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## **Status Home Celebrates Opening of New Apartments Providing Homes to 12 Families Affected by HIV/AIDS**

**ATLANTA – November 15, 2023** – Status: Home, formerly Jerusalem House, on Monday celebrated the opening of a 12-unit apartment building that will provide homes for people impacted by HIV/AIDS, with a ribbon-cutting by Atlanta Mayor Andre Dickens. Guests included representatives of U.S. Senators Jon Ossoff and Raphael Warnock as well as agency leadership and residents.

Located in the West End neighborhood of Atlanta, the building features 12 newly renovated, one bedroom/one bath apartments and is near the Belt Line and downtown.

“We believe housing is healthcare for those living with HIV/AIDS. This beautiful property, along with the supportive services we provide, will help our residents live and thrive every day and provide a path to healthy, independent living,” said Maryum Phillips, President and CEO of Status: Home. “This investment also represents an important tangible step in our efforts to diversify our housing model. Traditionally, we have relied on rental apartments for much of the housing we provide. With increasing rents across metro Atlanta and an expected decline in federal funds supporting housing for people living with HIV/AIDS, we are strategically acquiring multi-family properties to serve our residents.”

Mrs. Phillips noted that since the beginning of 2023 Status: Home has purchased three properties with the help of City of Atlanta capital grants, totaling 60 housing units. The properties include the building in West End, a townhome community and another apartment complex comprised of one- and two-bedroom units. Today’s event marks the opening of the first property, with the other two expected to be available to Status: Home residents in coming months.

### **About Status: Home**

Status: Home has helped the Atlanta community for more than 30 years and is the oldest and largest provider of housing for Atlanta’s low-income and homeless individuals and families impacted by HIV/AIDS.

The organization provides more than 70% of the permanent supportive housing designated for Atlanta’s homeless and low-income population with HIV/AIDS. It currently offers housing in the forms of residential properties, master-leasing, and housing subsidies.

Supportive services are provided to help residents maintain their ongoing housing. Supportive services are funded through partnerships with 25 organizations, including Open Hand, the Grady Infectious Disease Program and AID Atlanta.

For more information, visit the organization’s new website at [statushome.org](http://statushome.org).

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