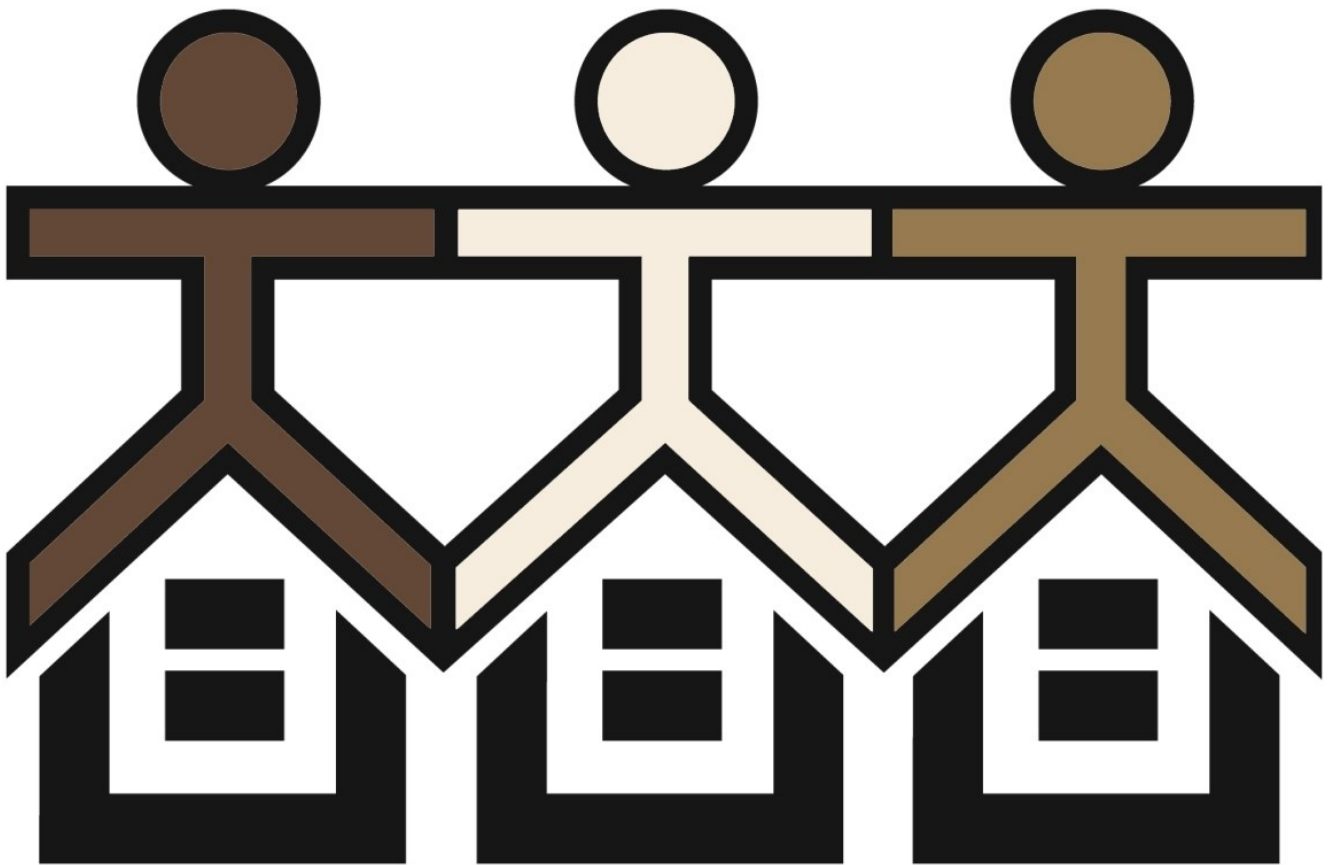
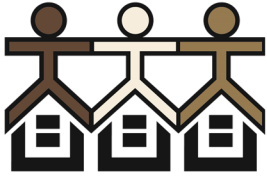


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6th of October 2021



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ing. Tonight we honor the work of those that strive
to raise awareness and advocate for justice.

