# THE VILLAGER

FALL 2018

## IT WAS A RECORD-BREAKING FALL GALA

It was an extraordinary evening at the fifth annual Fall Gala at McNichols Civic Center Building on Friday, September 14, 2018. This year's 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 gala ever, raising more than \$300,000. The event was emceed by Gloria Neal, the award winning multimedia journalist, who humored a crowd of more than 300 philanthropists, community leaders, and supporters of Warren Village. The high point of the evening was an inspiring testimonial by Warren Village Resident, Samiat Usman. Additional speakers included State Representative Leslie Herod; Sharon Grant, Vice President of Community Affairs, United Airlines; and several inspiring resident speakers.

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

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. (Cont. page 2)



*From left:* Ethan Hemming, Warren Village President & CEO, Elyse Craig, and Kyle Craig, Warren Village Board Chair.



From left: Gala Committee Chairs: Katie M. Goodwin, Tammy Abramovitz, and Angela Coleman



*From left:* Amy Shaughnessy, Manager of Community Affairs, United Airlines; Mrs. Robinson, supporter; and Sharon Grant, VP Community Affairs, United Airlines.

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Transforming Parents' Lives. Improving Children's Futures.



Warren Village Resident, Bethanie with her daughter, Lilliana

## HONORING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

On May 8, 2018, Warren Village families, staff, trustees, supporters, and volunteers gathered for our annual Honoring Evening Ceremony. More than 200 awards were presented to resident and alumni parents for a wide variety of accomplishments including: academic scholarships, exceptional commitment to school or career, significant progress towards financial goals, exemplary leadership, as well as those graduating from the Warren Village program, and many more.



Carli Cisna, Bilingual Personal Finance Coach mpowered

#### FALL GALA (CONT.)

Warren Village is grateful to have had 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 and Events, Shannon Pursley, Manager of Design and Communications, Molly Barfuss, Volunteer Services Coordinator, and committee members: Julie Davis, Erin Ferris, Krista Florea, Rachael Greenberg, Deanna Locke, Angela Mallon, Jeff Parker, Emilie Robbins, and Chris Starkey to create a magical and unforgettable evening.

We are grateful to the many sponsors, attendees, and volunteers who helped make this evening tremendously successful!



## CREATING OPPORTUNITY FOR WARREN VILLAGE FAMILIES WITH THE HELP OF CORPORATE PARTNERS

From the President's Desk

#### Dear Friends,

Partnerships are the foundation of the Warren Village model and its success in serving the Denver Community. We are fortunate to work alongside many great foundations, non-profits and community minded corporations who seek to improve the quality of opportunities for disadvantaged residents of Denver.

In June, we officially announced that United Airlines had selected Warren Village as its Denver Nonprofit Partner and entered into a four-year commitment with us to support and extend our impact in Denver.

Along with an extremely generous \$1 million investment over four years, Warren Village will welcome a new cadre of United employee volunteers, and will further signify the partnership with a renamed "United Airlines Early Learning Center" at our main campus.

When we think of one word that describes this partnership, "change " is really the best choice. The processes of change and growth are at the heart of the Warren Village's transformational model. Our organization provides a robust platform on which our hardworking and courageous residents build the next phase of their lives and that of their children. Sustainable change is what our residents seek and what we work to support.

This financial support will enable Warren Village to improve its program quality, implement new technology needed to stay current in our changing world, and actively prepare for—and initiate—expanded services in our community.

Warren Village has served this community for more than 44 years, and this extraordinary investment will allow us to springboard into the next phase of our evolution.

United Airlines is helping to set the stage for unprecedented and timely change and growth at Warren Village.

With warmest regards,

Ethan Hemming President and CEO



*From left front:* Kyle Craig, Warren Village Board Chair, Ethan Hemming, Warren Village CEO; Savanna & Leander, Warren Village residents, Sharon Grant, Vice President of Community Affairs, United Airlines; Mayor Michael B. Hancock; *back:* Jamie Van Leeuwen, Senior Advisor for Governor Hickenlooper; Steve Jaquith, VP Denver Hub, United Airlines; and Councilman Wayne New.



United Airlines Volunteers playing with a Warren Village Child.



United Airlines Volunteers helping with face painting for Warren Village children.

#### CELEBRATING OUR VOLUNTEERS

More than 100 members of the Warren Village community participated in the Annual Volunteer Appreciation event on May 30, 2018 at the Tears-McFarlane House. It was a beautiful evening celebrating our incredible volunteer network. In the past year alone, 958 volunteers contributed more than 13,200 hours of service across all programs at Warren Village.

We are deeply grateful for the gift of time, expertise, and passion that we receive from dedicated volunteers year-round!

#### 2018 Volunteers of the Year Award Winners

Kathleen Bohland & Lynn Bronikowski Legacy Volunteers

**Sophia Dennis** Alumna Volunteer

Myrtle Armstead, Ruth Johnson & Minnie Collins Volunteers of America Foster Grandparent Program Volunteers Julia Hartman-Teske Youth Volunteer

**Lisa Snead** The Volunteer of the Year

**The Kilen Family** First Step Volunteer Group

**Courtney Russell** First Step Volunteer Elizabeth Jarrard, Teresa Miller & Sara Schmidt Girls on the Run, Kids' Club Volunteers

**Charles Borgman** *Trustee Award* 





### HITTING THE LINKS

On June 1, members of the Warren Village Development Team and Board of Trustees hit the links at Lone Tree Golf Club as part of the annual All Copy Charity Golf Tournament. We are very grateful to have been selected as this year's charitable partner and are proud to do business with a company that is so committed to giving back to their community.

