

# HOW YOU CAN HELP

Working together, Central Ohio can close our affordable housing gaps and create a stronger community. Each month we feature ways to get involved in the affordable housing movement.

You can also view our full <u>Events Calendar</u> or search local <u>Career Opportunities</u> in affordable housing.

#### Nonprofits to Watch

**Community Housing Network** is the largest and longest-standing provider of permanent supportive housing in Franklin County, applying its spirit of service and innovation to create apartments and family homes for people experiencing homelessness with mental illness, substance use disorders, and trauma-related issues.

Legal Aid of Southeast & Central Ohio provides civil legal aid and advocacy to overcome injustice, reduce poverty, and increase opportunity. They keep our justice system fair for all people regardless of how much money they have.

## Advocate

Columbus City Council is hosting three hearings on the Zone In proposal to modernize our land use laws. After years of gathering public feedback, this plan was designed to expand housing, promote affordability, support high-speed transit, and build stronger neighborhoods. Join one of the public hearings on <u>May 7th, June 6th, or June 27th</u> to make sure your voice is heard and your vision for our future remains at the heart of this project.

The Ohio Statehouse is buzzing with housing activities. Take some time this month to learn about <u>Senate Bill 244</u>, a brand new proposal from Central Ohio's Senators Reynolds and Craig that would allow cities to lower the tax burden on homeowners facing displacement. Or learn about <u>Senate Bill 245</u> which could help prevent evictions.

### Donate

Empowering moms lies at the heart of Home for Families' mission. This Mother's Day, honor the remarkable individuals who bravely confront housing adversity while continuing to support their families. Each <u>Bundle of Joy</u> provides essential assistance and empowers a brighter future for both mom and family.

# Volunteer

Across Columbus, naturally-affordable homes are being bought up by investors, rents raised, and long-time tenants evicted. The Riverview International Center is a nonprofit helping 88 families that are being displaced. They need volunteers to collect moving supplies, help neighbors pack, make rental inquiry calls, and move furniture. Learn how you can help here.

# **Engage & Educate**

This year, 3,000 children and young adults will become homeless in Franklin County. On Friday, May 31st, Huckleberry House will host their <u>annual Sleep Out</u>. So grab a friend and a tent to join them in raising awareness and funds to end youth homelessness!