve homeownership, avoid predatory lending practices, and build stronger communities.

57. **On April 26, in Atlanta, GA**, FHEO Region IV staff of HUD's Atlanta office hosted an education and outreach outdoors event. FHEO Equal Opportunity Assistant Loretta Chandler and FHEO volunteers from HUD's Atlanta office distributed information on housing discrimination, assisted housing, and private sector housing to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act.
58. **On April 26, in Columbia, SC**, FHEO Director Pat W. Green of HUD's Columbia office conducted two concurrent fair housing training sessions at the Fair Housing Fair sponsored annually by the Greater Columbia Community Relations Council. Ms. Green's sessions focused on the awareness of housing discrimination and predatory lending.
59. **On April 29, in Lakeland, FL**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Kelsey Harlow of HUD's Miami office was among those who gave fair housing training to the six Boards of Realtors in and surrounding Polk County. The training covered the Fair Housing Act and related civil rights laws.
60. **On April 29, in Macon, GA**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Kirk Ashmeade of HUD's Atlanta office provided fair housing training at the Fair Housing Symposium. The Symposium focused on basic housing counseling, predatory lending, foreclosure prevention, and fair housing laws, rules, and regulations.
61. **On April 29, in Jackson, MS**, FHEO Director Marilyn Moore-Lemons of HUD's Jackson office hosted a Fair Housing Month Fair. FHEO, along with HUD's Offices of Field Policy and Management, Community Planning and Development, Public and Indian Housing, and Single Family and Multifamily Housing, responded to questions and provided fair housing information to the public and fellow employees.
62. **On May 7, in Jacksonville, FL**, HUD's Fair Housing Accessibility FIRST program conducted a training session along with Jacksonville Legal Aid and the Jacksonville Human Rights Commission. FHEO Director Nancy Rivera-Wright of HUD's Jacksonville office opened the program and also provided a presentation on HUD's Section 3 Economic Opportunities Program.
63. **On May 8, in Lee County, FL**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Kelsey Harlow in HUD's Miami office provided the welcoming remarks and a Section 3 presentation at the Lee County and Fair Housing Accessibility FIRST training. The training covered design and construction requirements of the Fair Housing Act.

REGION V

(Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, North Carolina, Ohio, and Wisconsin)

1. **On April 3, in Akron, OH**, Assistant Secretary Kim Kendrick was a guest on the faith-based program, *Joy in Our Town*, telecast by WDLI, Channel 17, owned by Trinity Broadcasting. She discussed the significance of the 40th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act.
2. **On April 3, in Akron, OH**, Assistant Secretary Kim Kendrick met with 40 FHEO staff and representatives of statewide agencies that are supported by FHIP, FHAP, and housing counseling funds. Ms. Kendrick discussed the impact of the high foreclosure rates on Ohio homeowners.
3. **On April 3, in Lansing, MI**, Detroit FHEO Director Yvonne Poindexter and Equal Opportunity Specialist Judith Williams of HUD's Detroit office discussed the regulatory framework for the Analysis of Impediments at the *Fostering Welcoming Communities* Conference.
4. **On April 3, Detroit, MI**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Larry Alcantar participated in an all day Fair Housing Testing Conference sponsored by the Fair Housing Center of Detroit and Wayne State University Law School.
5. **On April 4, in South Bend, IN**, FHEO Enforcement Branch Chief Claudia Nichols of HUD's Chicago office moderated a panel discussion during a Town Hall meeting whose theme was *Learning from the Past, Looking to the Future*. The panel consisted of local community housing providers, a banker, a Realtor, and a member of a family victimized by discrimination when the family attempted to purchase a home. At the same event, FHEO Fair Housing Investigator David Youngblood was also a presenter; he spoke about subprime lending, predatory lending, and foreclosures.
6. **On April 4, in Merrillville, IN**, Attorney-Advisor Marilyn Brown was the guest speaker at the 4th Northwest Indiana Fair Housing Summit Conference. Ms. Brown discussed the 40th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act and presented the FHEO public service announcement featuring Dennis Haysbert.
7. **On April 7, in Winston-Salem, NC**, FHEO Director Gordon Patterson of HUD's Greensboro office attended a Fair Housing Luncheon sponsored by the City of Winston-Salem Human Relations Commission and the Winston-Salem Regional Association of Realtors in celebration of the 40th anniversary of the enactment of the Fair Housing Act.
8. **On April 9, in Farmington Hills, MI**, FHEO Director Yvonne Poindexter of HUD's Detroit office presented an update of fair housing developments at the Detroit Metropolitan Apartment Association Monthly Breakfast Meeting.
9. **On April 9, in Saint Paul, MN**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Erika Finkler of HUD's Minneapolis office spoke at a training program for managers of condos, co-ops, and town home associations. The session entitled, *Embracing*

Fair Housing, focused on the Fair Housing Act and how it applies to condominium and cooperative associations.

