

## MISSION STATEMENT

“To develop and carry out strategies for neighborhood revitalization and to encourage home ownership. This may include education and support of community members, and the acquisition of real estate (vacant land or improvements thereon) for housing or other appropriate purposes and the operation, management, repair, rehabilitation, enhancement and rental or sale of real estate as will reverse community deterioration and further the mission of United Communities.”

United Communities CDC Neighborhood Advisory Committee’s (NAC) purpose is to provide community residents with an adequate opportunity to participate at the neighborhood level in an advisory role in the planning, implementing and assessing of activities to be undertaken by the City of Philadelphia’s Office of Housing and Community Development (OHCD) in specific geographic areas. NAC shall contribute to the direct delivery of services by referring clients to programs funded by OHCD, completing appropriate applications and educate and assist with code enforcement, neighborhood clean up, security and recycling activities.

Admission and provision of services are made without regard to race, color, religious creed, handicap, political or union affiliation, marital status, sexual preference, ancestry, national origin or gender.

### **United Communities Sites:**

#### **Administrative Office**

2029 S. 8th St., Philadelphia, PA 19148  
215-468-6111

#### **Beacon @ Bok**

Bok High School, 1900 S. 8th St., Rm. 103,  
Philadelphia, PA 19148  
215-952-8549

#### **Houston Community Center**

2029 S. 8th St., Philadelphia, PA 19148  
215-468-6111

#### **Southwark House**

101 Ellsworth St., Philadelphia, PA 19147  
215-468-1645

#### **The Kids Place**

Bok High School, 1900 S. 8th St., Philadelphia, PA  
215-468-2039

#### **Fell Afterschool Program**

9th & Oregon Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19148  
215-468-2872

#### **Mastery Charter Afterschool Program**

9th & Johnston Sts., Philadelphia, PA 19148  
215-468-2872

#### **Sharswood Afterschool Program**

2nd & Wolf Sts., Philadelphia, PA 19148  
215-952-8577

#### **Southwark 21st Century Afterschool Program**

9th & Mifflin Sts., Philadelphia, PA 19148  
215-468-2039

To join the community board that addresses and identifies these issues or opportunities or if you are currently a block captain, please call Barbara McDuffie @ (215) 467-8700 ext 17.

**Please send your tax-deductible contribution to  
UCCDC, 2029 S. 8th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19148**



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&  
Neighborhood Advisory Committee*

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**Building a stronger community**

**block by block**

## **Services available at Houston Center NAC**

Hours of operation                      Mon  
– Friday 9:00am-5:30pm.

### **Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)**

- \* Help with primary or secondary heating cost once a year. Homeowners and renters are eligible. Federally funded.

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- \* Provide emergency assistance with heating, oil, repair broken heaters and restore utility service.

### **Water Conservation Program**

- \* Provide free minor plumbing repairs, water conservation devices and education. Homeowners and renters are eligible. Sponsored by Philadelphia Water Department.

### **Utility Emergency Services Fund (UESF)**

- \* Must have shut-off notice. Prevents shut off or restores utility service. Maximum grant is \$500. Bill must be reduced to zero with UESF grant.

## **Federal Emergency Management Assistance (FEMA)**

- \* Must be in emergency situation to receive grant. Provides one month (back or current) emergency assistance for rent, mortgage and utility orientations are held every Friday at 10:00 am until funds are exhausted.

### **Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)**

- \* This federally funded program provides air sealing and insulation, window and door repair or replacement, efficiency modification of heating system, and a variety of other treatments. This program is designed to reduce your overall energy consumption resulting in lower utility bills and a comfortable house year round. Services vary depending on home audit.

### **Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program**

- \* Provides rebates for tax or rent to eligible households. Must be 18 or older on Social Security or SSI.

For more information regarding these services contact Rhonda Simmons  
(215) 467-8700 ext 26.

The NAC also can provide assistance with completion of application for assistance for medical benefits, public assistance or other applications you may have difficulties completing.

The NAC is also responsible for organizing and assisting the community with issues that effect the community around curb appeal, residential and commercial development, open space, side yard and community gardens.

UCCDC sells newly renovated homes in Southeast Philadelphia. We start with original two or three story homes and modernized them with updated kitchens, bathrooms, closets and appliances. Our renovations are more than cosmetic. Our homes come with new heating, plumbing and electrical systems, new windows and doors, and carpeting. When we are finished the new owner has an attractive home with thousands of dollars worth of work of upgrades at an affordable price. Additionally, all of the CDC homes come with craftsmanship and appliance warranties. The CDC works directly with United Communities' mortgage counselors who provide pre and post-mortgage counseling and assist with applications for settlement grants.

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