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The 23rd Annual Symposium
“FORTY YEARS OF FAIR HOUSING: MOVING FORWARD WITH CIVIL & HUMAN RIGHTS”

March 18, 2009
Des Moines University
Student Education Center
3200 Grand Ave.
Des Moines, IA

WELCOME:

T. M. Frank Cownie, Mayor of Des Moines

OPENING REMARKS:

The Impact of Global Economic Woes On Fair Housing Organizations – Myrtle Wilson, Director for the US Department of Housing and Urban Development's Region VII Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity.

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Are you a first time attendee? _____

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Scholarships available upon request.

Session 1 Workshops 10:10 – 11:10 am

____ **TRACK A FAIR HOUSING (LANDLORD-TENANT):** Applying the Principles of Fair Housing in Rental Property Management – Presenter: Mary Spain, Central Iowa Apartment Alliance (CIAA)

____ **TRACK B IMMIGRATION:** (Immigration) “Immigration 101” – Understanding the current regulations and rules as they apply to immigrants living and working in Iowa. Presenter: Nichole Mordini, Attorney - Davis, Brown, Koehn, Shors & Roberts PC

____ **TRACK C GLBT/EMPLOYMENT:** Straight Talk about LGBT Issues in the Workplace. Presenter: Sharon Malheiro, Attorney –Davis, Brown, Shors, Koehn & Roberts, PC

___ **TRACK D HOUSING:** Housing Market Decline & Foreclosures. From global to local what is happening and where/when will this all end? – Presenter: Stella Adams, Principal - S. J. Adams Consulting.

___ **TRACK E HUMAN RIGHTS:** Competency Building for Human Rights Commissioners – Lionel Foster, Director – Mason City Human Rights Commission; Kelly Larson, Executive Director- Dubuque Human Rights Department; Jim Ritters, Chair of the Burlington Human Rights Commission

Session 2 Workshops 11:20 – 12:20 pm

___ **TRACK A FAIR HOUSING (HOMELESSNESS):** Fair Housing & Growing Homelessness: Facing the Challenges. Presenter: Mayor of Des Moines, T. M. Frank Cownie.

___ **TRACK B HOUSING:** Housing Supports & Poor Economic Times: Resources Still Exist – Panel:
Pam Carmichael-Executive Director of HOME, Inc.; Patrick Madigan-Assistant Attorney General, State of Iowa; Mary Niederbach, AICP- Sr. Planner, City of Des Moines; Holly Olson- Executive Director, Neighborhood Finance Corporation (NFC).

___ **TRACK C EDUCATION/GLBT:** “LGBTQA Students in Iowa: Challenges & Potential” - Improving the lives of lesbian, gay, bi-sexual and transgendered, queer youth and their allies in Iowa schools. Presenter: Ryan Roemerma – Executive Director, Iowa Pride Network, Rachel Johnson, Outreach Coordinator.

___ **TRACK D HUMAN RIGHTS/YOUTH:** Addressing Current Mandatory Life Sentences Without Parole for Youth Offenders Convicted of a Class A Felony Before age 18 – Katie Jares, Skylark Program; Phyllis Stevens – Iowa Coalition to Oppose Life Without the Possibility of Parole for Children (ICOOIWPPC); Joanne Talarico, ICOOIWPPC

___ **TRACK E EMPLOYMENT:** Equal Work for Unequal Pay: Disparities Between Women & Men in the Iowa Workforce in 2009. The state of comparable worth in Iowa - Lori SchraderBacher, M.S. - Iowa Commission on the Status of Women.

12:30 – 2pm Awards Luncheon

Session 3 Workshops 2:15 pm – 3:15 pm

___ **TRACK A HEALTH CARE FOR ALL?** Opportunities and Issues for the Underserved.- Wendy Gray, M.A. – Executive Director of Free Clinics in Iowa.

___ **TRACK B EMPLOYMENT :** Implementing the 2008 Changes to the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) - Amy Desenberg Wines, DBTAC-Great Plains ADA Center (invited)

___ **TRACK C GLBTQA:** Our country is facing an impending and tremendous challenge as baby boomers start aging into their senior years. If you are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (LGBT), the challenge is compounded because of widespread homophobia, transphobia, racial injustice and economic inequity. LGBT Aging: Learn the Facts- Sandy Volpalka, M. S. GLBT Aging Specialist.

___ **TRACK D FAIR HOUSING:** Housing & Hope for Tomorrow: Stepping Into the Future- Stella Adams, S. J. Adams, Consulting; Myrtle Wilson, Region VII, (HUD); Ralph Rosenberg,

Director-owa Civil Rights Commission and Rudy Simms, Director – Des Moines Human Rights Commission.

Please complete the Registration Form attached and select one track in each session you wish to attend.

Registration Fee of \$50.00**

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