



Kentucky Progress

Upcoming Conferences

2020 KHA Mid-Year
Griffin Gate
Lexington, KY
February 16-19, 2020

2020 NAHRO
Washington Conference
Grand Hyatt
Washington D.C.
March 29-31, 2020

2020 KHA Maintenance
Embassy Suites
Lexington, KY
April 6-9th, 2020

2020 PHADA Annual
Convention & Exhibition
Sheraton Downtown
Denver, CO
May 31-June 3, 2020

2020 NAHRO Summer
Sheraton Times Square
New York, NY
July 23-25, 2020

2020 PHADA Legislative
Forum
Hyatt Regency
Washington, D.C.
September 13-15, 2020

2020 KHA-TAHRA
Annual
Marriott Downtown
Louisville, KY
September 20-23rd, 2020

2020 NAHRO National
Conference & Exhibition
Marriott Orlando World
Center
Orlando, FL
October 1-3, 2020



From the President

As we dive headfirst into this new year of 2020, there are most likely many things on your mind, such as Repositioning, the Public Charge Rule, HOTMA, and even pets! While we obviously must follow those guidelines and rules put into place by those that oversee us, it sometimes distracts us from focusing on what our main objective is...to house low income individuals and families.

Let's try not to stay frustrated and bogged down while dealing with the never ending and expected changes, instead we must accept (I didn't say like) them, implement them, and continue to do our jobs. As was my theme for the KHA Transition Meeting held in October, I strongly recommend reading the book "Who Moved My Cheese", which basically says accept and deal with change or you will be left behind.

I look forward to the next 2 years serving as KHA President, and hope we all can continue to make a difference. Please feel comfortable to call or email me anytime with any need or question you may have.

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2019 KHA/TAHRA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

In September 2019, the Kentucky and Tennessee Housing Associations joined together for their Annual Conferences in beautiful Gatlinburg, Tennessee. It was a great success with over 450 people attending and 39 vendors in attendance. The opening session started with keynote speaker Jane Jenkins Herlong, who is a Sirius XM Humorist, award winning author, professional singer, recording artist and professional speaker.

Over the course of the conference, members enjoyed fellowship at educational sessions, meals, the vendor reception and welcome dinner. Sessions included Rent Calculation for Public Housing and Housing Choice Vouchers, Maintenance, Employment Law, RAD Financing, UPCS, Managing Millennials, EPIC, Succession Planning, LIHTC for Beginners and Leadership.

Both Kentucky and Tennessee conducted their Annual Board Meetings. Tennessee presented Committee reports and the new Board for the upcoming two year term. Kentucky inducted Sean Gilbert, Tooter Castle and Don Clem to the KHA Hall of Fame. Barbara Finch from the HUD Louisville KY office presented KHA of the Year Awards to Henderson Housing Authority for Large PHA of the Year; Housing Authority of London for Small Housing Authority of the Year and Housing Authority of Central City for the Significant Achievement Award.

Both Kentucky and Tennessee look forward to another joint conference September 20-23, 2020 in Louisville, Kentucky.

-Submitted by Vickie Smiley



*Congratulations to each inductee of the
Kentucky Housing Association
Hall of Fame*

Below: Vickie Smiley photographed from left to right with Sean Gilbert, Tooter Castle, and Don Clem.



PHA AWARDS



**Large Housing Authority
of the Year:**
*Congratulations
Henderson Housing Authority*

**Small Housing Authority
of the Year:**
*Congratulations
Housing Authority
Of London*



**Significant Achievement
Award:**
*Congratulations
Housing Authority
Of Central City*





Important News from Kentucky Housing Corporation

Update on KHC's Housing Choice Voucher Program

Submitted by Wendy K. Smith, Deputy Executive Director of Housing Programs at KHC

As most of you know, the 87-county HCV Program administered by Kentucky Housing Corporation (KHC) has experienced challenges over the past 18 months. After an unsuccessful outsourcing, KHC pulled its program back in-house, rehired experienced staff, and is in the process of stabilizing its program.

If you have experienced frustrations with KHC's HCV Program, I am sincerely sorry and thank you for your patience. We have had an overwhelming backlog. We have added customer service call center staff. We are making progress.

Some contact information has changed, as listed on the [HCV Contact Us](#) page on the [KHC website](#). Attached and below is a list of our HCV contact information.

