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Celebrating 100 Years of Service in the Community

OPEN INVITATION TO LOCAL ARTISTS

We are writing with a special invitation for you to join University Settlement in our 100th anniversary celebrations.

On November 17th and 18th University Settlement will open our doors to host a community art exhibit and sale commemorating all that University Settlement has achieved in helping individuals and families for the past 100 years. **We are asking local artists to join us in our celebration by donating works of art that will be on show to the community and will be featured in our Opening and 100th Anniversary celebration on November 16th.** The Opening will include guest speakers, elected officials, performances, as well as food and will be open to the over 30,000 individuals we serve each year. Your artwork would receive a wide viewing from the community. Artists will have the opportunity to meet and greet the community and to discuss their work. Themes for the art exhibition could be: stories of settlement, new life, new beginnings, family, growth, community, trees and roots. You may also come up with your own unique idea and have your artwork tie in with your experiences, University Settlement and the role we have played in your life, or the life of the community.

University Settlement is a multi-service agency that was founded in 1910 and has the distinction of being the first community-based social service centre in the City of Toronto. University Settlement's four offices are part of culturally rich and vibrant neighborhoods in downtown Toronto and North York. As active members of these diverse communities, University Settlement helps individuals and families to learn and grow by engaging them in social, cultural, recreational and educational opportunities. University Settlement is committed to enhancing the quality of life of the people in the communities we serve through our many programs and services. With a full-time and part-time staff of approximately 150, University Settlement has developed programs to address the needs of more than 30,000 users annually through diverse areas such as settlement services, English language classes, employment counseling, senior services, youth programming, music and arts education, and daycare.

We are seeking 100 donated pieces which will be sold for \$100 each. Tax receipts are available upon request. All works of art are accepted and where possible should be framed or mounted. If you have any artwork, or wish to create a new piece, that you would be willing to donate it will support University Settlement's efforts to raise funds for our subsidy program that helps families in need participate in our programs. To-date we have raised over \$71,000 and proceeds from the art exhibition will bring us closer to achieving our goal of \$88,000. Each dollar that we raise helps a child participate in camp activities, music lessons or afterschool programs at University Settlement!

Please join us in the festivities and be part of University Settlement's celebration of our 100th year of providing services to the community.

All pieces should be submitted by October 15th, 2010 to University Settlement's main site, 23 Grange Road, Toronto. If you have any questions about the art exhibit, please contact Catherine Campbell, Project Curator at ccprod@sympatico.ca. If you have any questions about University Settlement, or our work, please feel free to contact Debra Shime at (416) 598-3444 x222 or at debra.shime@usrc.ca.

