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University Settlement will honor Honorary Director Alan P. Winters at 2024 Gala *City Stories: Our Blueprint*

NEW YORK, NY – University Settlement is pleased to announce that it will honor **Alan P. Winters** at its [annual gala *City Stories: Our Blueprint*](#), taking place at Angel Orensanz Foundation on the Lower East Side on Wednesday May 1, 2024.

Winters 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.

Winters, a member of University Settlement’s Board of Directors for 23 years, served as Board Chair from 2006-2011 and as Co-Chair 2018-20, and was named an Honorary Director in 2023. He also received the Charles B. Stover Award in 2011, and is the only person to receive it twice.

“We are thrilled to honor Alan, whose deep commitment to our agency has been transformative for our work,” said **Melissa Aase, Chief Executive Officer, University Settlement**. “A terrific example of a creative and effective board leader, he has been laser-focused on the health of our institution and the impact our programs make in the lives in our neighbors for more than two decades. We are truly grateful for everything he has contributed to our communities.”

“Helping lead the Board of one of New York City’s most innovative and effective social services agencies through a period of significant transition has been deeply meaningful for me, and I am grateful to the University Settlement team and my colleagues on the Board for all our creative collaborations,” said **Winters**. “I’m inspired every day by the tremendous work this organization is doing in partnership with our neighbors, which is the true measure of our success.”

Everyone should have the opportunity to be the architect of their own story. University Settlement partners with our neighbors on the Lower East Side and in Brooklyn, helping provide a stable foundation where people and communities can grow and pursue their

dreams. Working with New Yorkers to forge relationships and build stronger communities – that’s **Our Blueprint** for a better world.

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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