KHC's HCV Contact Info

Phone Numbers	
Customer Service Number	502-564-9946
Toll-Free	877-552-7368
Email Address by Topic/Need	
General HCV Questions/Interest	hcvcustomerservice@kyhousing.org
Landlord Payment Questions	hcvfinancial@kyhousing.org
Portability	hcvports@kyhousing.org
Waiting List	hcvwaitinglist@kyhousing.org
Recovery KY Centers	hcvrecoveryky@kyhousing.org
Project-Based Complexes	hcvpbv@kyhousing.org
Portals/Rent Café	hcvrentcafe@kyhousing.org
Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS)	hcvfss@kyhousing.org
VETT Program	hcvvett@kyhousing.org
VASH Program	hcvvash@kyhousing.org
Family Unification Program (FUP)	hcvfup@kyhousing.org
Rent increases or Interested Landlords	hcvrentcomps@kyhousing.org

Housing Authority of Henderson Receives Envision Center Designation



According to a HUD press release, "Envision Centers are centralized hubs that serve as an incubator to support four key pillars of self-sufficiency
(1) Economic Empowerment,
(2) Educational Advancement,
(3) Health and Wellness
(4) Character and Leadership. Congratulations to Executive Director, Bobbie Jarrett and the team at the Housing Authority of Henderson on receiving the Envision Center Designation!

Pictured Left: Bobbie Jarrett, Executive Director of the Housing Authority of Henderson

Pictured below: Bobbie Jarrett with HUD Southeast Regional Administrator, Denise Cleveland-Leggett.





Congratulations Bobbie Jarrett & Henderson Housing Authority!



News from the Housing Authority of Maysville

In the Fall, the Golden Needles Quilting Club of Mason County generously made and donated over a dozen of their beautiful hand-made quilts for a number of the elderly residents housed with the Housing Authority of Maysville (HAM).

*"The best
kind of sleep
beneath
heaven above
is under a quilt,
handmade
with love"*

NewQuilters.com

What's going on at your PHA? Please send special event photos and write-ups to franklinha@bellsouth.net so your PHA can be featured in our next newsletter.

Submission from Jill DeAtley



Pictured Above: Paul and Timmy Hamm, members of the HAM Maintenance Staff as they prepare to distribute quilts to



Pictured Above: 92 Year Old HAM Resident, Margaret Maynard, is pictured enjoying the warmth of her new quilt.



Scholarship Opportunities

In order to encourage academic excellence and community responsibility among High School graduates, GED graduates or Adults wishing to continue their education, the Kentucky Housing Association (KHA) has implemented a scholarship program for those entering or continuing a college education. KHA will award five (5) scholarships in 2020 to deserving individuals currently residing in a KHA member agency.

All scholarships will be paid out per semester provided the scholarship recipient is enrolled as a part time or full time student in an accredited college or university and meets the required minimum grade point average of 2.5. For more information, visit <https://kyhousingassn.com/>.

JOHN CRABB MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: (One scholarship available: \$20,000)
The John Crabb Memorial Scholarship was created in memory of John Crabb, Maintenance Director of the Housing Authority of Newport, KY who dedicated his life to providing safe and affordable housing for low-income families. John was dedicated to the idea that public housing can work and those who need it deserve decent, safe and affordable housing. John passed away on October 19, 1999, at the age of 48 years old. The Kentucky Housing Association awards a \$20,000 four year scholarship once every four years in memory of John Crabb.

Note: This award is paid at each semester in the amount of \$2,500.

ARTHUR J GALLAGHER RISK MANAGEMENT SERVICES (One scholarship available \$2,500.)
Arthur J Gallagher Risk Management Services, the insurance company providing coverage to the Kentucky Housing Authorities Self Insurance Program. Arthur J Gallagher Risk Management Services has elected to reward deserving individuals with a 1 year \$2,500 scholarship. KHA appreciates their commitment to serving the needs of public housing residents and the community.

