

Annual Report 2024



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Advocates pose with Council member Linda Lee at a rally for funding for aging services.



Letter from LEADERSHIP



The New York settlement house community is remarkably resilient. Time and again, United Neighborhood Houses of New York (UNH) and our member organizations have helped New York navigate periods of turbulence. Our movement has endured because we remain grounded in a shared mission: the belief that inclusive, equitable, and thriving communities are possible.

We live in chaotic times. On the national level there is growing fear and distrust in our institutions, with threats and attacks

on critical programs supporting child care and education, housing and food assistance, health care and Medicaid funding. Likely federal funding cuts could devastate the services and programs families rely upon.

Yet in moments like these, our vital role supporting the settlement house movement is cast into stark relief. UNH continues to lead with purpose on the everyday issues that matter most to our communities: providing essential services for children, families, and older New Yorkers.

As we reflect on 2024, it was a year of growth for UNH. We broadened our advocacy portfolios, introduced new professional development tools, provided new resources to expand settlement house programs, and committed to expanding our civic engagement work. Looking back at what we've done, we believe we are prepared to meet the current moment.

Thank you for supporting our work to strengthen the settlement house movement and keeping New York strong.



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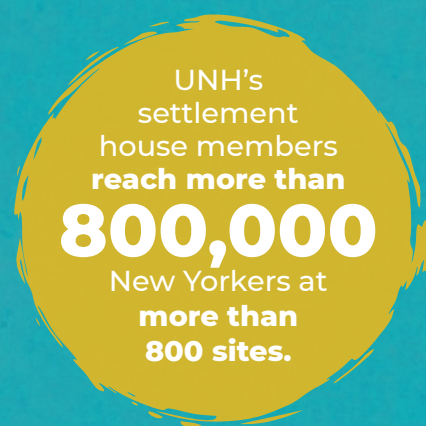


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- Kingsbridge Heights Community Center (KHCC)
- Mosholu Montefiore Community Center (MMCC)
- New Settlement
- Riverdale Neighborhood House
- Southeast Bronx Neighborhood Centers (SEBNC)
- Women's Housing and Economic Development Corporation (WHEDco)

BROOKLYN

- Arab-American Family Support Center
- CAMBA
- Center for Family Life in Sunset Park
- Cypress Hills Local Development Corporation
- Red Hook Initiative
- St. Nicks Alliance
- School Settlement Association
- Shorefront YM-YWHA of Brighton-Manhattan Beach



MANHATTAN

- Broadway Housing Communities
- Chinese-American Planning Council (CPC)
- Educational Alliance
- Goddard Riverside
- Grand St. Settlement
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- Hamilton-Madison House
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- Henry Street Settlement
- Hudson Guild
- Lenox Hill Neighborhood House
- Northern Manhattan Improvement Corporation (NMIC)
- SCAN-Harbor
- Stanley M. Isaacs Neighborhood Center
- Union Settlement
- University Settlement

QUEENS

- Jacob A. Riis Neighborhood Settlement
- Korean Community Services (KCS)
- Ocean Bay Community Development Corp.
- Queens Community House (QCH)
- Sunnyside Community Services

STATEN ISLAND

- Project Hospitality

GREATER NEW YORK STATE

- Huntington Family Centers
- Martin Luther King Multipurpose Center
- Southwest Area Neighborhood Association Center (SWAN)
- Syracuse Northeast Community
- Trinity Alliance of the Capital Region
- Westcott Community Center

Member SERVICES

UNH strengthens settlement houses to be vibrant centers of learning, connection, community, and social change for and with their communities. We host monthly peer and issue groups bringing together settlement house workers who share roles or particular areas of focus; design and conduct professional development programs; organize conferences and events; and lead site visits to settlement houses to learn more about the model.

Bringing Settlement Houses Together

Nearly 400 settlement house workers attended Settlement House Day 2024, including a few international guests representing the International Federation of Settlements. Settlement House Day is a day of learning and networking of, by, and for settlement house staff. With support from UNH, settlement house workers conceived of, created, and conducted workshops on topics that included budgeting, giving constructive feedback, intergenerational programming, serving asylum seekers, strategic planning, and so much more. In addition to 20 workshops, we convened a panel on civic engagement, held a racial equity conversation, and were treated to a keynote speech from our guest, the amazing Whoopi Goldberg, an alum of UNH member Hudson Guild and a passionate supporter of settlement houses.



