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**Fair Housing Center Announces Coach Herman Boone, HUD Deputy Assistant Secretary Bryan Greene to Speak at Annual Conference**

INDIANAPOLIS – The Fair Housing Center of Central Indiana (FHCCI) and more than 20 community sponsors are pleased to announce that Herman Boone, legendary football coach and inspiration for the 2000 film *Remember the Titans*, and Bryan Greene, General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), will speak at their April 16, 2015 Fair Housing Annual Conference.

“The FHCCI is thrilled to have the Deputy Assistant Secretary open our 2015 conference and Mr. Boone as keynote speaker,” said Amy Nelson, Executive Director of the FHCCI. “It is a unique honor to have both a historical civil rights icon and a current civil rights leader speak with us on the history of integration efforts in the United States and our path towards a more inclusive and equitable future.”

The 2015 Fair Housing Annual Conference, entitled *Opening the Front Door to Equal Housing Opportunities*, will be held at the Marriott East Hotel in Indianapolis from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM on Thursday, April 16, 2015. The conference will open with Mr. Greene providing an update on HUD efforts to ensure equal housing opportunities. Attendees will then select from eight fair housing workshop topics on current issues. Coach Herman Boone will keynote the luncheon.

“The FHCCI Annual Conference has grown each year in attendees and sponsors, showing us that there is a great need for fair housing education in Central Indiana and beyond. The FHCCI is excited to partner with businesses and organizations that share our goal of greater community knowledge of fair housing rights and responsibilities, and we are grateful to Mr. Boone and Mr. Greene for taking part in our efforts to create a more integrated and just society.”

In addition, a featured workshop panelist will be Steven Rosenbaum, Chief, Housing & Civil Rights Section at the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, DC, who will provide an update.
on the Department of Justice’s fair lending cases. Other local and nationally known fair housing speakers will also be workshop panelists.

Workshops will be offered for housing providers, real estate professionals, nonprofit and social service organizations, and community members. Tentative topics include:

- Ensuring Fair Housing Choice for Those with Disabilities: An Update on Fair Housing Case Law (Rental, Sales & Lending Focus)
- Fair Housing and Indiana Housing Protections for Survivors of Domestic Violence (Rental Focus)
- Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing through Analyses of Impediments (Rental, Sales & Lending Focus)
- Justice in Lending: An Update on the Department of Justice Fair Lending Actions (Lending Focus)
- Bridging the Gaps – How to Address Housing Choice for Those Denied: Visitability, Source of Income, Criminal History, & LGBT Discrimination (Rental & Sales Focus)
- Foreclosures and REOs – An Update on Indiana Actions and National Fair Housing Cases for Stronger Neighborhoods (Sales & Lending Focus)
- Promoting Cultural Sensitivity – Inclusive Practices for New Immigrants (Rental Focus)
- Intimidation in Housing – An Update on Fair Housing Actions & the Need for Hate Crime Laws (Rental & Sales Focus)

The conference is also pending real estate (broker/salesperson) education credits, 5.5 social work continuing education credits, and 5.5 legal continuing credits for those who qualify.

The confirmed community sponsors with the FHCCI for this event are as follows:*  
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The Fair Housing Center of Central Indiana (FHCCI) is a private, non-profit fair housing organization founded in 2011 and based in Indianapolis, Indiana. Its mission is to ensure equal housing opportunities by eliminating housing discrimination through advocacy, enforcement, education and outreach. For more information, visit [www.fhcci.org](http://www.fhcci.org)

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