10. **On April 9, in Akron, OH**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Frances Fort of the Cleveland Office participated and distributed fair housing information at the Borrowers Outreach Day sponsored by the Akron Urban League.
11. **On April 11, in Raleigh, NC**, FHEO Director Gordon Patterson of HUD's Greensboro office participated in the City of Raleigh, North Carolina Fair Housing Month Training. He provided an introduction and followed with a Section 3 presentation as part of HUD's Accessibility FIRST training. The Accessibility FIRST topics included a detailed technical overview of the Fair Housing Act's design and construction requirements.
12. **On April 16, in Chicago and Skokie, IL**, in celebration of National Fair Housing Education Day, the Chicago Regional Office created a new dimension to the national effort. Nine professional and support staff participated in a cross-programmatic effort lead by FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Farrah Tunk. HUD staff provided outreach expertise to Chicago and suburban public school students in grades 3-6. Seven schools participated, and over 650 students benefited from an opportunity to learn about the Fair Housing Act and gain fair housing experience through an interactive process.
13. **On April 16, in Columbus, OH**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialists Penny Copp and Linda Sanford of HUD's Columbus office provided an overview of the Fair Housing Act to approximately 100 4th and 5th grade students at the Afrocentric School as part of National Fair Housing Education Day.
14. **On April 16, in Indianapolis, IN**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialists Beverly Noble and Linda Relford provided fair housing training to 15 young women at the Alternative School.
15. **On April 17, in Minneapolis, MN**, FHEO Director Jaime Pedraza of HUD's Minneapolis office discussed the Fair Housing Act at a seminar on fair housing and the senior community sponsored by the City of Minneapolis' Department of Health and Family Support.
16. **On April 18, in Madison, WI**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialists Dan Stotmeister, Sandra Rubin, Sue Scanlan, and Jerome Van Epps of HUD's Milwaukee office participated in outreach activities at the Fair Housing Month event, *Sail Along with Fair Housing*, sponsored by the Wisconsin Fair Housing Network. Mr. Stotmeister and Ms. Rubin had also participated as event planners and facilitators. FHEO Region V Director Barbara Knox was a featured awards presenter.

17. **On April 18, in Kalamazoo, MI**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist David Youngblood of HUD's Detroit office gave a presentation on subprime lending, predatory lending, and foreclosures at the 5th Annual Fair Housing Conference sponsored by the Fair Housing Center of Southwest Michigan.
18. **On April 18, in Monroe County, IN**, Lead Equal Opportunity Specialist Hollie Boyd and Equal Opportunity Specialists Linda Relford and Beverly Noble provided fair housing training to 15 members of the Monroe County Apartment Association.
19. **On April 19, in Chicago, IL**, Assistant Secretary Kim Kendrick was the keynote speaker for the Town Hall Meeting for the Annual National Bar Association Mid-Year Meeting. Ms. Kendrick's address preceded the expert panel discussion which focused on how to avoid discriminatory lending and foreclosures. Invited among the panelists were Rev. Jesse Jackson and the Cook County Circuit Court judge who presided over the Court's mortgage/foreclosure section.
20. **On April 22, in Indianapolis, IN**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Beverly Noble provided an overview of the Fair Housing Act at Homeless Connect. The event sought to share resource information with homeless people in the Indianapolis area.
21. **On April 22, in Winston-Salem, NC**, FHEO Director Gordon Patterson was a panelist at the Winston-Salem Human Relations Commission's Fair and Affordable Housing Summit, its annual April Fair Housing Month event. The Summit was a "state of housing" informational and educational seminar for all housing professionals in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County area. Mr. Patterson addressed fair housing issues and explained the partnership between HUD and the Human Relations Commission in handling discrimination complaints.
22. **On April 23, in Clinton Township, MI**, Detroit FHEO Center Director Yvonne Poindexter of HUD's Detroit office conducted fair housing training for managers of the Detroit Metropolitan Apartment Association and the National Apartment Association.
23. **On April 23, in Glen Ellyn, IL**, Assistant Secretary Kendrick was the keynote luncheon speaker at the commemoration of the 40th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act. The morning activity featured a mock fair housing trial in the "Judge Judy" format that entertained and educated over 350 attendees.
24. **On April 23, in Chicago, IL**, the *Daily Herald*, (Chicago's largest suburban newspaper), interviewed Assistant Secretary Kim Kendrick on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act. Ms. Kendrick explained how the Act had twice failed to make it through Congress, but was passed a week after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. She went on to say that by enforcing

fair housing laws, HUD is doing what Dr. King advocated – continuing the fight for equal opportunities in housing.

25. **On April 24, from Chicago, IL**, the *Real Estate News*, a publication of Inman News, reported that Assistant Secretary Kim Kendrick told Metropolitan Chicago real estate professionals at the Realtor Partnership in Fair Housing event that “Although 40 years have passed since the enactment of the Fair Housing Act, housing discrimination remains a significant challenge that requires the cooperation of Realtors, housing providers, and others to overcome.”
26. **On April 25, in Dayton, OH**, FHEO Program Compliance Branch Chief Elva Lewis in HUD’s Columbus office was the keynote speaker at the Dayton Human Relations Council’s fair housing event. Ms. Lewis spoke on the subject of *The State of Fair Housing in Ohio*.
27. **On April 25, Southfield, MI**, Cathy Cloud of the National Fair Housing Alliance was the keynote speaker at the Southwest Michigan Coalition for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity’s Annual Fair Housing Seminar.
28. **On April 25, in Charlotte, NC**, FHEO Director Gordon Patterson of HUD’s Greensboro office attended the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Community Relations Committee Fair Housing Gala dinner celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the Fair Housing where Assistant Secretary Kim Kendrick was the keynote speaker. Ms. Kendrick discussed the history and significance of the Fair Housing Act and the enforcement activities undertaken by HUD.
29. **On April 26, in Racine, WI**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Jamie McFarland of HUD’s Milwaukee office provided day-long training for the Commissioners of the City of Racine’s Affirmative Action and Human Rights Commission regarding how to investigate a fair housing complaint.
30. **On April 26, in Flint, MI**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialists Phyllis Tarpley and David Youngblood of HUD’s Detroit office participated in the City of Flint Human Relations Commission/Community Housing Resource Board annual fair housing conference.
31. **On April 29, in Chicago, IL**, the Chicago Area Fair Housing Alliance presented their annual Fair Housing Month Event, entitled *The Fair Housing Act: Forty Years Later*. A panel discussion on the current state of fair housing included FHEO Region V Director Barbara Knox.
32. **On April 29, in Chicago, IL**, FHEO Lead Equal Opportunity Specialist Herbert Ziegeldorf of HUD’s Chicago office participated in the City of Chicago’s 2nd Annual Consumer Housing Symposium for renters and homebuyers with disabilities. The Symposium brought together a variety of agencies that offer services, programs, and resources benefiting those looking for housing assistance

as well as other supportive services that enhance the quality of life for the disabled community.

