We all have a responsibility to make sure that housing in our community is open and equally available to everyone.

There are many ways that you can support the FHJC’s work. First, if you encounter or learn about discriminatory housing practices, please report them to us. You can also help us advocate for fair housing policies, host presentations on fair housing, volunteer your time to help with events and fundraisers, and donate to the FHJC. Our effectiveness continues to depend on the support and involvement of our testers, cooperating attorneys, partnering organizations, volunteers, and donors.

Give to the FHJC today! With your help, we can continue to fight housing discrimination and make communities within the New York City region more open, accessible, and inclusive.

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Fair Housing Testing Investigations

Housing discrimination can be very subtle and difficult to detect. Therefore, the FHJC has adopted a pro-active approach to identify, document, and eliminate systemic housing discrimination. Testing remains one of the most effective investigative tools used to enforce fair housing laws. Our Acting for Justice testing program hires professional actors as "testers" to pose as ordinary home seekers to determine if housing providers and others are complying with fair housing laws.

The FHJC investigations have resulted in more vigorous enforcement of fair housing laws, opening up housing opportunities, changing housing practices, and recovering millions in damages and penalties. The FHJC works to achieve greater compliance with fair housing laws and to ensure that everyone can effectively exercise their fair housing rights.

Fair Housing Policy Initiatives

The FHJC advocates for programs and policies that foster more open, accessible, and inclusive communities. To counteract the effects of past and current discriminatory housing practices and to break the cycle of inequality that persists in our region, housing policies and programs must be explicitly tailored to increase housing choice, reduce residential segregation, and expand opportunities for all.

Education and Outreach

People are better equipped to exercise their fair housing rights when they are better informed. The FHJC engages in numerous outreach and educational activities to increase public awareness about fair housing rights. The FHJC offers presentations on fair housing for civic, religious, educational, and community organizations; distributes the Opening Acts e-newsletter about our work; issues reports and other publications on fair housing; and leads workshops on specific fair housing issues. We also produced an award winning documentary, A Matter of Place, and have been featured on NPR’s This American Life and in the EPIX docu-series America Divided.

Training and Technical Assistance

The FHJC contracts to provide technical assistance, testing services, training, and other tools to upgrade and strengthen fair housing enforcement. The FHJC provides support and other resources to organizations and agencies involved in fair housing enforcement to:

- Expand the use of testing as an investigative tool to gather evidence in response to housing discrimination complaints;
- Elevate systemic testing as the highest priority in fair housing law enforcement;
- Promote a more creative, strategic, and effective use of investigative tools used to enforce fair housing laws; and
- Advocate for vigorous, coordinated, and sustained fair housing enforcement in all of our nation’s metropolitan regions.

Our History and Impact

In twelve years, the Fair Housing Justice Center has established itself as a leader in fair housing. In 2005, the FHJC opened its doors as a program of a larger non-profit organization, HELP USA. By 2005, after incubating the new organization, the FHJC began operating as an independent, nonprofit civil rights organization, governed its own volunteer Board of Directors.

Since our founding, the FHJC’s investigations have led to legal challenges that have changed the way many housing providers do business; opened up tens of thousands of housing opportunities to populations previously excluded; and recovered millions in damages and penalties for victims of housing discrimination. The FHJC has influenced local, state, and federal housing policies; increased public awareness about fair housing rights; and improved how fair housing laws are enforced. The FHJC has changed lives by empowering people to exercise their fair housing rights.