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Fair Housing Group now in Tidewater

Housing Opportunities Made Equal of Virginia, Inc. is now open in Portsmouth

On April 19, 2007, Housing Opportunities Made Equal of Virginia, Inc. (HOME) formally opens its doors in Portsmouth. Richmond-based HOME, a 36 year old, nationally-recognized fair housing and civil rights organization, offers an array of housing services across the Commonwealth. By locating an office in Portsmouth, HOME will provide fair housing education and enforcement services directly to the Hampton Roads community.

Recipient of the Best Housing Organization Award at the 2006 Governor’s Housing Conference in Norfolk, HOME comes to Hampton Roads through a partnership with the City of Portsmouth and others. Connie Chamberlin, HOME’s President and CEO, spoke highly of this noteworthy alliance: “We are delighted to be here as part of a strengthened commitment to fair housing. The City is positioning itself as a leader by working towards maximizing housing choice. With a mission of ‘ensuring equal access to housing for all people’, HOME looks forward to helping citizens of the region assure housing opportunity.”

HOME in Portsmouth is located at 355 Crawford Street in Portsmouth, and can be reached by calling 757-215-0321, or going to HOME’s website at www.phoneHOME.org. HOME will provide fair housing outreach and education to housing consumers and housing providers, and will conduct fair housing investigation and enforcement activities in Portsmouth and throughout the greater Hampton Roads area.

Housing Opportunities Made Equal of Virginia, Inc. (HOME) was founded in 1971 to ensure equal access to housing for all people, regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, elderliness or the presence of children in the family. HOME also focuses on issues such as lowering the mortgage default rate, decreasing concentrations of poverty, eliminating the ethnic and racial disparities in homeownership rates, increasing the availability of affordable housing and desegregating housing patterns. HOME is also a Fair Housing Board-approved fair housing school, and has conducted professional training for the Virginia Association of Realtors and the Virginia Apartment Managers’ Association.

We invite the media to join us tomorrow, April 19th from 3-5pm at our new office at 355 Crawford St. in Portsmouth for a ribbon cutting event and opening reception.

For more information on HOME, visit our website at phoneHOME.org

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