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APRIL IS A FAIR HOUSING MONTH

---NEWS AND COMMUNITY RELEASE---

The City of Hartford, Department of Development Services/Division of Grants Management will host its 4th Annual Fair Housing Month celebration. The event will take place on Friday, April 8, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Hartford Public Library Seminar Room, located on the second floor at 500 Main Street in Downtown Hartford.

2011 marks the 43rd Anniversary of the passage of the Fair Housing Act. The Civil Rights legislation-also known as Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act-was enacted on April 11, 1968, and each April our City honors the occasion by rededicating itself to equal housing opportunities for all.

The Fair Housing Act protects the right of every individual/family to have the opportunity to live in the home of their dreams, in the neighborhood of their choice, and prohibits discrimination concerning the sale, rental and financing of housing based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, elderliness, and family status.

Discrimination is not always a clear cut action or remark. This Fair Housing Month event will help people recognize a discriminatory action and know if they are a victim of housing discrimination. Ignorance of the law is not a defense for housing providers such as property managers, landlords, real estate agents, banks, insurance companies, mortgage lenders, developers, and other housing professional. Fair Housing, it's not an option, it's the law!

For additional information and preregistration please contact Elda Sinani, Fair Housing Officer (860)757-9275.

