

Housing For All

July 18-19, 2016

Washington, DC

MONDAY, JULY 18

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Solutions in Action: A Supportive Housing Model—*MAXIMUM EVENT CAPACITY REACHED*

(Pre-symposium event)

Before the Symposium begins, we'll take a small group to a location that provides supportive housing services for its residents. Supportive housing is a combination of housing and social services intended as a cost-effective way to help people live more stable and productive lives.

1:00 PM – 1:45 PM

Symposium Registration

1:45 PM – 3:00 PM

Opening Doors

Industry leaders will examine the current landscape of affordable housing, covering topics such as housing insecurity and homelessness.

Speakers:

- Megan Hustings, Interim Director, National Coalition for the Homeless
- Marietta Rodriguez, Vice President, National Homeownership Programs, NeighborWorks America
- Michael Stegman, Fellow for Housing Policy, Bipartisan Policy Center
- Diane Yentel, CEO, National Low Income Housing Coalition

3:00 PM – 3:45 PM

The Numbers Speak for Themselves

Attendees will learn about tools that provide data on housing affordability as well as how to use housing analyses to gain stakeholder support for housing initiatives.

Speaker:

- Susan Gaston, The Gaston Group representing Greater Piedmont Area Association of REALTORS® (VA)
- Lawrence Yun, Chief Economist and Senior Vice President of Research, National Association of REALTORS®

4:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Faces of Homelessness

Ending homelessness must begin with the understanding that people who are or have been homeless are our neighbors and members of our community. Attendees will hear the personal experiences of people dealing with homelessness.

Speakers:

- Faces of Homelessness Speakers' Bureau

4:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Attendees check into hotel

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

Meals of Hope Project

A Meals of Hope food packing event is an experience you will never forget. Attendees will work together to prepare and package meals for individuals experiencing hunger and homelessness. Light refreshments will be served. *Identification required.*

Location:

- National Association of REALTORS®, 500 New Jersey Ave., NW, 12th Floor Event Room

6:30 PM

Enjoy an evening in DC on your own!

TUESDAY, JULY 19

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM

Breakfast

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Inspired for Change

Jeremy Cowart's goal in life is to use his voice, ideas and creativity to inspire and help others. Jeremy will tell his story about fostering a willingness to take risks and to look for opportunities to give back. This talk tells the story and encourages everyone to be bold and take on that big idea or challenge that may seem impossible.

Speaker:

- Jeremy Cowart, JeremyCowart.com and SeeUniversity.com

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Rental Affordability: Identifying and Addressing the Issues

Experts will identify the factors that led to the current rental affordability crisis and present strategies for solving the problem.

Speakers:

- Buwa Binitie, Managing Principal, Dantes Partners
- Sarah Edelman, Director of Housing Policy, Center for American Progress
- Dick Larimer, Senior Content Manager and Digital Strategist, Make Room

11:00 AM – 11:15 AM

Break

11:15 AM – 12:15 PM

Sharing Innovative Ideas

Housing organizations and REALTOR® associations share how they successfully implemented programs to address an affordability challenge in their community/state in an engaging idea-exchange session.

Speakers:

- Paul Hilgers, Chief Executive Officer, Austin Board of REALTORS® (TX)
- Cheryl Lambert, REALTOR®, Florida REALTORS®
- Terri Marshall, Executive Director, Housing Opportunity Foundation, Charlotte Regional REALTOR® Association (NC)

12:15 PM – 1:30 PM

Lunch

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM

HUD Innovation in Affordable Housing – Student Design and Planning Competition

Finalists from the competition will discuss their entry and how their ideas can help transform communities.

Speakers:

- Rachelle Levitt, Director, Research Utilization, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Policy Development and Research
- University of Maryland Design Team members David Brotman, Robert Grooms, Meghan Leahy and Oluwatobi Thomas

2:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Making It Work

This closing session puts together the pieces from the symposium to help attendees formulate a plan of action for when they return home.