33. **On April 29-30, in Grand Rapids, MI**, FHEO Director Yvonne Poindexter of HUD's Detroit office and Equal Opportunity Specialist Phyllis Tarpley took part in the 21st Annual Fair Housing Conference of the Fair Housing Center of West Michigan. President Shanna Smith and Vice President Cathy Cloud of the National Fair Housing Alliance were the keynote speakers on the theme: *Fair Housing Movement Marches On: Honors Past, Plans Future*.
34. **On April 30, in Columbus, OH**, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Programs Bryan Greene was the keynote speaker at a fair housing conference sponsored by the Ohio Department of Development. Mr. Greene's presentation covered fair housing initiatives at the federal level.

REGION VI

(Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas)

1. **On April 1, in Albuquerque, NM**, FHEO Director Elise McConnell of HUD's Albuquerque office noted that April 2008 marks the 40th Anniversary of the Fair Housing Act at a fair housing training session led by Equal Opportunity Specialist Raily McDaniel. With participants coming from 45 Housing Authorities and HUD's Multi-Family site-based Section 8 projects throughout New Mexico, the training focused on fair housing for rental dwellings that receive federal housing assistance. This training was the first of five identical trainings for housing providers that receive federal financial assistance.
2. **On April 2, in Albuquerque, NM**, FHEO Director Elise McConnell of HUD's Albuquerque office noted that April 2008 marks the 40th Anniversary of the Fair Housing Act at a fair housing training session led by Equal Opportunity Specialist Raily McDaniel. Among the trainees were members of the Apartment Association of New Mexico and staffs associated with properties monitored by the New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority. This training was the first of five identical trainings for housing that is privately owned.
3. **On April 1-4, in Dallas, TX**, FHEO Region VI Director Garry Sweeney announced that the City of Dallas Fair Housing Office will sponsor a Fair Housing Information Booth in the City Hall Cafeteria to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act.
4. **From April 1-30, in Dallas, TX**, the City of Dallas Fair Housing Office was to sponsor a Fair Housing Information Booth in a much frequented municipal facility to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act, as announced by FHEO Region VI Director Garry Sweeney.

5. **From April 1-30, in Dallas, TX**, the City of Dallas Fair Housing Office planned to place Fair Housing Month ads on 36 Dallas Area Rapid Transit Buses, as announced by FHEO Region VI Director Garry Sweeney. The ads would display the theme: *April Is Fair Housing Month! Celebrating 40 Years, Many Neighborhoods, ONE Dallas!* and would appear in three quadrants of Dallas.
6. **On April 2, in Little Rock, AR**, FHEO Lead Equal Opportunity Specialist Corine Taylor, Equal Opportunity Specialist Debra Freeman, and Intern Liz Harris of HUD's Little Rock office kicked-off the 40th Year Celebration commemorating the passage of the Federal Fair Housing Act. They also provided training on the Limited English Proficiency (LEP) final guidance of January 22, 2008.
7. **On April 5, in Pine Bluff, AR**, the City of Pine Bluff, along with the Community Housing Resource Board, held a *Fair Housing – Lending Symposium*. The symposium included a general session followed by three workshops: Assets Building, the Home Buying Process, and Foreclosure Prevention and Predatory Lending. FHEO Lead Equal Opportunity Specialist Corine Taylor of HUD's Little Rock office participated in the event.
8. **On April 8, in Albuquerque, NM**, FHEO Director Elise McConnell of HUD's Albuquerque office noted that April 2008 marks the 40th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act at a fair housing training session led by Equal Opportunity Specialist Raily McDaniel. This training was the second of five identical trainings for housing providers that receive federal financial assistance.
9. **On April 9, in Albuquerque, NM**, FHEO Director Elise McConnell of HUD's Albuquerque office noted that April 2008 marks the 40th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act during a training session led by Equal Opportunity Specialist Raily McDaniel. This training was the second of five identical trainings for providers of rental housing that is privately owned.
10. **On April 9, in Shreveport, LA**, the FHEO Center in HUD's New Orleans office sponsored a statewide fair housing conference during which FHEO Enforcement Branch Chief Jan Kearney-King and Equal Opportunity Specialist Acquanelle German of the New Orleans office made a fair housing presentation on fair housing and fair lending.
11. **On April 9, in Pine Bluff, AR**, FHEO Lead Equal Opportunity Specialist Corine Taylor of HUD's Little Rock office provided an overview of the Fair Housing Act during the Pine Bluff Board of Realtors Fair Housing Month Program.
12. **On April 10, in Houston, TX**, the *Houston Chronicle* interviewed Assistant Secretary Kim Kendrick about housing discrimination and Hurricane Katrina victims.

