



**NEWS UPDATE FROM UCDC: November 11, 2002**

**UCDC To Help Revitalize Distressed Properties  
In West Atlanta With HUD Grant**

Beginning next year, the University Community Development Corporation (UCDC) will build six new houses and rehabilitate 14 homes owned by elderly persons in Neighborhood Planning Unit-T (NPU-T) thanks to a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. In September, Morehouse College was one of 22 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) in the nation to receive a community development grant to revitalize distressed neighborhoods near their campuses. The Morehouse grant was for \$526,414.

UCDC is the community and economic development arm for all six Atlanta University Center Schools (Clark Atlanta University, Morehouse College, Morehouse School of Medicine, Morris Brown College, Spelman College and the Interdenominational Theological Center), and it will collaborate with the City of Atlanta Department of Planning, Development and Neighborhood Conservation, the Atlanta Neighborhood Development Partnership and Clark Atlanta University's Office of Continuing Education on the revitalization project.

The project includes increasing home ownership opportunities for 60 low and moderate-income persons through educational workshops; training and internships for students; and training for 11 neighborhood organizations in community development principles and assistance with becoming 501c-3 community development organizations.

NPU-T's boundaries are Northside Drive to M.L. King Jr. Drive to White Street to the south on Gordon Street to Northside Drive.

The University Community Development Corporation is a not-for-profit, community-based corporation and is supported by AUC Inc. Since 1988, the purpose of the UCDC has been to improve the physical neighborhood and enhance the quality of life for the more than 15,000 residents in the areas adjacent to the Atlanta University Center. UCDC and the Westside communities work together in areas of common interest regarding the growth and development of its neighborhoods.

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