

ANNUAL REPORT 2019



Have you seen our video?!



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

“We like living near our workplace and being an active part of our neighborhood and community. We want to form close, local relationships and make our neighborhood a better place. UNPA’s grant program helped us afford our first house! Thank you.”

“I’ve always dreamed of owning a house on one of the most beautiful streets in Syracuse. I couldn’t be more excited to put down some roots here.”

2019 Highlights and Accomplishments

Community Building: UNPA hosted the Sixth Annual Fun Run with nearly 200 children participating. Syracuse Parks and Recreation, the Thornden Park Association, and UNPA hosted the 2nd annual Youth Aquathon for kids ages 5-15. Aquathons combine swimming and running into a fun sporting event. Over 50 kids participated.

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 is used for interior & exterior improvements & UNPA’s loan program, administered by Home Headquarters, now allows loans for both interior and exterior improvements; up to \$10,000 at only 1%!

Preserving Housing Stock: UNPA finished Phase 1 of the Gustav Stickley House improvements which included exterior renovations, foundation and roof repair. The Craftsman interior, the first of its kind in the United States, has been restored. UNPA has applied for funding to continue with interior improvements. We will find out if that application is funded in December. The property is now in the hands of the Greater Syracuse Land Bank. The Gustav Stickley House Foundation will continue to raise funds to complete additional restoration goals.

UNPA also provides assistance for properties of particular need. Know of a property in need? Contact us. UNPA helps owner-occupants purchase one, two or multiple unit properties for owner occupancy. Also, 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.

Of the 10 buyers who participated in FY 2018-2019 *Homebuyers Assistance Program*:

- 30% were first time homebuyers
- 20% work downtown
- 20% are SU/ ESF /Upstate Medical faculty, staff or graduate students
- 20% relocated within the neighborhood
- 100% agree that the neighborhood is the perfect location for proximity to schools, parks & cultural attractions



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 more than 25 years, UNPA has assisted more than 865 homebuyers with more than \$3 million in grants and loans. \$102,000 last year alone!

The UNPA Board of Directors is comprised of an active 16-member Board.

Director	Member since	Occupation
<u>Officers:</u>		
President: Khris Dodson	2012	Associate Director- Syracuse University Environmental Finance Center
Vice President: Heather Schroeder	2014	Downtown Committee of Syracuse
Treasurer: Brad Hunt	2012	Attorney- Mackenzie Hughes
Secretary: Stephen Harris	2014	Arborist- City of Syracuse/Onondaga County
<u>Resident Members:</u>		
Maribel Arce	2016	Community Action Partnership, Madison County
Erika Barry	2014	Onondaga County Medical Society
Christine Capella-Peters	1989-91, 1995	NYS Historic Preservation Office, Retired
Sekou Cooke	2017	Syracuse University
Kevin Foresti	2017	Marketing & Branding Specialist
Eric Greenfield	2004	Research Forester - US Forest Service
David Michel	1989	Former Dir of Economic Dev't, City of Syracuse (ret)
Katie Oja	2018	Syracuse University
Joseph Russo	2008	National Grid
<u>At-Large Members:</u>		
Chris Dunham	2018	Syracuse University
Tim Rice	1995	Community Advocate
<u>Ex Officio Members:</u>		
Liam Kirst	2019	City of Syracuse, Neighborhood and Business Development

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