Grades 1-3

The Fair Housing Five & the Haunted House

Samaria and her friends like everything about their clubhouse except the haunted house across the street. But when Samaria and her mother need to find a place to live, they realize they are dealing with a much bigger problem than ghosts or monsters. Join the Fair Housing Five as they work together to take creative action against housing discrimination in their community. Approx. 25 minutes

Discussion Questions
FHCWM staff will encourage students to share their thoughts about the book will and engage students with questions about the book’s characters, discrimination, and equal opportunity. Approx. 15 minutes

- What happens in the Fair Housing Five?
- What do you think you would have done if you were Samaria?
- Why were the people denied?
  - How would you feel if you were in Samaria’s place? Sad? Angry? Confused?
- What did the landlord do? What do you think about that? Is what he did fair?
  - How did he treat the family with kids? How would the story be different if the landlord had rented to this family?
- How did he treat the woman?
  - How did he treat the man and his service dog? Was the dog just a pet?
- How do you think discrimination feels?
  - What could you do to make people feel welcome in your neighborhood?

Six Houses
Students will be given a set of six houses from which they can choose their favorite house to color; or they can color all six houses. Students will be engaged with questions about their housing choice. Approx. 20 minutes