

# ANNUAL REPORT 2016

Over 360 homebuyers have received nearly \$1 million in grants and loans within the last 7 years. \$102,000 last year alone!



Have you seen our video?!



Check it out at:

<http://unpa.net/unpas-new-video/>

Of the 20 buyers who participated in FY 2015-2016 **Homebuyers Assistance Program**:

- 50% were first time homebuyers
- 45% work downtown
- 80% are SU/ ESF /Upstate Medical faculty, staff or graduate students
- 100% agree that the neighborhood is the perfect location for proximity to schools, parks & cultural attractions

## 2016 Highlights and Accomplishments

**Community Building:** UNPA hosted the Third Annual Fun Run with over 150 children participating; and 4 community Pot Lucks with over 150 neighbors at each. Cultivating partnerships, like the one with the Barry Park Association, in our neighborhood is vital to community building. Our neighborhood is dynamic and forward-thinking and UNPA's flexible approach to community building remains at the core of our mission.

**Facilitating Home-Ownership:** UNPA's **Homebuyers Assistance Grant Program & 1% Loan Program** provide 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 \$4,700 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 only 1%! There is a strong desire to purchase owner-occupied homes in the University Neighborhood. 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 part of a vibrant community. Our programs strive to meet those needs.

**Preserving Housing Stock:** UNPA has taken ownership of the Gustav Stickley House at 438 Columbus Avenue and will manage exterior renovations, foundation and roof repair. The Craftsman interior, the first of its kind in the United States, will be restored. The Gustav Stickley House Foundation has been formed to raise funds to complete the remaining phases of the project to complete the restoration.

UNPA also provides assistance for properties of particular need. This year, UNPA has been actively engaged in preserving, and ensuring owner-occupancy of 109 Dorset. Know of a property in need? Contact us.

**Rescue-a-Rental:** This program helps owner-occupants purchase one, two or multiple unit properties for owner occupancy.

**Save our Streets:** Together with neighbors and property owners on a single block, or more, UNPA can help leverage its resources to match neighbor investment to attract owner-occupants to homes at risk of becoming rentals.

*"I've lived in the University area since 1980, after many moves from apartment to apartment I purchased my 1922 center hall colonial in 1993. I love the diversity of the neighborhood, accessibility to co-op, stores, restaurants and concerts...a lot of friendly, interesting people live in the area and it suits me perfectly."*



## Mission and History

The University Neighborhood Preservation Association (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. For the past 25 years, UNPA has assisted more than 800 homebuyers with more than \$3 million in grants and loans. \$102,000 in last year alone!

# Who We Are

The UNPA Board of Directors is comprised of an active 14-member Board.

Director	Member since	Occupation
<u>Officers:</u>		
President: David Michel	1989	City of Syracuse, Retired
Vice President: Khris Dodson	2012	Associate Director- Syracuse University Environmental Finance Center
Treasurer: Joseph Russo	2008	Economic Development Manager- National Grid
Secretary: Kim Parr	2013	Director of Public Relations- Latorra, Paul & McCann
<u>Resident Members:</u>		
Erika Barry	2014	Director of I-CAP, Hillside Children's Center
Christine Capella-Peters	1989-91, 1995	NYS Historic Preservation Office, Retired
Eric Greenfield	2004	Research Forester - US Forest Service
Kristin Montague	2015	Manager- Diana Jewelers
Brad Hunt	2012	Attorney- Mackenzie Hughes
Heather Schroeder	2014	Project Manager- Housing Visions
<u>At-Large Members:</u>		
Tim Rice	1995	Community Advocate
Stephen Harris	2014	Arborist- City of Syracuse/Onondaga County
<u>Ex Officio Members:</u>		
Eric Persons	2012	Associate Vice President- Syracuse University, Office of Government & Community Relations
Eric Ennis	2014	Economic Development Specialist at City of Syracuse, Neighborhood and Business Development
<u>Legal Counsel</u>		
Casey Sprock, Esq. Partner, Baldwin & Sutphen LLC		
<u>Independent Auditor</u>		
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