13. **On April 14, in Albuquerque, NM**, FHEO Field Director Elise McConnell of HUD's Albuquerque office noted that April 2008 marks the 40th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act at a fair housing training session led by Equal Opportunity Specialist Raily McDaniel. This training was the third of five identical trainings for housing providers that receive federal financial assistance.
14. **On April 14, in Houston, TX**, FHEO Director Sue Tarver of HUD's Houston office participated in a networking meeting called by U.S. Representative Sheila Jackson Lee and hosted by HUD's Houston Field Policy and Management Office. It was a meeting of partners from banks, mortgage lenders and brokers, and other underwriters. Representative Lee was looking for recommendations from this brainstorming session to address foreclosure problems in the Houston area. The HUD staff contributed information on how to use the FHA Secure program, and the other discussions generally focused on preventing foreclosures through counseling and education.
15. **On April 15, in Albuquerque, NM**, FHEO Director Elise McConnell of the Albuquerque FHEO field office noted that April 2008 marks the 40th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act at a fair housing training session led by Equal Opportunity Specialist Raily McDaniel. This training was the third of five identical trainings for housing providers of rental dwellings that are privately owned.
16. **On April 16, in Fort Worth, TX**, FHEO Senior Equal Opportunity Specialists Darlene Freeman and Michael Brown of HUD's Ft. Worth office conducted a fair housing education class at the Van Zandt-Guinn Elementary School.
17. **On April 16, in Albuquerque, NM**, FHEO Director Elise McConnell of HUD's Albuquerque office conducted a fair housing education class at the Washington Middle School. She discussed residents' rights as protected by the Federal Fair Housing Act.
18. **On April 16, Oklahoma City, OK**, FHEO Lead Equal Opportunity Specialist William Fink and Equal Opportunity Specialists Robert Brown and Vernita Smith of HUD's Oklahoma City Office conducted a fair housing education class at Red Oak Elementary.
19. **On April 16, in New Orleans, LA**, FHEO Director Bernadette Tyus and Equal Opportunity Specialist Acquanette German of HUD's New Orleans office conducted a fair housing education class at the Samuel J. Green Charter School.
20. **On April 16, in Little Rock, AR**, FHEO Lead Equal Opportunity Specialist Corrine Taylor held a fair housing educational class for 4th and 5th graders after school at the Billy Mitchell Boys & Girls Club.

21. **On April 16, in Ft. Worth, TX**, FHEO Lead Equal Opportunity Specialist Patrick Banis, Equal Opportunity Specialist Rita Everett, and Equal Opportunity Assistant Lorraine Chambers of HUD's Ft. Worth office conducted a fair housing educational class at South Hi Mount Elementary. The 4th and 5th Grade classes learned about their rights protected by the Fair Housing Act of 1988.
22. **On April 16, in Houston, TX**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Ada Raglin and PA Gwendolyn Carper of HUD's Houston office conducted a fair housing educational class at Montgomery Elementary School. They presented information on the history of fair housing and rights protected under the Fair Housing Act.
23. **On April 17, in Little Rock, AR**, FHEO Lead Opportunity Specialist Corine Taylor and Equal Opportunity Specialist Debra Freeman with Intern Liz Harris of HUD's Little Rock office presented an overview of the Fair Housing Act at an Arkansas Civil Rights Group meeting.
24. **On April 17, in Pryor, OK**, FHEO Lead Equal Opportunity Specialist William W. Fink of HUD's Oklahoma City office conducted *Fair Housing for All*, a fair housing seminar organized by the Tulsa Area Fair Housing Partnership. The seminar featured the topics of fair housing and who is protected; reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities; how to avoid predatory lenders and avoid foreclosure; and how to file a discrimination complaint.
25. **On April 17, in Houston, TX**, FHEO Field Office Director Sue Tarver of HUD's Houston office and Equal Opportunity Specialist Carolyn Greer celebrated the 40th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act at AHEPA 29 Phase III, a HUD 202 property. Their presentation was made to approximately 60 seniors on the history of fair housing and why the Fair Housing Act is being specially celebrated this year. The program also focused on the difference the law has made for families with children and for the disabled.
26. **On April 18, in Ruidoso, NM**, FHEO Director Elise McConnell of HUD's Albuquerque office conducted Fair Housing Training at the Annual Conference of the New Mexico Chapter of the National Association of Human Rights Officials. Ms. McConnell's training focused on Section 504 and Fair Housing Compliance issues.
27. **On April 21, in Ft. Worth, TX**, FHEO Region VI Director Gary Sweeney reported that for an extra 10 days, 36 Dallas Area Rapid Transit Buses were to continue displaying Fair Housing Month ads saying: *April is Fair Housing Month! Celebrating 40 Years, Many Neighborhoods, ONE Dallas!*
28. **On April 22, in Albuquerque, NM**, FHEO Director Elise McConnell of HUD's Albuquerque office noted that April 2008 marks the 40th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act at a fair housing training session led by Equal Opportunity Specialist Raily McDaniel, also of HUD's Albuquerque office. This training was the fourth

of five identical trainings for housing providers that receive federal financial assistance.

