



## **United Neighborhood Houses Statement on the Derek Chauvin Verdict**

New York – April 21, 2021 – In response to the conviction of Derek Chauvin, UNH Director Susan Stamler commented:

The verdict in this case is one step toward accountability for one individual. UNH joins George Floyd’s family and friends and the people of Minneapolis in celebrating it, but we also know that the conviction of Derek Chauvin is not true justice. Nor does it alone create the change needed to right the wrongs of systemic racism in this country.

We have a responsibility to use what power and privilege we have as an organization to fight systemic racism. And we know that there is significant work to be done here in New York City and State to achieve equity and racial justice for Black communities and all communities of color. UNH and our member settlement houses remain committed to that work and serving as advocates and allies in the fight for justice.

### **About United Neighborhood Houses**

United Neighborhood Houses (UNH) is a policy and social change organization representing 44 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/>.

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