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# University Neighborhood Apartments

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Waitlist Currently Closed

University Neighborhood Apartments (UNA), opened in July 2005, is the nation's first affordable housing built with Universal Design principles. It is a model of community housing: intergenerational, families and singles, and people with and without disabilities living together. The Universal Design principles incorporated into this 27-unit development allow everyone living at UNA to enjoy visiting each other and using all community facilities. Universal features include one-story living; wide doorways and hallways; low countertops, cabinets, and keyholes; extra floor space to accommodate a wide turning radius; pull-out cutting boards; stoves with controls on the front; push/pull lever faucets; and roll-in showers. Shared open space includes a play structure for children and the 4th floor terrace, which commands sweeping views of the Bay Bridge and the Golden Gate Bridge. Hearth Homes Community Building is the development partner and its founder, Sue Siegel, was the inspiration for the project.

Would you like more information about University Neighborhood Apartments? Please call the Property Manager at (510) 845-1223.

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Completed

June, 2005

Income Level

30-50% AMI

Resident Population

- Families
- People with Special Needs

Architect

Kava Massih Architects

Contractor

JH Fitzmaurice

Cost

\$11.6 Million

Financing Partners

- City of Berkeley
- Alameda County
- CALHFA
- Enterprise
- 9% California Tax Credits
- US Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco AHP

Property Manager

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Services Coordinator

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