29. **On April 22, in San Antonio, TX**, the San Antonio Fair Housing Council, a nonprofit agency supported by FHIP funds, scheduled a Fair Housing Month Proclamation with the City of San Antonio. Field Office Director Richard Lopez, FHEO Director Joe F. Castillo, and FHC Director Sandra Tamez, all three of HUD's San Antonio, office attended.
30. **On April 22 – 23, in Fort Smith, AR**, the Arkansas Fair Housing Commission (AFHC) held a two-day Fair Housing Month Conference. The keynote speaker was Region VI Director A. Cynthia Leon. FHEO Lead Equal Opportunity Specialist Corine Taylor of HUD's Little Rock office also participated.
31. **On April 23, in Albuquerque, NM**, FHEO Director Elise McConnell of HUD's Albuquerque office noted that April 2008 marks the 40th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act at a fair housing training session led by Equal Opportunity Specialist Raily McDaniel. This training was the fourth of five identical trainings for housing providers of rental dwellings that are privately owned.
32. **On April 23, in Little Rock, AR**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Debra Freeman and Intern Liz Harris of HUD's Little Rock office conducted a fair housing education class at Rockefeller Elementary.
33. **On April 24, in Baton Rouge, LA**, FHEO Center Equal Opportunity Specialist Trudy N. Criddle of HUD's New Orleans' office conducted a workshop as part of the *7th Annual Fair Housing Summit*. The FHEO/HUD segment was entitled: *Fair Housing Laws: Know Your Rights Regarding Rental Housing*.
34. **On April 24, in Pine Bluff, AR**, FHEO Lead Equal Opportunity Specialist Corine Taylor of HUD's Little Rock office conducted a fair housing educational class at Rockefeller Elementary School.
35. **On April 24, in El Paso, TX**, FHEO Region VI Director Garry Sweeney gave a Section 3 presentation and welcomed registrants to FHEO's Fair Housing Accessibility FIRST training. The Fair Housing Accessibility FIRST program is conducted a training session. The training was designed for architects, builders, and others involved in the design of covered housing.
36. **On April 26, in Little Rock, AR**, the Arkansas Community Housing Corporation, an agency supported by FHIP funds, held a Bank Fair. FHEO Lead Equal Opportunity Specialist Corine Taylor of HUD's Little Rock office supplied fair housing material and answered questions during the event, which included booths and displays for numerous lending institutions throughout the Little Rock area.

37. **On April 26, in Garland, TX**, FHEO Director Thurman Miles of HUD's Ft. Worth office gave the keynote speech at the City of Garland's 2008 National Fair Housing Month Luncheon Celebration.
38. **On April 26, in Dallas, TX**, the City of Dallas Fair Housing Office sponsored a *Fair Housing, Pre-foreclosure, Home Preservation and Counseling Expo*. The Expo featured information exhibits to educate the community on fair housing and housing related services and offered individual one-on-one lender/homeowner pre-foreclosure counseling.
39. **On April 29, in Albuquerque, NM**, FHEO Director Elise McConnell of HUD's Albuquerque office noted that April 2008 marks the 40th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act at a fair housing training session led by Equal Opportunity Specialist Raily McDaniel. This training was the last of five identical trainings for housing providers that receive federal financial assistance.
40. **On April 29, in Houston, TX**, FHEO Region VI Director Garry Sweeney was the luncheon speaker at the Houston Fair Housing Action Center's Fair Housing Symposium.
41. **On April 29-30, in Oklahoma City, OK**, FHEO Lead Equal Opportunity Specialist William W. Fink of HUD's Oklahoma City office emceed a Disability Rights Awareness Training Conference program. The training was designed to provide landlords, property managers, and/or housing authority staff guidance on the rights of those with disabilities.
42. **On April 30, in Albuquerque, NM**, FHEO Director Elise McConnell of HUD's Albuquerque office noted that April 2008 marks the 40th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act at a fair housing training session led by Equal Opportunity Specialist Raily McDaniel. This training was the last of five identical trainings for housing providers of rental dwellings that are privately owned.
43. **On May 5, in San Antonio, TX**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Hector Saenz of HUD's San Antonio office conducted a fair housing educational class at Pershing Elementary. Mr. Saenz taught fourth and fifth grade classes about their rights as protected by the Fair Housing Act.

REGION VII

(Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska)

1. **On April 2, in St. Louis, MO**, Region VII Director Macie Houston and FHEO Region VII Director Fannie J. Woods participated in the 2nd Annual Fair Housing Month Kick-off along with St. Louis Mayor Francis G. Slay.
2. **On April 4, in Cedar Rapids, IA**, FHEO Director Region VII Myrtle Wilson attended the unveiling of a Fair Housing Month Exhibit with the Cedar Rapids

Civil Rights Commission, a FHAP-funded agency, and the African-American Museum.

3. **On April 14, in Kansas City, MO**, FHEO Intake Branch Chief Anthony L. May and Equal Opportunity Specialist Curtis L. Jackson of HUD's Kansas City office each conducted a workshop on fair housing laws for the Kansas City Missouri Housing Authority.
4. **On April 15, in Wichita, KS**, FHEO Compliance Branch Chief Denise Gipson and Equal Opportunity Specialist Natasha J. Watson of HUD's Kansas City office each conducted fair housing and community outreach training with communities and faith-based groups during Wichita's Fair Housing Forum sponsored by HUD with assistance from the Urban League of Wichita and the City of Wichita.
5. **On April 16, in Wichita, KS**, FHEO Region VII Staff participated in the national initiative, *Fair Housing Education Day in America*, when FHEO Program Compliance Branch Chief Denise Gipson and Equal Opportunity Specialist Natasha Watson of HUD's Kansas City office conducted fair housing education at Stowe Elementary School.
6. **On April 16, in Jennings, MO**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Cheryl Davidson of HUD's St. Louis office conducted a Fair Housing Education Day event at Fairview Elementary School with 6th graders.
7. **On April 16, in Kansas City, KS**, FHEO Director Fannie Wood of HUD's Kansas City office conducted a Fair Housing Education Day event at Douglas Elementary School with 5th graders.
8. **On April 16, in Omaha, NE**, FHEO Director Betty Bottiger of HUD's Omaha office and Equal Opportunity Specialist Kathryn Amaya conducted a Fair Housing Education Day event at Edison Elementary School for 5th graders present.
9. **On April 16, in Olathe, KS**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialists Robert Brand and Dohn Farley of HUD's Kansas City office conducted a Fair Housing Education Day event at Ravenwood Elementary School with 5th graders.
10. **On April 17, in St. Louis, MO**, the St. Louis Metropolitan Equal Housing Opportunity Council, a FHIP-funded agency, in collaboration with Washington University School of Law, celebrated the 40th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act with a colloquium on *America's Fair Housing and Immigration Challenges*. FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Franklin Montgomery of HUD's St. Louis office served as a panel member for the session on Government Enforcement of Fair Housing Laws.

