

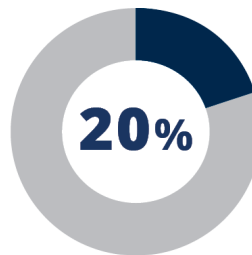


NEW REPORT FINDS DISCRIMINATION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVORS

The Fair Housing Center for Rights & Research recently released a [report](#) on housing discrimination against domestic violence survivors in Cuyahoga County. The study found that survivors of domestic violence are denied housing because of their history of domestic violence through unfavorable treatment by landlords. Results of an examination showed that survivors of domestic violence and their advocates experienced unfavorable treatment when seeking rental housing by landlords 35.9% of the time after mentioning that they were calling from a domestic violence shelter. Thirty percent of survivors surveyed for this report shared having experienced some form of housing discrimination.



of surveyed survivors
**struggled to find
new housing.**



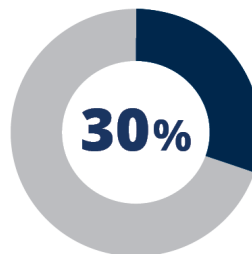
of surveyed survivors
were **discouraged
from calling 911.**



of surveyed survivors
became homeless.



of surveyed survivors
were evicted.



of surveyed survivors
**reported housing
discrimination.**



Learn more about the findings of our research in this article by ideastream:

<https://www.ideastream.org/news/fair-housing-center-finds-discrimination-against-domestic-abuse-survivors>

[Click here to read the full report](#)

FAIR HOUSING CENTER RECEIVES MAE E. STEWART AWARD OF ACCOUNTABILITY



On Saturday, February 2, our agency was honored to attend the CMHA Honors Gala at Landerhaven. The gala was a celebration of the work of Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority's employees and community partners. During the event, the Fair Housing Center was recognized by CMHA with the Mae E. Stewart Award of Accountability. The award's namesake, Ms. Stewart, was an activist, council person for the City of East Cleveland, and commissioner of CMHA. We appreciate the recognition by CMHA and value our shared commitment to serving our communities.

