



DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

INTERMOUNTAIN FAIR HOUSING COUNCIL

FAIR HOUSING NEWS AND UPDATES FROM INTERMOUNTAIN FAIR HOUSING COUNCIL

A LOOK BACK AT NOVEMBER

On the 19th of November, we had an amazing time celebrating La Cosecha (the harvest) alongside our friends at the Idaho Immigrant Resource Alliance. Thank you to the Woodland Empire Brewery for hosting, and thank you all for the wonderful turnout! A portion of all of the proceeds from the event and the silent auction conducted by Woodland Empire will go to buy protection equipment for hop workers. We were honored to be a part of this wonderful cause and celebration in our community.



We also wanted to thank our amazing community for their incredible generosity on Giving Tuesday November 29th. Your continued kindness and support warms our hearts and makes all of this possible!

GIVING TUESDAY

MOVING INTO DECEMBER

FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE OUR PARTICIPATION IN THE AVENUES FOR HOPE HOUSING CHALLENGE!



WHAT IT IS

Avenues for Hope is an exciting challenge for any nonprofit organizations and schools that provide housing and supportive services to low-income or homeless Idahoans. The goal of the challenge is simply to raise as much funding as possible from **December 12-31** to help provide housing assistance all across Idaho.

WHY WE ARE PARTICIPATING

This is a fantastic cause that aligns strongly with our own of providing safe and affordable housing to all, free from discrimination. They have done amazing work in previous years and have worked with 88 different nonprofits and organizations. Since 2011, they have raised \$9.5 million for housing nonprofits, and have managed to grow their visibility and support year after year. The IFHC is excited to be a part of this incredible event.



BUT WE WILL NEED YOUR HELP!

OUR GOALS



Milestone One - \$2,500



Milestone Two - \$3,500



Milestone Three - \$5,000

Our ultimate goal for this challenge is to raise **\$5,000** to help in the fight against housing discrimination and unfair evictions. We realize this is not a small task, so we've broken it down into 3 major milestones. The amazing people at The Home Partnership Foundation who host the Avenues for Hope Housing Challenge are also generous enough to match any donations made to us up to \$2,500! This means if we can reach our very first milestone of \$2,500, every donation made up to that point will automatically be doubled! Donations start at just \$25 and we're excited to track our progress and keep you updated on reaching these milestones together on all of our social media platforms.

HOW YOU CAN DONATE

If you are in a position to give this season, you will be able to make any donations to the IFHC through Avenues of Hope by visiting their website at www.avenuesforhope.org. Donations start at only \$25 and can be made online through your computer or through your smart phone.

Avenues for Hope does use a nonprofit giving platform called GiveGab that charges a 2% fee on all donations. However, they give the option to cover the fees if you choose to, so 100% of your charitable gift will still go directly to us (or any other organization you are donating to)!



WHERE YOUR DONATIONS ARE GOING



Your donations to us through Avenues for Hope will be used to help Idahoans struggling to find or retain safe and inclusive homes. We will use it to provide legal assistance to any tenants or homebuyers that are denied the opportunity to rent or own a home or are facing eviction because of their race, color, sex, religion, national origin, familial status, sexual orientation, gender identity, source of income, or disability. Everyone deserves to have a safe and secure living situation, no matter their status or identity. As such, any donations we receive will go directly to the following:

- Providing information and education services to housing consumers, housing providers, community organizations, and lending institutions.
- Monitoring fair housing compliance of housing providers, lending institutions, and local and state governments.
- Intakes and referrals for fair housing complaints
- Investigations, conciliations, reasonable accommodation assistance, and reasonable modification assistance
- Keeping experts and attorneys for all of these processes on staff

For those facing housing discrimination, these services are truly priceless. We are able to keep these services functioning and continue fighting for fair housing for all, thanks to your generosity and help.



HELP US SPREAD THE WORD

Getting your friends, coworkers, and loved ones involved can also be a big help! If you're unable to make a donation or have already made one, letting others know about our mission and the housing challenge this month can be just as valuable. We do our best to reach as many people as possible through our own social media and outreach, but having your support in helping to spread the word to those who may not otherwise know about us is invaluable. The more people that know about this challenge, the more we can raise, and the more help we can provide to those in need of our services. With your help, we can reach even more people this giving season.



OTHER WAYS YOU CAN GIVE BACK

If you wish to support us in other ways, you can always follow us on any of our social media platforms to engage even further with our community and participate in future events. You can also learn more about fair housing laws and become an advocate for fair housing in your daily life. Advocating to others about housing rights begins with advocating for *your* own rights. It is equally important for you to know your rights as well. And last, but most certainly not least, you can become a Fair Housing Tester and advocate for housing justice on the front line. We have more information on becoming a Fair Housing available under the 'Careers' tab on our main site!

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THIS WAS ALL POSSIBLE THANKS TO YOU

We can't thank you enough for your generosity!

We are still in awe of the kindness shown to the Intermountain Fair Housing Council during the Avenues for Hope housing challenge over the course of December.

Thanks to your incredible levels of giving this season, we were able to raise **\$5,000** to further our mission of providing fair housing assistance to those in need. Each individual donation given to us this month will play a critical role in allowing us to better serve you and the rest of our amazing community going forward.

We at the IFHC look forward to the upcoming year and being able to use the funds that were raised to continue our fight against housing discrimination and to provide legal support to those currently facing it.

We cannot wait to connect with you more throughout the new year, and to come up with new and exciting ways to continue meeting our goals and furthering our mission together.

None of this would be possible without you and we are eternally thankful.

With full hearts and our utmost gratitude,

The IFHC Team



UPCOMING EVENTS & OBSERVANCES

Sunday, December 3, 2022:

International Day of Persons with Disabilities

International Day of Persons With Disabilities raises awareness about the ways in which disabilities affect people economically, socially, and politically, and promotes the rights of people with disabilities! The Fair Housing Act is a part of these rights and prohibits housing providers from discriminating against housing applicants or residents because of their disability.

Saturday, December 10, 2022: Human Rights Day

December 12-31, 2022: Avenues for Hope Housing Challenge

Sunday, December 18, 2022: International Migrants Day

This day is celebrated to acknowledge the contributions made by millions of immigrants to the economy of their host and home countries. According to the Fair Housing Act, it is unlawful to deny housing to anyone on the basis of country of origin. If you or someone you know has experienced housing discrimination based on your country of origin or any of the seven protected classes, contact IFHC immediately. We can help!

UPCOMING IN DECEMBER

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Housing Challenge**

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SUPPORT OUR WORK EVEN FURTHER

Your support enables us to ensure open and inclusive housing for all people and all sources of income.

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