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“A Non-Profit Organization Working for Equal Housing Opportunity” “FHACT” SHEET

The Fair Housing Association of Connecticut, Inc. (FHACT), is a non-profit corporation of fair housing professionals and other advocates representing communities and organizations across the state of Connecticut. Since its inception in February 1980, the group has set equal housing opportunity as the focus of its course of action. In addition to serving as a resource of information on fair housing and fair lending issues, FHACT's chief purpose is to work toward the development of cooperation among producers and consumers of housing, as well as profit and non-profit groups with housing-related concerns, in an attempt to meet the goal of a free and open housing society.

FHACT is an action-oriented organization concerned with creating equal housing opportunity and greater housing choices for all segments of the community. In an effort to educate members as well as those in the lending and real estate industry and the general public, FHACT holds periodic meetings throughout the year and an “**Annual Fair Housing Conference**,” which includes presentations by experts in the field on topical issues of interest to the group.

FHACT is also active in the legislative field, and in 1981 FHACT led a successful coalition effort in the CT General Assembly which resulted in the passing of a law protecting families with minor children from housing discrimination (federal law offering similar protection was not in effect until 1988). Again, in 1990, FHACT worked toward the passage of a “**Comprehensive Fair Housing Act**,” which served to provide even greater housing rights for state residents.

FHACT is also an advocate for strong enforcement and has been responsible for assisting with the filing of complaints and providing effective legal representation for many who have been victimized by bias treatment. Most noteworthy victories in the courts were in 1999 and again in 2008 when the CT Supreme Court decided in the famous “**Sullivan Cases I & II**,” that tenants on Section 8 were indeed fully protected by the state's fair housing laws under the protected class “**source of lawful income**.”

FHACT has been recognized for its accomplishments by HUD with the receipt of the “**Fair Housing & Equal Opportunity Fair Housing Award**” given in recognition of the “**High Quality of Work Promoting Fair Housing**.”

FHACT is open for membership to anyone who subscribes to the goals and objectives of equal housing opportunity. Annual dues for membership are currently set at **\$25.00**.