Boston College Jesuit's Nonprofit Transforms a Teardown into a Home for the Needy

An abandoned house in Boston has been refurbished and dedicated for a low-income family, thanks to Matthew 25, an ecumenical and interfaith non-profit founded by Fr. Fred Enman, SJ, Boston College Law School Chaplain and Assistant to the Dean of Students.

The abandoned house was purchased several years ago from the City of Boston by Matthew 25, which was founded in 1988 to provide food and housing relief to people in economic need.

All of the interior demolition was completed by law students and undergraduate students from Boston College, who also assisted in the rehab process with interior painting, staining, and preserving woodwork.

This was Matthew 25's first house project in Boston, where the group hopes to develop additional homes. Until now, most of the organization's work has been in Worcester, Mass., where it has rehabilitated seven abandoned houses that now provide homes for 13 families.

When the restorations are completed, the apartments are rented to low-income tenants at a percentage of their income (about 25 percent). [Boston College]