

Opportunity To Join The Housing Affordability Campaign

POWER Philly is a partnership of more than 30 congregations in the Philadelphia area. Together we are launching the We Make Philly campaign. Its goal is to require that the City Council commits to developing a plan to ensure that our city is fully funded and affordable for all.

Are you or is someone you know facing difficulties relating to affordable housing? St. Martin's LOC (local organizing committee for POWER) is collecting stories to present to the Philadelphia City Council during press conferences on **March 3. Mark this date on your calendar!** The goal is to present 2000 stories.

If you have a story about how the affordability crisis has impacted you or a relative or friend, you can share by contacting Kim McNulty (kmcnulty10@comcast.net) or Carol Duncan (330-705-4795, or carol.duncan8031@gmail.com)

Here is an example story: My brother lives with serious bipolar disorder and type 2 diabetes. He was fortunate and persistent enough to access SSI income and Medicaid assistance in a nursing home. In January his nursing home was forced to close because Medicaid funding has become insufficient to support nursing home operations. They called me and said I had until Feb. 22 to find him a new place. I discovered that most homes are filled to capacity. This sent him into a panic and a breakdown. By the grace of God his old place located a new residential situation for him. He is slowly recovering his always shaky equilibrium. Now I understand about affordable housing scarcity.