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Together with Long Island Housing Services, we celebrate civil rights victories on Long Island.





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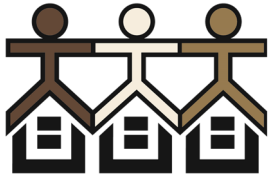
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Dear Friend of Fair Housing:

On October 6, 2021, Long Island Housing Services will host a virtual Gala event to highlight the 52nd anniversary of the founding of Long Island Housing Services, Inc. Our civil rights work is as critically needed and valuable now as it was when the organization was founded.

Please help us to celebrate our civil rights accomplishments in challenging discrimination on Long Island. We are so pleased to be honoring both **Concern for Independent Living** and **Newsday** for its *Long Island Divided* investigation.

Supporters like you have helped Long Island Housing Services continue to win victories for Long Island families. We have successfully advocated to bring our county Source of Income protections statewide, and then provided the testing and investigation to give teeth to that new law. In addition to our Source of Income enforcement, we have received media attention for stopping government abuse of minority tenants by the now-defunct Village of Mastic Beach and wiping out vestiges of Nazi Era prejudice in Yaphank.

Please join your fellow Long Islanders in demanding and supporting equal and fair treatment for all. Your time, your monetary contributions, and your support can make a tremendous impact on improving the quality of life of your fellow Long Islanders.

Sincerely,

Connie Lassandro
 President



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“Where, after all, do universal human rights begin? In small places, close to home – so close and so small that they cannot be seen on any maps of the world. Yet they are the world of the individual person; the neighborhood he lives in; the school or college he attends; the factory, farm or office where he works. Such are the places where every man, woman and child seeks equal justice, equal opportunity, equal dignity without discrimination. Unless these rights have meaning there, they have little meaning anywhere. Without concerned citizen action to uphold them close to home, we shall look in vain for progress in the larger world.”

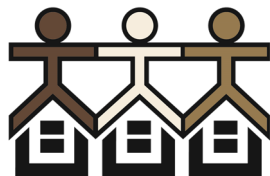
~Eleanor Roosevelt, “First Lady of the World” served as a U.S. delegate to the *United Nations General Assembly* as well as the first Chairperson of the UN Human Rights Commission in 1946 and was instrumental in drafting the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*. In 1968, she was posthumously awarded the U.N. Human Rights prize.

Congratulations ~ Best Wishes ~ Gratitude for LIHS’ Staff & Board sustaining actions toward equal justice, equal opportunity and dignity in obtaining & maintaining housing!

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Dear Friends of Long Island Housing Services,

On behalf of Long Island Housing Services (LIHS), I want to thank you for joining us this evening to celebrate the 52nd anniversary of the founding of Long Island Housing Services.

Through all the pain and disruption of the past two years, I am so proud of my co-workers can-do spirit to keep providing fair housing services to our neighbors in Nassau and Suffolk counties. We celebrate their perseverance.

Long Island Housing Services has had many notable victories in our pursuit of an inclusive Long Island. We are gathered to celebrate those who crafted justice. The people and organization that we honor today believe in the promise of the U.S. Constitution's Preamble to create "a more perfect union." They are not dreamers though, they are doers.

This year's honorees showcase both Long Island Housing Services' services and our advocacy. **Concern for Independent Living** has a core value that all persons should be able to live their lives with the dignity and respect they rightfully deserve. They do so by providing a "variety of housing options with individualized support services designed to support personal growth and independence."

Newsday's Long Island Divided investigation has moved government and industry forward in vivifying the vision of the 1968 Fair Housing Act on a local, statewide, and national level. Newsday's paired testing investigation into real estate agents spurred Nassau and Suffolk counties to examine their policies, New York State to pass legislation, and national industry organizations to put a renewed emphasis on fair housing/

Thank you again for helping us celebrate and for your generosity.

Sincerely,

Ian Wilder, Esq.
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