



THE HOUSING PARTNERSHIP

Patricia G. Garrett

President

Patricia G. Garrett (Pat) has been president of Charlotte-Mecklenburg Housing Partnership, Inc. (*The Housing Partnership*) since 1989. She came to Charlotte to specifically fill this position and is planning her retirement effective March 28, 2013. Prior to taking this position, she served as the Executive Director of the Macon Program for Progress, a community action agency located in Western North Carolina.

Since 1989 the Housing Partnership has been responsible for the production of over 3,700 units of affordable housing, both single family and multifamily, and has another 86 units in development. The agency works to involve the private sector, particularly partner banks, governmental organizations and the community in solving affordable housing problems. The Housing Partnership has also been active with national organizations such as the Housing Partnership Network and NeighborWorks America. The agency is also designated a Community Development Financial Institution by the United States Treasury Department.

The Housing Partnership has been particularly active and successful in leading the revitalization of several inner city neighborhoods and as the master developer in a \$34.7 million HOPE VI redevelopment. The organization is currently leading its largest redevelopment effort in its history, having purchased a 60-acre tract within 1 ½ miles of Charlotte's Center City to retain affordability while enhancing quality and amenities. Five of these communities, three completed and two underway, are within the same corridor with a rich history the organization seeks to preserve alongside affordability, while removing blighted structures and enticing commercial investment in the area.

Pat has 30+ years experience in non-profit organizations, including the administration of Head Start, day care, jobs programs, as well as housing. In 1992 Governor James Martin awarded Pat the state's highest award, the Order of the Long Leaf Pine. She has also received awards from the NC Housing Coalition, NC Community Development Association and the NC Head Start Association. She was recently recognized by her alma mater as Distinguished Alumni of 2011.

She has served in several statewide and regional positions including the following:

- Past Chair of the North Carolina Housing Partnership, which administers the North Carolina Housing Trust Fund
- A founding member of the North Carolina Housing Coalition
- A former member of the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency Board of Directors
- A former board member of the Housing Partnership Network
- A former Inner City Advisor to the Urban Land Institute (ULI) and a member of the executive committee of the local ULI Council

- A former member of the Atlanta Federal Home Loan Bank Advisory Board