# **Help Fight Housing Discrimination**

The Fair Housing Center for Rights & Research, a fair housing agency, is currently recruiting members of the public to work as testers to help detect and investigate housing discrimination throughout Cuyahoga and Lorain Counties.

## What is fair housing testing?

Testing is a means of gathering evidence to assess whether housing discrimination is taking place.

### How do you test for housing discrimination?

Fair housing testers typically pretend to be looking for an apartment or buying a house. They may call and/or go in person to meet with a housing provider and tour the available residence. They then fill out a detailed report documenting the interaction. For decades, fair housing programs around the country have used testers to investigate housing discrimination.

#### Why become a Tester?

Testers help fight housing discrimination. Testers' reports may serve as evidence for victims of housing discrimination. Testing helps people live wherever they choose, free of discrimination. Testers are employees and are paid for each completed test assignment.

### The Fair Housing Center needs your help!

A successful testing program requires diversity. We need people comprising the full spectrum of humanity including, but not limited to: race, color, national origin, religion, ability, age, familial status, sexual orientation, gender, and gender identity.

The Fair Housing Center is recruiting individuals who are interested in conducting testing. We conduct tester training sessions multiple times throughout the year.

If you are interested in becoming a tester or would like more information, please contact: Faith Rutledge, Testing Specialist <u>frutledge@thehousingcenter.org</u> 216-361-9240, Ext. 202

Thank you!