BW STUDENTS EXPLORE FAIR HOUSING AT SOCIAL CHANGE SUMMIT

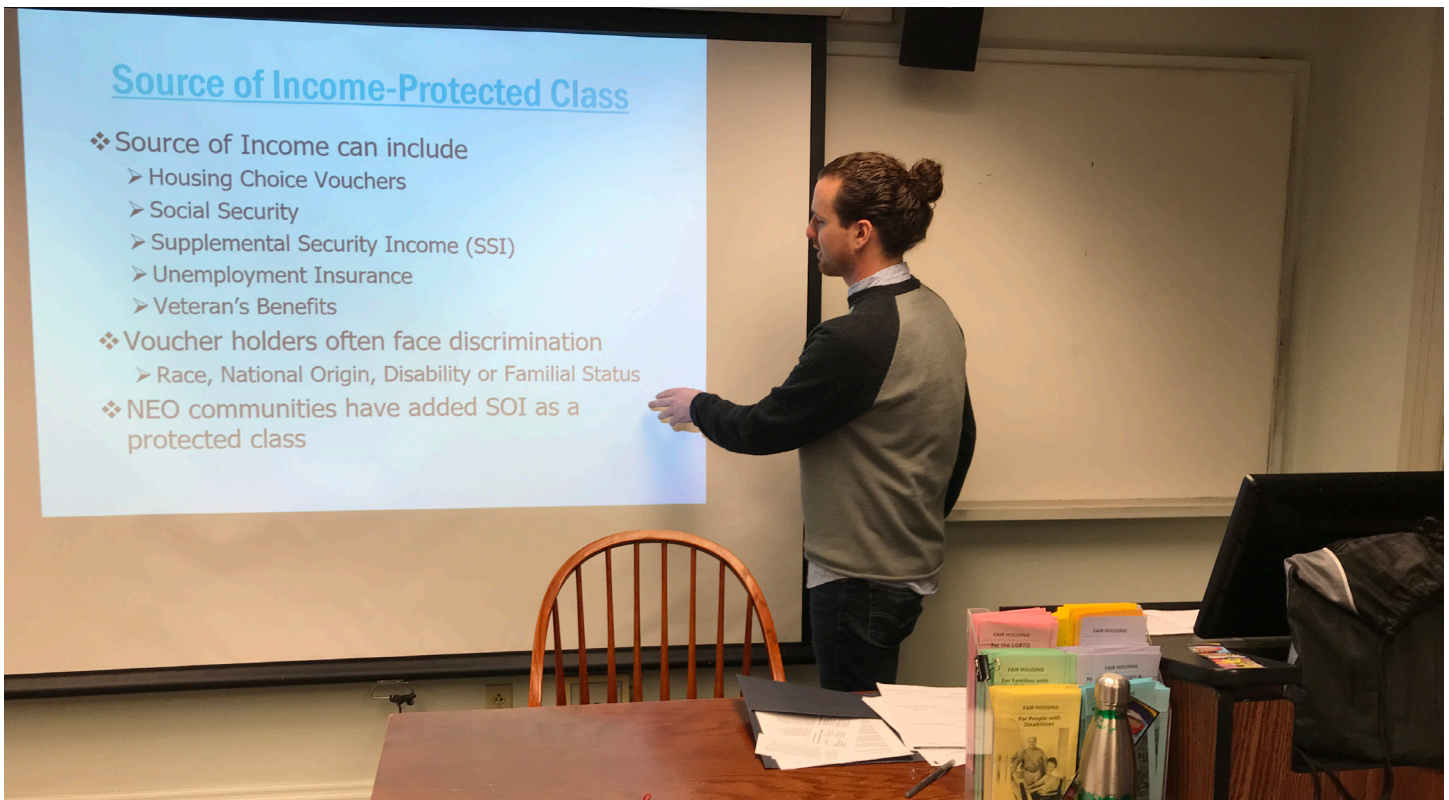


As part of a week-long Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration, Baldwin Wallace University hosted a Social Change Summit on Saturday, January 26, 2019. The conference-style event was "designed to help students move from feelings of anxiety, apathy and angst with current events into action for social justice and positive social change."

The Fair Housing Center was proud to participate in this event by hosting two workshop sessions to inform students on their fair housing rights and provide them with ways to get involved in fair housing advocacy. In addition, we had the privilege of taking part in the event's "Lunch with

Leaders" - an opportunity to connect with a smaller group of students and answer questions about our work. Before the close of the event, students had the chance to network with the organizations in attendance, and we enjoyed the opportunity to engage with so many future (and present) social change agents.

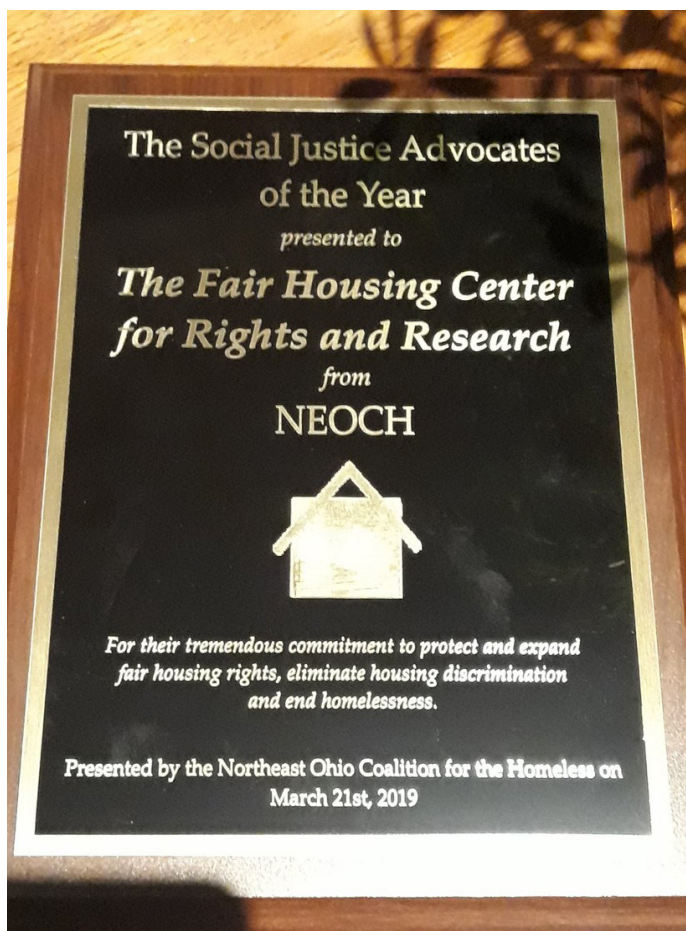
19TH ANNUAL SOCIAL JUSTICE TEACH-IN AT CWRU



