



United Neighborhood Houses Statement on Mayor Adams' FY 2023 Budget for New York City

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New York – June 10, 2022 – In response to New York City's Adopted Fiscal Year 2023 Budget for New York City, United Neighborhood Houses Executive Director Susan Stamler commented:

"Today, Mayor Adams and Speaker Adams announced several positive investments in the Fiscal Year 2023 budget that will help strengthen communities and support New Yorkers of all ages.

Doubling the baselined investment in adult literacy education, providing child care for undocumented children, and funding community schools and youth employment programs are all crucial to helping our City continue to rebuild from the COVID pandemic and providing New Yorkers with some relief as they deal with record levels of inflation.

Given inflation and historic underinvestment in the human services sector, we were heartened to hear Mayor Adams acknowledge the workforces' efforts throughout the pandemic in today's press conference. A baselined investment of \$60 million for human service contracts is an important first step towards getting salaries to the right level. However, more will be needed to both compensate them at levels they deserve after going above and beyond for the City and their communities throughout the last two years. We look forward to working with Mayor Adams in the weeks and months ahead to ensure that funding gets out the door quickly and that further investments are made to stabilize the human services workforce."

United Neighborhood Houses (UNH) is a policy and social change organization representing 45 neighborhood settlement houses that reach 765,000 New Yorkers from all walks of life. A progressive leader for more than 100 years, UNH is stewarding a new era for New York's settlement house movement. We mobilize our members and their communities to advocate for good public policies and promote strong organizations and practices that keep neighborhoods resilient and thriving for all New Yorkers. UNH leads advocacy and partners with our members on a broad range of issues including civic and community engagement, neighborhood affordability, healthy aging, early childhood education, adult literacy, and youth development.

We also provide customized professional development and peer learning to build the skills and leadership capabilities of settlement house staff at all levels. For more information, visit <http://www.unhny.org/>. ###