11. **On April 17, in Kansas City, KS**, the Kansas Legal Services' Community Housing Resource Board hosted a Fair Housing Rights reception. FHEO Region VII Director Myrtle Wilson and Equal Opportunity Specialist Curtis L. Jackson, Jr. attended the event.
12. **On April 20, in Shawnee, MO**, FHEO Region VII Director Myrtle L. Wilson and Enforcement Branch Chief Michele Green of HUD's Kansas City office were featured guests on Radio Station 980 AM KMBZ with Dave Pleskac of Reece & Nichols Realtors.
13. **On April 23, in Kansas City, KS**, FHEO Region VII Director Myrtle Wilson was interviewed by Lynn Franey, reporter with the *Kansas City Star*, the major daily paper in the Kansas City Metropolitan Area. On April 25, 2008, the *Star* published an article on National Fair Housing Month and the 40th Anniversary of the Fair Housing Act.
14. **On April 23, in Des Moines, IA**, in celebration of *Fair Housing Education Day in America*, Equal Opportunity Specialists Cynthia Ferrell and Krista Bowersox of HUD's Omaha office presented fair housing information to two classes of 5th grade students.
15. **On April 24, in Jefferson City, MO**, Region VII FHEO Program Center Director Fannie J. Woods participated in Missouri Commission on Human Rights Fair Housing Month Event. The event was sponsored by the City of Jefferson Human Relations Commission.
16. **On April 25, in Kansas City, MO**, the Civil Rights Division of the Human Relations Department of the City of Kansas City, Missouri, a FHAP-funded agency, hosted a Fair Housing Conference. HUD Regional Director Macie Houston accepted the City's Fair Housing Proclamation to HUD, and brought greetings. Other speakers included Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, former FHEO General Deputy Assistant Secretary Floyd O. May, and U. S. Representative Emanuel Cleaver II. FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Richard Nemchik of HUD's Kansas City office conducted a workshop on fair housing for persons with Disabilities.
17. **On April 26, in Lawrence, KS**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Jean Stemmermann of HUD's Kansas City office participated in the *Information Fair for Renters and Homebuyers/Owners* sponsored by the City of Lawrence, Kansas.
18. **On April 26, in Junction City, KS**, FHEO Enforcement Branch Chief Michele J. Green of HUD's Kansas City office conducted a Fair Housing Workshop hosted by the Junction City Human Relations Commission.
19. **On April 28, in Lenexa, KS**, the Johnson County Housing Authority hosted a Homebuyers' Education Workshop, which the FDIC sponsors as part of its

- community education outreach program, *Money Smart Program*. Enforcement Branch Chief Michele J. Green of HUD's Kansas City office presented information on discriminatory lending.
20. **On April 29, in Topeka, KS**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist James Bailey of HUD's Kansas City office conducted a workshop during the Fair Housing Forum on elderly housing as it relates to the familial status exemption. The City of Topeka Human Relations Commission sponsored the event.
 21. **On April 30, in Waterloo, IA**, FHEO Director Betty Bottiger of HUD's Omaha office made a fair housing presentation for the Fair Housing Month Forum sponsored by the Waterloo Iowa Commission on Human Rights.
 22. **On April 30, in Kansas City, MO**, Region VII Director Macie Houston and FHEO Region VII Director Myrtle Wilson were guests on the *La Playas* Hispanic radio program, 1480 AM. In addition to hearing about the 40th Anniversary of the Fair Housing Act, current trends in fair housing, and local statistics, listeners were given information on how to file a complaint.
 23. **On May 2, in Kansas City, MO**, FHEO Intake Branch Chief Anthony L. May and Equal Opportunity Specialist Andrea Carson of HUD's Kansas City office made a presentation regarding the Fair Housing National Education Day Initiative at ACE @ Southeast Pre K-6 [sic], to 5th and 6th grade students and teachers.

REGION VIII

(Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming)

1. **On April 8, in Salt Lake City, UT**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Michele Hutchins of HUD's Salt Lake City office and members of the Utah Fair Housing Forum attended the signing of a Fair Housing Month proclamation by Salt Lake City Mayor Ralph Becker. Other mayors in Salt Lake County, Ogden, Orem, Provo, and West Valley City previously signed Fair Housing Month proclamations on April 1.
2. **On April 15, in Grand Junction, CO**, FHEO Region VIII Director Evelyn Meininger conducted fair housing training for new Housing Choice Voucher Program participants. The training focused on the Fair Housing Act and its protections for renters. A separate training on the same date was conducted for Grand Junction landlords and other housing stakeholders who participate as providers in the Housing Choice Voucher Program.
3. **On April 16, in Salt Lake City, UT**, the Annual Utah Fair Housing Conference was held in conjunction with the Utah Apartment Association's annual trade show. The Utah Fair Housing Forum sponsored three fair housing classes and