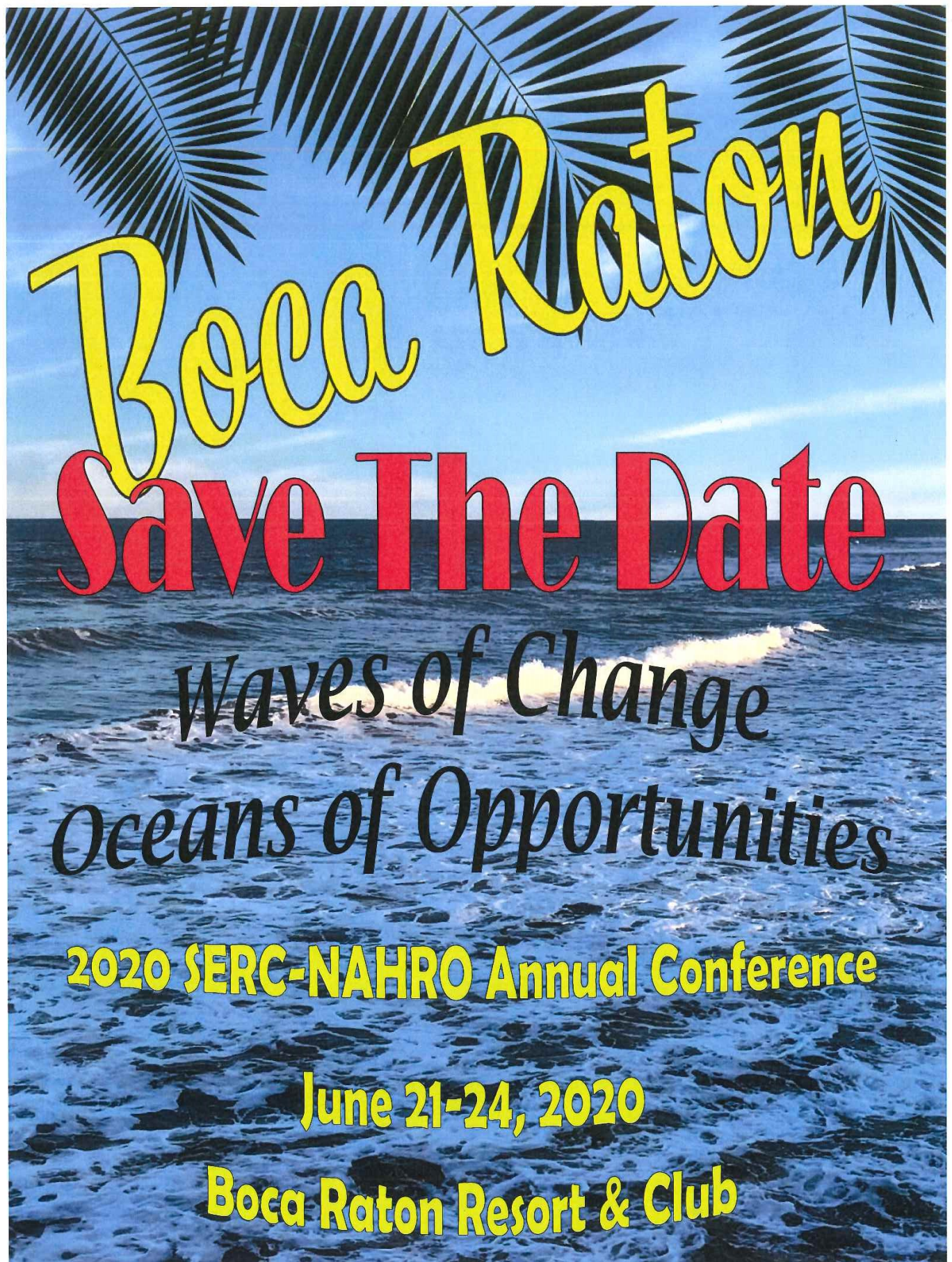
Note: This award is paid at each semester in the amount of \$1,250.

KHA and SERC/NAHRO SCHOLARSHIPS: (Three scholarships available: \$3,000 each)

SERC/NAHRO an organization that has the vision to empower local housing and community development agencies to build and expand their capacity to provide safe, affordable housing and increased quality of life in the communities they serve by providing quality education and training, information, networking opportunities and advocacy for its members. SERC/NAHRO contributes \$2,500 annually to the KHA to help sponsor these scholarships. KHA appreciates SERC/NAHRO's commitment to serving the needs of public housing residents and the community.

Note: These awards are paid at each semester in the amount of \$375.00

All application materials must be received by KHA no later than April 10, 2020!



Boca Raton

Save The Date

*Waves of Change
Oceans of Opportunities*

2020 SERC-NAHRO Annual Conference

June 21-24, 2020

Boca Raton Resort & Club

Kentucky in Congress

Member Name	DC Phone	DC FAX
Senator Mitch McConnell (R- KY)	202-224-2541	202-224-2499
http://mccconnell.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?p=ContactForm		
Senator Rand Paul (R- KY)	202-224-4343	202-228-6917
http://paul.senate.gov/?p=contact		
Representative James Comer (R - 01)	202-225-3115	202-225-3547
https://comer.house.gov/contact		
Representative Brett Guthrie (R - 02)	202-225-3501	202-226-2019
http://guthrie.house.gov/index.cfm?sectionid=117&iontree=4117		
Representative John Yarmuth (D - 03)	202-225-5401	202-225-5776
http://yarmuth.house.gov/index.cfm?sectionid=68&iontree=62968		
Representative Thomas Massie (R - 04)	202-225-3465	202-225-0003
https://massie.house.gov/contact-me		
Representative Harold Rogers (R - 05)	202-225-4601	202-225-0940
http://halrogers.house.gov/Contact/ContactForm.htm		
Representative Andy Barr (R - 06)	202-225-4706	202-225-2122
https://barr.house.gov/contact/email-me		



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