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Union Settlement Names Dr. Derrick Boone as its New Chief Executive Officer

East Harlem, NY (March 25, 2025) – The Board of Directors for Union Settlement (www.unionsettlement.org), East Harlem’s oldest and largest social service provider, has named Dr. Derrick Boone as its new Chief Executive Officer, effective March 10, 2025.

"Over the years, Dr. Boone’s steadfast commitment to our workforce, mission, and values has been immensely beneficial to our community," said Dawn Zappetti, Chair of Union Settlement’s Board of Directors. "It’s an honor and privilege to announce that Dr. Boone will lead Union Settlement as its new CEO, ensuring that our important work continues to serve and empower East Harlem."

Dr. Boone joined Union Settlement in 2018 and has served in several key executive positions including Chief Program Officer for Adult Services, Chief Compliance Officer and Interim Chief Executive Officer. For more than two decades, he has worked for nonprofit social service programs in direct care, professional consultation, and executive leadership, including organizations that focus on mental health, employment, education, school-based counseling, seniors, transitional living, trauma-informed care, and homelessness. He holds Master’s and Doctorate degrees in psychology from Loma Linda University.

"Thank you to Dawn and the Board of Directors for trusting me to lead this unique, impactful organization as it approaches 130 years providing on-the-ground resources for the East Harlem community," said Dr. Boone. "I’m excited to collaborate with our entire team and Board to continue providing essential services and community-building to East Harlem residents of all ages."

"I am delighted to congratulate Dr. Boone on his new role as CEO of Union Settlement," said Diana Ayala, Deputy Speaker of the New York City Council. "I look forward to witnessing the positive changes and growth that he will undoubtedly bring to this vital organization and to the residents of our vibrant community."

About Union Settlement

Union Settlement is an on-the-ground resource for East Harlem residents of all ages, and a passionate advocate for the needs of underserved communities. Established in 1895, Union Settlement is an anchor institution providing dozens of programs, across two dozen sites, reaching more than 10,000 East Harlem residents every year. By helping our neighbors realize their goals, we build the vitality and success of East Harlem. To learn more about our services spanning early childhood education, afterschool and summer youth programs, college preparation, job readiness, adult education, mental health counseling, economic development,

senior centers, Meals on Wheels and more, visit www.unionsettlement.org and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

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