- had a fair housing booth. FHEO Equal Opportunity specialist Michele Hutchins of HUD's Salt Lake City office served as a panelist for two of the classes.
4. **On April 22, in Billings, MT,** Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Programs Bryan Greene presented a memorial plaque to the widow of Russell Brown, honoring the deceased director of the Billings Community Housing Resource Board. Mr. Greene also congratulated the City of Billings on its award of a 2007 FHIP grant. A ceremonial check for \$99,987 was presented to Mayor Ron Tussing and the City's Community Development Agency.
 5. **On April 22, in Billings, MT,** FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Michele Hutchins of HUD's Salt Lake City office presented a fair housing training workshop. Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Programs Bryan Greene provided a fair housing update for the housing stakeholders.
 6. **On April 23, in Bismarck, ND,** Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Programs Bryan Greene made a Fair Housing Month address during a training workshop conducted by Fair Housing of the Dakotas, an agency supported by FHIP funds.
 7. **On April 24, in Fargo, ND,** Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Programs Bryan Greene took part in a meeting with lenders, bankers, housing stakeholders, plus the City of Fargo Native American Commission and Community Development office, and the North Dakota Housing Finance Authority. The forum encouraged dialogue between the Native American community and lenders that identified reasons for the belief among some Native Americans that racial discrimination often prevents them from achieving homeownership.
 8. **On May 6, in Sioux Falls, SD,** HUD's Fair Housing Accessibility FIRST program conducted a training session. The training was aimed at persons involved in the design and construction of housing covered by the Fair Housing Act, as well as representatives of fair housing enforcement agencies, state and local government officials, disability advocacy organizations, and other interested persons. It provided details about the Fair Housing Act's accessibility requirements and modules covering common design and construction violations and solutions and strategies for designing compliant bathrooms.

REGION IX

(Arizona, California, Hawaii, and Nevada)

1. **On April 2, in San Francisco, CA,** FHEO Region IX Director Chuck Hauptman kicked off Region IX's Fair Housing Month celebration with a special program commemorating the 40th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act. The event highlighted much that has been accomplished since the enactment of the Fair

Housing Act in 1968. This year's opening event theme was entitled *On the Sunlit Path . . .*, adapted from Dr. Martin Luther King's, *I Have a Dream* speech.

2. **On April 4, in Mountain View, CA**, Region IX FHEO Intake Branch Chief Paul Smith of HUD's San Francisco office moderated a workshop entitled, *Impact Litigation: Fair Housing in Zoning and Affordable Housing* during the annual fair housing conference. The conference was entitled, *It's Our Neighborhood: Forty Years of Promoting the Dream*.
3. **On April 14, in Woodland, CA**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Willard McClure of HUD's San Francisco office was a presenter during a fair housing month event jointly sponsored by Legal Services of Northern California and Shasta Fair Housing Alliance. His workshop covered fair housing rights and responsibilities.
4. **On April 15, in Redding, CA**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Willard McClure of HUD's San Francisco office gave fair housing training to housing providers and social service providers, landlords, tenants, and representatives of property management companies. His workshop provided an overview of state and federal fair housing laws and HUD enforcement.
5. **On April 16, in Santa Rosa, CA**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialists Linda Creel and Laura Uribe of HUD's San Francisco office presented fair housing training at a seminar hosted by the North Coast Housing Association. The presentation provided an overview of federal fair housing laws, HUD's intake and investigative processes, and a discussion of commonly-filed complaints.
6. **On April 16, in Reno, NV**, FHEO Enforcement Branch Chief Jesse Webster of HUD's San Francisco office served on a fair housing panel at an event sponsored by the Northern Nevada Apartment Association.
7. **On April 16, in Fullerton, CA**, FHEO Director David Quezada of HUD's Los Angeles office conducted a presentation to a 5th grade class of Valencia Park Elementary School as part of *Fair Housing Education Day in America*. The presentation was delivered in both English and Spanish, and was aimed at educating children about the Federal Fair Housing Act and how it prohibits discrimination in housing.
8. **On April 21, in Kauai, HI**, FHEO Senior Equal Opportunity Specialist Jelani Madaraka of HUD's Honolulu office was the featured speaker at a Fair Housing Month event sponsored by the County of Kauai Housing Agency. Mr. Madaraka's presentation covered federal fair housing laws.
9. **On April 21, in Tucson, AZ**, Assistant Secretary Kim Kendrick did a live interview with certified mortgage consultant Mark Ross for his weekly *Prime Capital* show on KJLL Radio. Ms. Kendrick talked about the 40th anniversary of

the Fair Housing Act and the rise of housing discrimination complaints in Arizona, which she attributed to HUD's funds being used to reach the public. She stressed that real estate agents must be careful not to use discriminatory language and should also state the facts.

