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FAIR HOUSING CENTER OF CENTRAL INDIANA CELEBRATES FAIR HOUSING MONTH WITH LOCAL ARTISTS AND THIRD ANNUAL CONFERENCE

INDIANAPOLIS – Each year, April is celebrated around the country as Fair Housing Month. For 2015, the Fair Housing Center of Central Indiana (FHCCI) is marking the occasion with its third-annual Fair Housing Conference and partnerships with Indianapolis artists Damon Lamar Reed and Bruce Armstrong.

“Art has the power to transform a message through visual history,” stated Amy Nelson, Executive Director of the FHCCI. “Public art, like Reed and Armstrong’s murals, encourages a dialogue between all people, emphasizing integration and community. The FHCCI is thrilled to incorporate new ways of communicating its vision of a society free of discrimination.”



Justice by Bruce Armstrong

Reed’s “I Have a Dream” mural is located at 2711 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. St. in Indianapolis. Designed as a public arts project in advance of the 2012 Super Bowl, the beautifully colored mural also depicts several faces known to the civil rights movement. “Justice,” by Bruce Armstrong, is located at 30th St. and Central Ave. in Indianapolis. It features a hooded figure wrapped in the American flag with a single word repeated. Armstrong stated that while historical public artworks have a much

needed place in our city, art addressing current issues is just as important to encourage much needed dialogue.

The community conversation will continue on April 16, 2015 with the Fair Housing Center’s third annual Fair Housing Conference. The conference, entitled *Opening the Front Door to Equal Housing Opportunities*, will be held at the Marriott East Hotel from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM and will feature Bryan Greene, General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and the legendary Herman Boone, inspiration for the 2000 Disney movie *Remember the Titans*. A



I Have a Dream by Damon Lamar Reed

featured panelist is Steven Rosenbaum with the U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Section. Other local and national speakers will also be present discussing a variety of fair housing and civil rights topics.

“Fair housing is about so much more than just a discussion of landlord and tenant disputes,” continued Nelson. “It’s about creating the neighborhoods and societies that reflect the equal value and opportunity we all desire. We are excited to showcase these multifaceted elements through Coach Boone’s keynote address on education and segregation and art’s public reflection of our world.”

Registration for the conference will be open until April 14th. Continuing legal, social work, and real estate credits are available to those who qualify. For more information on the 2015 Fair Housing Conference, please visit <http://www.fhcci.org/events/fair-housing-conference-2015/>. For more information on the artists featured in this press release, please visit <http://www.fhcci.org/art/>.

The Fair Housing Center of Central Indiana (FHCCI) is a private, non-profit fair housing organization founded in 2011 and based in Indianapolis, IN. Its mission is to ensure equal housing opportunities by eliminating housing discrimination through advocacy, enforcement, education and outreach.

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