

## HHCK Members:

Appalachian Apostolate Christian Community Center  
Barren River Area Safe Space (BRASS)  
Beattyville Housing and Dev. Corp.  
Bell-Whitley Community Action Agency, Inc.  
Center for Independent Living Options  
Center for Women and Families  
Central Kentucky Community Action Council  
Christian Shelter for the Homeless  
Clark County Community Services  
Coalition for the Homeless  
Coalition of Committed Christians Community Action Council  
Community Action Kentucky  
Community Action of Southern KY  
Community Housing, Inc.  
Community Ventures Corporation  
Daniel Boone Community Action Agency  
Disability Determination Services  
Federation of Appalachian Housing Enterprises, Inc.  
Foothills Community Action Partnership  
Franklin County Women's Shelter  
Frontier Housing, Inc.  
Gateway Homeless Coalition  
Green River ADD  
Green River Ministries  
Habitat for Humanity of Madison and Clark Counties  
Habitat for Humanity of Metro Louisville  
Habitat for Humanity of Owensboro-Daviess County, Inc.  
Hazard Perry County Com. Ministries  
Heartland Cares, Inc.  
Homes, Inc.  
Hope Center, Inc.  
Housing Development Alliance, Inc.  
Housing Opportunities of Northern Kentucky, Inc.  
Kentucky Communities Economic Opportunity County (KCEOC)  
Community Action Kentucky  
Kentucky Domestic Violence Assoc.  
Kentucky Equal Justice Center  
Kentucky Habitat for Humanity  
Kentucky Housing Corporation  
Kentucky Mountain Housing Development Corporation  
Kris Lowry and Associates, Inc.  
Lake Cumberland Mental Health/Mental Retardation Board, Inc./The Adanta Group  
Lexington Habitat for Humanity  
Lexington Rescue Mission  
LexLinc  
Lifeskills, Inc.  
LINKS, Inc.  
Matthew 25 Aids Services  
Metropolitan Housing Coalition  
McCreary County Community Housing Development Corporation  
Merryman House Domestic Crisis Center  
Metropolitan Housing Coalition  
Midtown Alliance of Neighbors, Care of Fountain Avenue United Methodist Church  
Morehead Area Habitat for Humanity  
Northern Kentucky ADD  
Paducah Cooperative Ministry Partnership Housing, Inc.  
People's Self-Help Housing, Inc.  
Phoenix Health Center  
Purchase Area Housing Corporation  
Red Bird Mission  
Resources Education Assistance for Community Housing (REACH)  
Safe Harbor of Northeastern Kentucky  
Shelter of Hope  
Simon House  
Shepherd's Shelter, Inc.  
Simpson County Habitat for Humanity  
St. James Place  
St. John Center  
Stephanie Sweeney, Cincinnati  
Susan Best-McWain, Frankfort  
The Caring Place  
The Housing Partnership, Inc.  
Transitions, Inc.  
United Ministries  
United Way of the Bluegrass

# The Homeless and Housing Coalition of Kentucky (HHCK)

## *Where do our children sleep and play?*

Please think of Katie\* and the other 29,410 homeless and precariously housed children in Kentucky when you vote on legislation that effects their families' economic stability. <sup>(1)</sup>

Two traumatic events caused Katie, her dad, and siblings to lose their home. Her parents divorced in 2006, and her dad lost his automotive engineering job in January of 2009. He still has not been able to find permanent employment. This family's only option was to move in with grandparents. Although unemployment and food stamps helped provided the family with their basic needs, those resources alone were not sufficient for Katie's single dad to afford his own place and raise his family. While Katie's family had the option to live with grandparents, many families do not have this support network. Even still, the children missed their home, their family's independence, and their own bedrooms with all their personal possessions, while their father suffered the guilt of not being able to provide for his family.



Katie\*, her Dad, and younger sister and brother were precariously housed from June 2006 until November 2009. They are currently in a temporary housing and employment situation. The future is uncertain.

**HHCK and its members care. Please join us in our mission to eliminate the threat of homelessness and fulfill the promise of affordable housing for all Kentuckians.**

## HHCK is asking for your support on the following:

***The Kentucky Coalition for Responsible Lending (KCRL) initiative to pass a bill to cap pay-day lending fees and interest rates at 36% in Kentucky. This bill is currently in draft. Although a new law effective January 1, 2010 limits the number of loans at one time, it does not reduce interest rates or eliminate the predatory practices that take \$158 million out of the budgets of Kentucky families each year.***

***BR839 - This bill, prefiled by Senator Gerald A. Neal, would establish a \$2.00 fee for identification cards for individuals without a fixed, permanent address.***

***BR2 - This bill, prefiled by Representative Jim Wayne, would establish a state refundable earned income tax credit to qualified low-income families at 15% of the federal earned income tax credit.***

***An initiative underway to develop a new energy strategy to promote clean, sustainable, and affordable energy solutions for Kentucky. Visit [www.kysea.org](http://www.kysea.org) for more information. The bill has not yet been filed. The cost of home energy use can lead to homelessness due to the inability of the resident to afford utility costs for their apartment or home. We support measures within the bill that will reduce costs to consumers.***

(1) The National Center on Family Homelessness, America's Youngest Outcasts, State Report Card on Child Homelessness. Visit [www.FamilyHomelessness.org](http://www.FamilyHomelessness.org)