10. **On April 23, in Phoenix, AZ**, HUD's Fair Housing Accessibility FIRST contractor, BearingPoint, conducted a training session along with the Arizona Fair Housing Partnership. The training provided an overview of the Fair Housing Act's design and construction requirements and a detailed review of common violations of those requirements and solutions to such violations.
11. **On April 23, in Henderson, NV**, Region IX FHEO Director Chuck Hauptman was a presenter at a Homeownership Forum sponsored by the City of Henderson, Nevada.
12. **On April 23, in San Rafael, CA**, FHEO Program Director Anne Quesada of HUD's San Francisco office provided opening remarks at Fair Housing of Marin's (FHOM) annual Poster Contest Awards Ceremony commemorating the Fair Housing Act's 40th anniversary. Each year, FHOM invites Marin County students in grades K-8 to submit entries for their annual Fair Housing Poster Contest designed to teach youths to respect all people while also promoting their artistic ability.
13. **On April 24, in Las Vegas, NV**, Region IX FHEO Director Chuck Hauptman presented an overview of the Fair Housing Act at a Fair Housing Month Event sponsored by the Nevada Fair Housing Center.
14. **On April 24, in Sacramento, CA**, FHEO Senior Equal Opportunity Specialist David Philipson and Equal Opportunity Specialist Willard McClure of HUD's San Francisco office spoke at the Office of Housing's quarterly Multifamily Industry Meeting.
15. **On April 24, in El Centro, CA**, FHEO Center Director David Quezada and Enforcement Branch Chief Ralph Douglass of HUD's Los Angeles office took part in a fair housing month event sponsored by the Inland Fair Housing and Mediation Board. It featured a session on combating predatory lending and preventing foreclosures.
16. **On April 24, in Napa, CA**, FHEO Director Anne Quesada of HUD's San Francisco office was a presenter at a Fair Housing Month event commemorating the Act's 40th anniversary. Ms. Quesada provided an overview of the Fair Housing Act and introduced the keynote speaker, Bernard J. Kleina, a civil rights activist, photographer, and the director of the Hope Fair Housing Center in Wheaton, Illinois. Mr. Kleina shared his photographs and experiences of over 42 years in the fair housing movement.

17. **On April 24, in Hilo, HI**, FHEO Senior Equal Opportunity Specialist Jelani Madaraka of HUD's Honolulu office was the featured speaker at a Fair Housing Month event sponsored by the Hawaii County Office of Housing and Community Development. Mr. Madaraka's presentation covered federal fair housing laws.
18. **On April 24, in San Francisco, CA**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialists Willard McClure, Claudia Lopez, and Christine Cheung of HUD's San Francisco office conducted a classroom presentation to a 5th grade class of Monroe Elementary in conjunction with HUD's National Fair Housing Month Education project.
19. **On April 25, in Kona, HI**, FHEO Senior Equal Opportunity Specialist Jelani Madaraka of HUD's Honolulu office was the featured speaker at a Fair Housing Month event sponsored by the Hawaii County Office of Housing and Community Development.
20. **On April 29, in Sacramento, CA**, Region IX FHEO Director Chuck Hauptman was a presenter at the 2008 Housing California Annual Conference. Mr. Hauptman was a panelist at a workshop entitled *Building for Accessibility*, which focused on the development of multifamily housing.
21. **On April 30, in Honolulu, HI**, FHEO Senior Equal Opportunity Specialist Jelani Madaraka of HUD's Honolulu office was the featured speaker at a Fair Housing Month event cosponsored by the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission and the HUD Honolulu Office of Field Policy and Management.
22. **On April 30, in Santa Ana, CA**, FHEO Director David Quezada of HUD's Los Angeles office presented fair housing organizational and commemorative information to representatives of Congressional offices representing Orange County, San Bernardino County, and Riverside County.
23. **On May 1, in Fresno, CA**, FHEO Intake Branch Chief Paul Smith of HUD's San Francisco office served as the keynote speaker at a fair housing conference. Mr. Smith discussed reasonable modification as it relates to federal fair housing laws.

REGION X

(Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington)

1. **On March 26, in Salem, OR**, FPM Director Roberta Ando of HUD's Portland office Director and FHEO Senior Equal Opportunity Specialist Laverne Myles-Bryant participated in Governor Theodore R. Kulongoski's signing of the Oregon State Fair Housing Month Proclamation.

2. **On April 8, in Idaho Falls, ID**, FPM Operations Specialist Brian Dale of HUD's Boise Field Office reported that Idaho Falls, ID Mayor Jared D. Fuhrman signed the Idaho Falls Fair Housing Month Proclamation.
3. **On April 22, in Nampa, ID**, FHEO Intake Branch Chief Andrew Tarver, Senior Equal Opportunity Specialist Bobbi Olson, and Equal Opportunity Specialist Charles Jones of HUD's Seattle office made presentations at the 2008 Fair Housing Conference sponsored by the Idaho Fair Housing Forum.
4. **On April 24, in Tacoma, WA**, FHEO Director Diane B. Nelson and Associate Counsel Jo Ann Riggs of HUD's Seattle office took part in the Fair Housing Conference sponsored by the City of Tacoma Human Rights Department and the Fair Housing Center of Washington.
5. **On April 25, in Spokane, WA**, FHEO Senior Equal Opportunity Specialist Kristina Miller of HUD's Spokane office participated in the 2008 Spokane Fair Housing Conference, *Diversify Your World*.
6. **On April 28-30, in Anchorage, AK**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Melvin Torres of HUD's Anchorage office conducted a mass mailing of fair housing information and materials to Anchorage, Nome, and Fairbanks school districts.
7. **On April 29, in Vancouver, WA**, FHEO Senior Equal Opportunity Specialist Laverne Myles-Bryant and Equal Opportunity Specialist Jim Kordich of HUD's Portland office taught the Fair Housing Curriculum to 6th graders at McLoughlin Middle School.
8. **On April 30, in Seattle, WA**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Serena Dolly of HUD's Seattle office provided fair housing training to members of the Association of Manufactured Housing Communities of Washington.
9. **On April 30, in Tacoma, WA**, FHEO Program Analyst Serena Dolly of HUD's Seattle office provided basic fair housing training to the Association of Manufactured Housing Communities of Washington State.
10. **On May 1-2, in Portland, OR**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Kristina Miller and Equal Opportunity Specialist Virginia Martinez-Hall of HUD's Spokane office provided training for nine staff of the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries, a new Fair Housing Assistance Program partner.