Whoopi Goldberg is introduced at Settlement House Day



Expanding Professional Development Offerings

A key component of UNH's work is supporting settlement house staff by creating, customizing, and conducting professional development and training to enhance skills, knowledge, and expertise. We offer three tiers of leadership development training to help staff grow in their careers. These courses are: Supervisory Essentials for New Managers, Leading for Impact, and Leadership for the Future of Work. In 2024, UNH expanded these trainings, responding to the wishes and feedback of previous attendees. UNH increased the number of training sessions offered, and also created more opportunities to meet in person.

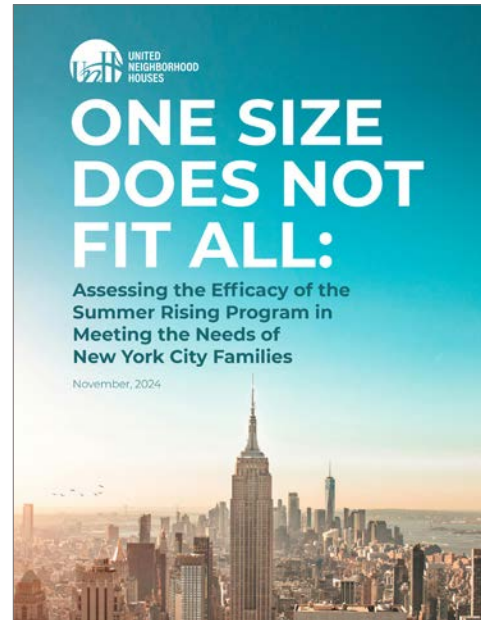
Fostering Intergenerational Programming

The United States is in the midst of a loneliness epidemic. This growing sense of isolation affects both older and younger adults in particular. In response, we deepened our focus on intergenerational programming, which has been shown to reverse the negative mental and physical health effects stemming from loneliness and social isolation. In a multi-year partnership with three settlement houses piloting intergenerational programs, we developed tools, resources, and a new professional development curriculum to build the capacity of staff at settlement houses interested in making intergenerational programming a core program element. UNH created the Generations Connect toolkit and, to complement the toolkit, launched an intensive training process for a new cohort of five settlement houses who will participate over fourteen months as they learn and apply the tools to their work.



Analyzing Summer Youth Programming

Four years ago during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, New York City made major adjustments to summer programs for school-aged youth, mandating that all summer camp participants also enroll in summer school under a program called Summer Rising. Despite loud calls from UNH, settlement houses, and our partners to evaluate the impact of this change, no data was ever released. In response, UNH conducted a mixed-methods study of Summer Rising. Our analysis included a survey of 700 parents of Summer Rising participants and settlement house staff and a focus group including 52 middle school students participating in the program at UNH settlement house member sites. UNH's report, *One Size Does Not Fit All*, highlights key findings from this study and offers recommendations to improve summer programming so it meets the diverse needs of New York City's families.



Budget Victory for the Settlement House Program

UNH achieved important victories in its budget advocacy at the state and city levels, including increased funding for the New York State Settlement House Program. We successfully advocated for a 60% funding increase for this program—the first major increase in over a decade, bringing the total programming funds up to \$4 million. This unique funding stream enhances existing programs by allowing settlement houses to hire translators, case managers, and counselors, or to make other investments needed to address the distinct needs of their local community.



Voter Mobilization and Inspiration

UNH has spent the last seven years expanding our annual nonpartisan Get Out the Vote training and peer learning sessions for settlement houses, helping them to embed civic engagement in their programs and increase voter turnout. This past year was an important election year, and UNH offered multiple nonpartisan trainings explaining the voting process at all levels of government. We also launched Our Voices Count, which includes capacity-building, community organizing, and evaluation components. For the next five election cycles, UNH intends to scale up our nonpartisan civic engagement work to reach more settlement house staff, building our network's capacity to run outreach programs that will expand our ability to increase participation in the 2030 Census.

POLICY *and* ADVOCACY

UNH advocates for funding and policies that directly address barriers to thriving communities. We publish research, testify to legislative bodies, lobby elected and appointed officials, organize rallies, and inform the media. Our goal is to ensure that all New Yorkers feel that their city and state represent them, and that they can personally play a role in shaping its growth.



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- 53% Foundation Grants
- 2% Corporations and Individuals
- 4% Membership Dues
- 15% Other Revenue
- 26% Net Investment Activity



- 83% Program Services
- 8% Management & General
- 9% Fundraising

2024 FINANCIALS

Statement of Financial Position as of December 31, 2024 (Selected Financial Data)

ASSETS

Cash, Cash Equivalents	\$1,403,963
Other Assets	1,078,706
Long term investments	13,589,884
Total Assets	16,072,553

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

General Liabilities	\$1,510,501
Net Assets	
Without Donor Restrictions	11,775,326
With Donor Restrictions	2,786,726
Total Net Assets	14,562,052
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$16,072,553



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