



2014 ANNUAL REPORT

"I love the University Neighborhood! I love the diversity, the people, the history, the houses, the restaurants, the student energy. But my favorite place is Thornden Park. What a gift to be able to walk there and experience it's picturesque beauty". – Jennifer C.

"I love it all! It's a vibrant, diverse, walkable, affordable neighborhood filled with lots of great destinations - parks, the library, restaurants, stores, and most importantly - my family, friends, and neighbors. It's just got a great small-town feeling".- Jessica M.

UNPA is a not-for-profit housing organization founded in 1991. Our mission is to maintain owner occupancy in the University Neighborhood, and to promote the Neighborhood as a great place to live.

Our redesigned **Homebuyers Assistance Grant Program & 1% Loan Program** provide home improvement funds to maintain housing stock, increase home values and leverage funds to meet the needs of today's homeowners. The homebuyer's grant has increased to \$5,000 for interior & exterior improvements & UNPA's loan program, administered by Home Headquarters, now allows loans for both interior and exterior improvements; up to \$15,000. At 1%!

UNPA took The Barry Park Association under our umbrella and together held a Fun Run with over 150 children participating and 3 community Pot Lucks with over 100 guests at each event. Our neighborhood continues to be dynamic, forward-thinking and UNPA's flexible approach to community building and support remains at the core of our mission.

There continues to be a strong desire to purchase owner-occupied housing in the University Neighborhood. Of the 12 buyers who participated in the FY 2013-2014 **University Neighborhood Homebuyers Assistance Program**:

- 50% were first time homebuyers and 5 were renters in the neighborhood
- 50% are SU/College of Forestry/Upstate Medical faculty and/or staff
- 100% agree that the neighborhood is the perfect location for proximity to schools, parks & cultural attractions
- This year we continued to see homeowners seeking affordable, move-in condition properties that will hold their value and allow homeowners to be close to downtown while being a part of a vibrant community. Our programs strive to meet those needs.

For the past 20+ years, UNPA has assisted more than 740 homebuyers with more than \$3 million in grants and loans; and more than 315 homebuyers with more than \$875,000+ in grants and loans within the last 5 years alone.

This fall we anticipate the completion of the Babcock-Shattuck House's four owner-occupied units. This National Register-listed long-vacant property is situated at a gateway to the Westcott/University Neighborhood and UNPA has committed funds to restore and renovate this iconic property.



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