

# More than *just* Housing

Understanding the impact of safe, affordable housing on health, education and poverty

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Join us on  
**May 20th, 2017 from 4-5:30 pm**  
for Urban Hope's

## *Neighborhood Bus Tour*

From its rich history to ambitious plans for future development, we'll dive into the story of the East End, paying close attention to the role of housing in this unique neighborhood.

Explore this community through the lenses of Urban Hope and see the first hand impacts of your support.

**Please RSVP to [staff@urban-hope.org](mailto:staff@urban-hope.org) by May 17th.**

Light refreshments will follow the tour.



# More than *just* housing...

At Urban Hope, we believe affordable housing is a cornerstone for a thriving Church Hill community. Access to safe, affordable housing meets one of our most basic human needs for shelter; and, we have learned that meeting that basic need is an important step in seeing families thrive and our community transformed.

## Health

Affordable housing has deep impacts on health, and without it:

- existing health problems are exacerbated
- mental and physical health problems increase
- low-income and ethnic minorities who are at greater risk for chronic illness are especially vulnerable

Positive health outcomes have an opportunity to progress when families have safe, affordable housing.

## Education and Poverty

Housing instability leads to:

- transience
- inconsistency and decrease in academic performance
- compromised communal supports and resources that lead to a sustainable lifestyle
- limited opportunities for saving, debt relief, transportation, etc.

Without safe, quality, affordable housing, the pervasive cycle of poverty persists.

But this also means that providing affordable housing moves far beyond *just* housing. Affordable housing impacts families and leads to transformed communities, and your support makes this work possible—thank you!



## More than *just* investors

Since last fall, Urban Hope has been working on a new property acquisition model. Although the investor model we have traditionally used has served as an innovative approach to housing, it also comes with limitations on the threshold of participation and has a slower timeline than our desired rate of growth. Because of this, Urban Hope has been working diligently with outside consultants, Board members and thought leaders in the industry to help us determine how to expand property acquisition beyond our current investment model.

We are so excited to announce that we have made significant progress and are rapidly approaching an unveiling of Urban Hope version 2.0!

With greater opportunities for investors and a wider range of investment levels, grant funding for construction projects, as well as possibilities for government funding, we are eager to leverage multiple sources of financing for new properties and expansion.

Relationships and the holistic flourishing of our tenants will continue to be central to our work. Our plans for expansion are balanced with the appropriate supports and social infrastructure needed to equip our tenants.

When you invest in Urban Hope, you're not *just* an investor; you are a shalom-bringer, taking part in God's kingdom come.

*Join our spring bus tour to learn more about where we are now, and where we are headed.*

