

# YES, YOU CAN . . . HELP TO MAKE FAIR HOUSING A REALITY FOR ALL!

## HELP STAMP OUT HOUSING DISCRIMINATION

Many of your neighbors -- *perhaps even you* -- continue to be denied housing opportunities because of race, color, religion, nationality, gender, age, disability, marital status, family status (children), sexual orientation, citizenship, military status, or domestic abuse.



## YOU CAN . . . MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Become a part-time fair housing tester and use your spare time doing important public service. Our part-time testers work throughout Westchester County.



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*Westchester Residential Opportunities (WRO) is a 43-year old nonprofit housing counseling agency whose mission is to promote equal, affordable and accessible housing throughout our region.*



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# **Westchester Residential Opportunities, Inc. Fair Housing Testing Program**

WRO is a HUD-Certified fair housing agency charged with investigating housing discrimination complaints in Westchester, Putnam and Rockland Counties and uncovering unfair housing patterns and practices. One of the most vital tools of our investigatory process is the fair housing tester.

After we receive a complaint, how do we prove that illegal discrimination actually occurred? After all, we are not there to witness the transaction.

**This is where you—the fair housing tester—come in**

WRO follows up complaints by creating testing situations – that is, simulations of housing transactions – to uncover violations of the fair housing laws. Testers make appointments to visit apartments or homes and then submit written reports about their experiences. We use both volunteer and paid testers. Testers who wish to be paid for their services receive \$11 per hour plus travel expenses. Testers are trained by WRO in a 3-hour training session, and are paid for that time, as well.

What are we looking for in a tester?

- People who enjoy engaging in role play
- People of varied backgrounds and ages
- 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 preferably have the use of a car
- People who want to get involved in a worthy cause and make a difference!

If you are interested in getting more information or to qualify to attend a training session, please call Gina Decker at (914) 428-4507 x339.