On Saturday, February 9, the 19th Annual Social Justice Teach-In took place at Case Western Reserve University. The annual event, co-sponsored by the InterReligious Task Force on Central America and Colombia and Case Western Reserve University, brought together hundreds of students, community members, activists, and social justice advocates for a day-long conference centered around the theme “Speaking Truth to Power: Inspiring Change Through Truth Telling”.

More than 40 workshops on social and global justice issues were offered to teach-in attendees. Our Senior Investigations Coordinator, Peter Saudek, presented on strategies to undo historical segregation and redlining, and how we can understand and act on gentrification as a fair housing issue. Those in attendance ranged from high school and college students to social workers and attorneys, all of whom participated in a critical dialogue after the presentation about how our community can push for greater fair housing practices and protections across Cuyahoga County and beyond. The Teach-In was a collaboration between countless social justice-oriented organizations pushing for equity across Northeast Ohio.

FHC NAMED SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVOCATES OF THE YEAR



On Thursday March 21, the Fair Housing Center for Rights & Research attended the Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless's 2019 Annual Meeting at St. Pauls Community Church, where we were honored with the award for Social Justice Advocates of the Year.

Chris Knestrick, Director of NEOCH, spoke on the state of homelessness in Cleveland and Northeast Ohio, highlighting achievements that have been made throughout the past year, as well as the work that lies ahead of us. He reinforced the message that racism and homelessness are inextricably linked, adding that working to end racism is necessary for all who want to work to end homelessness. In addition to the Fair Housing Center receiving an award, Simona N. Williams, founder of Sisters of Hope, was named Homeless Advocate of the Year for her commitment to ending homelessness in our community.



We thank the Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless for recognizing our efforts to advance equity and social justice, as we carry out our mission of protecting and expanding fair housing rights, eliminating housing discrimination, and promoting integrated communities. We are grateful to have NEOCH as community partners and fellow social justice advocates.



SAVE THE DATE

Calling all ice cream and social justice lovers! What if we told you that you could help protect and expand fair housing rights by... eating ice cream? Join us on **August 11, 2019** for an Ice Cream Social for Justice, a fundraiser for the Fair Housing Center for Rights & Research. Stay tuned for more details!

ABOUT THE FAIR HOUSING CENTER FOR RIGHTS & RESEARCH

The Fair Housing Center for Rights & Research (The Fair Housing Center) is a nonprofit fair housing organization whose mission is to protect and expand fair housing rights, eliminate housing discrimination, and promote integrated communities. The Fair Housing Center has been in existence for 35 years, beginning as the Metropolitan Strategy Group in 1983.

The federal Fair Housing Act of 1968 prohibits discrimination in the sale or rental of a dwelling on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status or disability. The purpose of the law is to eliminate housing discrimination and promote residential integration.

For more information visit www.thehousingcenter.org.

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