

## ILLINOIS AFFORDABLE HOUSING MONTH IS NOVEMBER 2008

Affordable Housing Month is the perfect time for organizations and individuals throughout the state to raise public awareness about the importance of affordable, accessible and fair housing and build momentum for future housing victories through organizing, advocacy and public education activities.

### Take the HousingMatters.net Challenge!

The HousingMatters.net email-to-fax action alert system allows individuals throughout Illinois to quickly contact their public officials about housing issues. Visit [www.housingmatters.net](http://www.housingmatters.net) to find out more.

We are encouraging organizations and individuals around the state to challenge all their participating organizations to sign-up 10 new members during Affordable Housing Month. Our goal is to get 500 new HousingMatters.net members through this challenge.

### Other Ideas for Activities

- Legislative/Community Breakfasts
- Getting Local Governments to do Affordable Housing Week Proclamations
- Community Forums and Congregational Outreach
- Tour or open house of affordable housing sites and/or areas of great housing need
- Housing Fair to let the public know about affordable housing resources
- Press outreach, such as letters to the editor and editorial board meetings

### Check out our Web Site

At [www.housingactionil.org](http://www.housingactionil.org) you'll find additional ideas for new events, a sample proclamation and press release, fact sheets and other information to help you make most of Affordable Housing Month.

### We Want To Work With You

Housing Action Illinois wants to work with you to recruit HousingMatters.net members and/or plan other activities. Please call us at (312) 939-6074 or complete the section below return it to us. As Affordable Housing Week approaches, we will distribute an Affordable Housing Week Calendar of Activities and help promote all the goings-on throughout the state.

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**Affordable Housing Month 2008 Interest Form**  
**Fax to 312-939-6822 or email [bob@housingactionil.org](mailto:bob@housingactionil.org)**

- I am interested in helping to organize an Affordable Housing Month activity.
- I would like more information about Affordable Housing Month.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
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