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## University Settlement technology leader Virginia Dotson selected for Okta's Nonprofit Technology Fellowship

Virginia Dotson, University Settlement's Senior Director of Data, Business, and Information Technology, has been selected to participate in Okta for Good's Nonprofit Technology Fellowship for 2023.

Okta's Nonprofit Technology Fellowship aims to empower a diverse collection of rising nonprofit technology leaders to enrich the sector with their experience and become more effective strategic leaders within their organizations.

During the six-month fellowship, participants develop at least one significant piece of content such as an article, conference session, or internal presentation. Okta for Good supports fellows with professional development through facilitated gatherings, one-on-one coaching, and networking in addition to providing a \$25,000 grant to their organization.

"We're thrilled that Virginia will have the opportunity to participate in this fellowship," said **Melissa Aase, Chief Executive Officer, University Settlement**. "Her vision and leadership already make a big difference for our teams every day, and we're grateful for the further investment Okta for Good is making in her skills, and in our organization."

"I'm humbled to be selected to participate in this fellowship, and very much looking forward to everything I'll learn in this process," said **Dotson.** 

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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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