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University Settlement appoints Debbie Madden to its Board of Directors

New York, NY – Debbie Madden (*Founder and Chairwoman, Stride Consulting*) has been elected to University Settlement’s Board of Directors, the nation’s first settlement house announced today.

Born on the Lower East Side, Madden is an award-winning serial technology entrepreneur, CEO, founder, and advisor with a 25-year track record of scaling profitable technology startups. She is the author of *Hire Women*, about gender diversity in tech, and has been the CEO of three technology startups, two of which she founded. She has previously sat on three boards – she is Chairwoman of the Board at Stride, the Finance Chair of the Board for Young Presidents Organization’s Atlantic 13 chapter, and served on the Susan G. Komen Greater NYC Board. She is proud to be a third generation New Yorker.

“Debbie’s successful track record building inclusive enterprises is directly relevant to many of our agency’s most important strategic priorities,” said **Melissa E. Aase**, *CEO of University Settlement*. “We’re thrilled to welcome Debbie to our Board and look forward to engaging her valued counsel.”

“I am honored to join the Board of one of New York’s most dynamic and impactful nonprofits,” said **Madden**. “I look forward to helping University Settlement continue successfully building community strength in Brooklyn and on the Lower East Side.”

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About University Settlement

University Settlement partners with 40,000 New Yorkers on the Lower East Side and in Brooklyn every year to build on their strengths as they achieve healthy, stable, and remarkable lives. For over 135 years, we’ve collaborated with our neighbors to pioneer highly effective programs that fight poverty and systemic inequality. Established in 1886 as

the first Settlement House in the United States, we bring the values of that movement into the 21st century by meeting New Yorkers where they live, listening deeply to all perspectives, engaging with every individual holistically, and creating space for people to organize. Joining together with our neighbors to advocate for justice and equality, we help build community strength.

We work with New Yorkers of all ages. We infuse a commitment to civic engagement, equity, and communal action into each of our programs, which include early childhood education, mental health and wellness, benefits assistance and eviction prevention, adult literacy and education, healthy aging, community and recreation centers, performing and visual arts, and youth development.

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