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Record-Breaking Fall Gala for Warren Village

Denver, CO (September 20, 2018) – Warren Village - a nonprofit utilizing a two-generation approach to empower low-income, single-parent families to make the journey from poverty to self-sufficiency – held its fifth annual Gala at McNichols Civic Center Building on Friday, September 14, 2018. The Gala theme, “Taking Flight” honored the organization’s uplifting mission as well as its transformational-level sponsor, United Airlines.

This was the organization’s largest and most successful fundraising event. The event was emceed by Gloria Neal, the award winning multi-media journalist. “Glo” humored and inspired the crowd, which included more than 300 philanthropists, community leaders, and supporter of Warren Village. Speakers included Kyle Craig, Warren Village Board Chair; State Representative Leslie Herod; Sharon Grant, Vice President of Community Affairs, United Airlines (the event’s transformational sponsor); Ethan Hemming, Warren Village President & CEO;

The event was catered by Catering by Design, and auctioneer Gary Corbett auctioned off an array of travel packages. An array of live performances partially donated by the Imprint Group included: Stilt walkers from Phantom Circus, Brothers of Brass, Pin Up Pop and Sage Starkey; and dancing to live music by Syndicate.

Ethan Hemming, Warren Village President & CEO, shared, “Our annual gala is a time to celebrate and appreciate those organizations, businesses and individuals who’ve made our work possible and to showcase the organization’s achievements as well as those of our resident families.” The event raised \$300,000 that will enable Warren Village to continue the important work of empowering single-parent families on their journey to self-sufficiency.

The organization honored Bank of the West for their dedicated long-term commitment to effecting positive social change in our community. Stephanie Tedy, Senior Corporate Social Responsibility Regional Officer accepted the acknowledgement.

Warren Village is grateful to have a truly dedicated Gala committee, including committee chairs: Tammy Abramovitz, Angela Coleman, and Katie M. Goodwin, who worked with Event Manager, Alisa Zapiler, of Creative Events & Occasions, along with Sarah James, Warren Village Manager of Individual Giving & Events, and other committee members to create a magical and unforgettable evening.

Of special note is the amazing generosity of KPMG and Angela Coleman, who is the Events & Meetings Manager for KPMG and co-chair on the Warren Village Gala Committee. Because of KPMG and Cooley’s 2-day growth capital conference held at McNichols on the same day as our Fall Gala, we partnered with nearly all of the same vendors to produce our event which saved critical funds for Warren Village.

Even more, instead of renting furniture to fill the building, Eclectic Hive was so kind to partner with KPMG to purchase the furniture, which was then donated to Warren Village's First Step community spaces.

The event's sponsors included: Transformational sponsor: United Airlines; Presenting sponsors: KPMG and Cooley; Sky High sponsors: Johns Manville and Staq Pharma; Entertainment sponsor: Katie & Scott Goodwin, Jr.; and Ascend sponsors: AAA Colorado, Larry & Christine Baumgartner, CU School of Medicine, Jeff Parker and Eric Johnson, and Deanna Locke Real Estate.

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ABOUT WARREN VILLAGE: Warren Village has been a trusted partner in the Denver community since 1974 and exists so that low-income, single-parent families can achieve sustainable personal and economic self-sufficiency. 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. www.warrenvillage.org