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University Settlement appoints Marie-Laure Romney to its Board of Directors

New York, NY – **Marie-Laure Romney** (Senior Vice President & Chief Operating Officer, New York Presbyterian/Lower Manhattan Hospital) has been elected to University Settlement’s Board of Directors, the nation’s first settlement house announced today.

At NYP/Lower Manhattan, Dr. Romney manages day-to-day operations, oversees operating and capital budgets, and implements clinical strategy. She joined NYP in 2018, and previously served as Vice President of Operations at NYP/Columbia, where she directed the administration of clinical departments. She also served as Vice Chair of Quality and Patient Safety at Columbia University Department of Emergency Medicine.

Dr. Romney holds an undergraduate degree from Cornell University, a medical degree from Rutgers University Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, and a Master of Business Administration from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.

Her children also attended University Settlement’s Park Slope North Early Childhood Center.

“We’re excited to welcome Marie to our Board, and grateful that she’s joining us,” said **Melissa E. Aase**, CEO of University Settlement. “Her clinical and operating experience in New York City’s healthcare sector will bring fresh perspectives to many of our agency’s top strategic priorities. We’re looking forward to relying on her counsel.”

“I’m delighted to join the Board of an institution that makes such a significant difference in the lives of my fellow New Yorkers,” said **Dr. Romney**. “University Settlement has long been one of the most innovative and forward-thinking agencies at the heart of our city’s safety net, and I look forward to supporting its teams as they continue to build community strength on the Lower East Side and in Brooklyn.”

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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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