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Marlee Matlin, Oscar-Winning Actress & Advocate, to Share Her Story of Perseverance and Triumph at Warren Village All-Star Luncheon, February 19th

Denver, CO -- Marlee Matlin, Oscar-winning actress, will be the keynote speaker at the Warren Village All-Star Luncheon on Friday, February 19th – 11:30am to 1:30pm | Marriott Denver City Center, 1701 California, Denver, CO 80202. Matlin will share her story of perseverance and triumph from losing her hearing at 18 months old, to her battles with addiction and being a victim of domestic violence.

Matlin received worldwide critical acclaim for her motion picture debut in Paramount Pictures' *Children of a Lesser God*, earning her the Academy Award for Best Actress. At age 21, she became the youngest recipient of the Best Actress Oscar, making her one of only four actresses to receive that honor for a film debut. In addition to the Oscar, Matlin was honored by the Hollywood Foreign Press Association with the Golden Globe Award for Best Actress in a Drama.

Most recently Matlin was at Super Bowl 50 with Lady Gaga signing the *National Anthem* and *America the Beautiful*. She recently penned her autobiography entitled *I'll Scream Later*, which takes readers on the frank and touching journey of her life. Matlin was recently honored by AOL as "Chief Everything Officer," highlighting the important contributions of mothers, in both home and work environments.

Matlin has great passion for the issues of family homelessness and poverty, which is why she's providing what promises to be an inspiring keynote address at this year's All-Star Luncheon. Passionate about children, Matlin has also appeared in a number of educational and children's programs. She served as host of PBS's Emmy Award winning series *People in Motion* and was featured in the PBS documentary, *Through Deaf Eyes*.

Warren Village has been a trusted partner in the Denver community since 1974 and exists so that low income, single parent families achieve sustainable personal and economic self-sufficiency. The All-Star Luncheon celebrates the organization's self-sufficiency programs. Warren Village offers a safe place to call home; wrap-around family support services including workforce training, educational advancement, and life-skills classes; and a nationally accredited early learning center for children six weeks to 10 years of age.

Matlin will be onsite at Warren Village (1323 Gilpin Street) on Thursday, February 18 at 5:00pm to see first-hand the Greta Horwitz Learning Center and Family Services program.

The All-Star Luncheon will also feature two recognitions: 2016 Philanthropic Leader Honoree - Sheila Bugdanowitz, President & CEO, Rose Community Foundation; and 2016 Corporate Leader Honoree – Jodi Rolland, Market President for Denver & Colorado President, Bank of America.

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