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# Lower East Side Walking Tour

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### University Settlement

University Settlement (US) helped establish the idea that immigrants and low-income families deserve basic services like quality education, decent housing, access to open space for exercise and health, and support for the aging. With a little help, these families can get a foothold on the American dream. Providing social services that give families a helping hand has become part of our national fabric. US has continued to set the standard and invent best practices for others to follow.

- **273 Bowery** – Houston Street Center
- **189 Allen** – Older adult services, eviction prevention, children's case management
- **184 Eldridge** – US landmark facility
- **175 Eldridge** – afterschool programming, adult literacy

### Community Healthcare Network Center 150 Essex St.

Beginning in the late 1960's from a group of NYC storefront clinics dedicated to family planning services, Community Healthcare Network now provides quality, culturally-competent and comprehensive community-based primary care, mental health and social services for diverse populations in underserved communities throughout New York City. Since its inception, the agency has grown tremendously in response to such social crises as unequal distribution of medical care, adolescent pregnancy, AIDS, inner city poverty and homelessness.

### Essex Street Market

120 Essex St.

Essex Street Market is the Lower East Side's most iconic culinary destination, with a history that stretches back over 75 years. Essex Street Market began in 1940 as part an effort by Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia to find a new place for street merchants to do business. At the time, pushcarts and vendors crowded the city streets, making it difficult for police and fire vehicles to easily pass. To ease congestion, Mayor LaGuardia created the Essex Street Market and several other indoor retail markets throughout the city. Beyond its intended function as a shopping destination, the Market also developed into a social environment where residents came to connect and share ideas.

### Tenement Museum

108 Orchard St.

The Tenement Museum preserves and interprets the history of immigration through the personal experiences of the generations of newcomers who settled in and built lives on Manhattan's Lower East Side, America's iconic immigrant neighborhood. It enhances appreciation for the profound role immigration has played and continues to play in shaping America's evolving national identity. The museum tells the stories of immigrants who started their lives anew on Manhattan's Lower East Side between the 19th and 21st centuries through the recreated apartment and businesses of real families in our two historic tenement buildings. The tenements housed over 15,000 working class immigrants from over 20 nations while they served as residences.

