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University Settlement will honor Viking Global Foundation at 2023 Gala City Stories: A Place to Grow

NEW YORK, NY – University Settlement is pleased to announce that it will honor the Viking Global Foundation, the charitable arm of Viking Global Investors, at its [annual gala City Stories: A Place to Grow](#), taking place at Angel Orensanz Foundation on the Lower East Side on Wednesday May 3, 2023.

The Viking Global Foundation will receive University Settlement’s Charles B. Stover Award. Named for one of University Settlement’s founders, an activist who spent his life advocating for and meaningfully achieving social reform in New York City, the award honors individuals and organizations who bring real change to their communities.

“We are thrilled to honor Viking Global Foundation for its years of committed partnership to our work, particularly as a visionary funder of our efforts to revolutionize our agency’s approach to data beginning with our Early Childhood Division,” said **Melissa Aase, Chief Executive Officer, University Settlement**. “Viking’s collaborative and deeply engaged partnership with our teams is what philanthropic funding of social services should look like. VGF’s investment of their time, capital, and the skills of its professionals has been integral to the success of our efforts to build community strength in Brooklyn and on the Lower East Side over the last five years.”

“We are proud to partner with University Settlement, which has demonstrated how nonprofits can leverage data to generate insights that lead to stronger outcomes for those served” said Molly Brethauer, Executive Director, Viking Global Foundation.

Everyone should have a place to grow – a safe community where we can create ourselves. **City Stories: A Place to Grow** is a celebration of University Settlement’s commitment to creating places where New York neighbors can explore and experiment while forging connections with one another, and of the way this work builds stronger communities.

Founded in 1886 as the first Settlement House in the United States, University Settlement brings the values of that movement into the 21st century by fighting poverty and systemic inequality with responsive programs, engaging all our neighbors, from newborns to elders,

and nurturing the whole person. We build community strength in partnership with 40,000 New Yorkers every year.

University Settlement thanks all our donors for their partnership and generous investments in this important work. To learn more about City Stories and to register, visit universitysettlement.org/citystories/

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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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