

FAIR HOUSING

MAKES U.S.

STRONGER

*Frank J. Williams, REALTOR®  
Chicago, IL*

“There weren’t any people  
that looked like me.”

**Frank Williams has witnessed a lot in nearly 80 years.** After growing up in Flint Michigan — and being expelled from high school for dating the white girl he later married — he moved to Chicago in 1962. Despite having never considered real estate as a career because, “as a young black man, we didn’t see many people in our community in positions of power,” he received his real estate license in 1966 and opened his own firm in 1969. His practice faced immediate resistance for helping African Americans find homes in historically white neighborhoods. In 1971 demonstrators entered his office to demand who he could sell to, and in 1975, his home was firebombed. Overcoming these obstacles, he ascended to president of the Chicago chapter of the NAACP, president of the Chicago Association of REALTORS®, and was voted REALTOR® of the Year. “As a black American, a REALTOR®, and a parent, I am determined to help erase discrimination from the housing landscape.”

April 2018 marks the 50th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act. We recognize that progress made stands on the broad shoulders of people like Frank Williams. We’re grateful for the work he’s done and sacrifices he’s made, and understand there’s more progress to be made.

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