



UCDC HELPS GIVE FORMER “CRACK HOUSES” A ‘FRESH START’

The University Community Development Corporation is helping to turn houses identified as “Crack Houses” into temporary homes for Atlanta Police Officers.

Under a new partnership with the Fulton County District Attorney’s Office, City of Atlanta Police Department, Zion Hill Baptist Church Community Development Corporation, Atlanta Neighborhood Development Corporation, and the Atlanta/Fulton Landbank Authority, UCDC will rehabilitate properties that have been seized by the District Attorney’s office and make minor repairs for a police officer to live in for one year. Afterwards, a full renovation is done and the property is sold to a low to moderate-income family. Zion Hill officials identify potential homeowners and assist them with the buying and homeownership process.

This initiative is part of Fulton County’s Neighborhood “Fresh Start” program which seeks to help rid neighborhoods of crime and drugs and return the area to its residents. The program started in Zone 4 which covers most of NPU-T. The Atlanta Police Department is responsible for investigating alleged drug houses and kicking off the process of removing drugs from the community.

UCDC has started work on the first house seized under this program.