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## BEAFAIR HOUSING "SECRET SHOPPER"

HOME is looking for people interested in serving as testers in its Fair Housing Testing Program. HOME is charged with investigating certain types of housing discrimination complaints across Greater Cincinnati. Federal and State fair housing laws prohibit discriminatory practices in any housing industry related business or transaction.

While blatant acts of housing discrimination occur, the discrimination is more often subtle and hard to discover. Testing is one of the most important tools fair housing agencies, housing advocacy groups, and others interested in fair housing use to uncover discrimination.

HOME investigates complaints by creating testing situations—that is, simulations of housing transactions—to uncover violations of the fair housing laws. Testers call or visit apartments and then submit written reports about their experiences. Testers will receive a stipend for each test after completing a training session.

## WHAT WE LOOK FOR IN OUR TESTERS:

- •PEOPLE OF VARIED BACKGROUNDS AND AGES
- PEOPLE BELONGING TO A "PROTECTED CLASS," INCLUDING RACE, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, RELIGION, SEX, FAMILIAL STATUS, AND DISABILITY
- \*PEOPLE WHO CAN GIVE A FEW HOURS DURING THE DAY AND/OR EVENING, ON WEEKDAYS AND/OR WEEKENDS
- •PEOPLE WHO CAN BE REACHED BY CELL PHONE
- •PEOPLE WHO HAVE THE USE OF A CAR, PREFERRED, OR FEEL COMFORTABLE TRAVELING POTENTIALLY LONG DISTANCES BY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION TO A VARIETY OF LOCATIONS ACROSS THE AREA
- PEOPLE WHO ENJOY ENGAGING IN ROLE PLAY
- •PEOPLE WHO WANT TO GET INVOLVED IN A WORTHY CAUSE AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Those interested should contact CHAD at 513-721-4663