We are deeply grateful to All Copy Products and to CEO Brad Knepper.



*From left:* Trustee Tim Swales; Board Chair, Kyle Craig; and CEO, Ethan Hemming





*From left:* Our incredible host Dr. Jody Mathie with Trustee Katie Goodwin; Jeff Parker, Jane Schumaker, and Eric Johnson.

#### ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY

Warren Village held its annual Summer Kick-Off Party on July 17, 2018 at the beautiful home of Dr. Jody Mathie. The evening began with cocktails and delicious light bites in the backyard garden, while 100 guests bid on silent auction items and enjoyed the musical talents of members of the Denver School of the Arts Jazz Band.

We appreciate everyone who came out to enjoy the party and helped us raise funds for and awareness of Warren Village.

#### AT EASE WITH WINE & CHEESE

Warren Village held it summer Young Professionals event on August 29, 2018. It was a glorious evening to be "At Ease with Wine & Cheese" - with food, drinks, networking, and prizes! The Young Professionals group is gearing up for their November meeting, where they will form a steering committee, plan future fundraising and networking events. If you are interested in joining our Young Professionals group, please email Molly Barfuss at mbarfuss@ warrenvillage.org or call 303.320.5032.





*From left:* Ian Rand and Greg Moore; Sarah James, Manager, Individual Giving & Events and Hannah Walcher.

#### BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEW MEMBERS

Warren Village is incredibly grateful to our Board of Trustees for their tireless work to advance the mission of Warren Village. One of our key strategic goals is to build the capacity and breadth of our Board. We are thrilled to welcome the following new Board members, each of whom bring passion, expertise, and a willingness to help take Warren Village to the next level: Laura Richards, Gloria Neal, and Sandra Harvath. And, as we announced earlier this year, the "chairman's torch" was passed from Brian Sandy to Kyle Craig.



Laura Richards Educator, Nonprofit Volunteer and Philanthropist

**Gloria Neal** President & CEO of Glo Knows Unlimited, LLC



Sandra Harvath President, Colorado Market – IMA



For a complete listing of our board members, please visit WarrenVillage.org/board-of-trustees.

#### NEW WARREN VILLAGE LEADERSHIP TEAM MEMBER

After an extensive search, we are happy to report that Ryan Schrier has joined our team in the capacity of Director of Development and External Relations. We are thrilled to welcome him to the Warren Village Community.

Ryan brings over ten years of non-profit experience to our team, as well as a decade in high tech. Prior to joining Warren Village, he served as the Director of the Walk for Hunger for Project Bread in Boston Massachusetts, and held other leadership and revenue generating positions at ACT on Drugs, the Rocky Mountain MicroFinance Institute, and at IBM.

### CELEBRATING ANNETTE & ZAIDAH'S 2GEN JOURNEY

Even though she had the support of family in helping to raise her young daughter Zaidah, Annette realized that it was time to create an environment of her own where she could make healthy boundaries and responsible decisions. Having spent the last twelve years steadily working towards getting her bachelor's degree, Annette's cousin told her about Warren Village, and the support they provide for young mothers and children. Annette applied and she and her daughter were accepted into the program. Determined to finish her education, Annette has taken advantage of almost all the services and support the program has to offer, and is planning on graduating this May with a BA in communication from CU Denver.



"I want to pursue advocacy work," she explains. "I want to work with young mothers and their children; I have dreams of setting up a mentorship program at Warren Village in the future."

The possibilities are truly endless. Annette, who is passionate and unwavering, wants to not only build a more stable life for her and her young daughter, but also give back and help others.

Annette has maintained a relationship with her family and explained that she has learned a lot about healthy boundaries and is applying that to her life. Her daughter Zaidah is enrolled in the learning center and has been thriving. She has a close relationship to her teachers and peers and has begun to blossom over the school year. Together, Annette and Zaidah have received the guidance they were in need of—and the skills necessary to reach their dreams—all made possible by the dedication and hard work of Warren Village and its community. The sky really is the limit.

#### NEW WEBSITE LAUNCHED IN AUGUST

If you haven't checked it out yet, please visit our new website soon! With the help of funding from our partner, United Airlines and our talented vendor, Peak Creative we launched an informative, captivating, and mobilefriendly website this past August.



### FAMILY NIGHTS - A WARREN VILLAGE TRADITION

Ideal for corporate groups, community groups, and families. Hosts provide dinner and an activity for 30-45 families at Warren Village or at our First Step location for 13 families. Family Nights are the 2nd and 4th Wedesday of every month from 6:30-8:00 PM; and at First Step every 3rd Thursday of the month from 6:00-7:30 PM. We've had some amazing groups over the summer, with great food and very creative activities.



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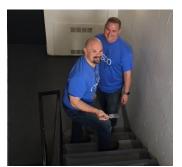


The Hoffer Family

## VOLUNTEERS - THE HEART AND SOUL OF WARREN VILLAGE

We partner with more than 900 volunteers annually who provide more than 13,000 hours of service to our organization. Individuals and volunteer groups directly support our mission by providing a wide range of direct and indirect support for our resident families including conducting life-skills classes, holiday activities, child-care, and special events. We've had some hardworkers on hand all summer beautifying the grounds, painting the residences, giving kiddos new shoes, and doing much more.





Dish Network

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## LEARNING CENTER RECERTIFIED BY NAEYC

In the winter of 2017-2018, the Learning Center received its fourth consecutive, five-year term as a nationally accredited program by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). Only 6.5% of early childhood programs nationwide receive this accreditation.



## CORPORATE GENEROSITY BY KPMG & COOLEY

We would like to acknowledge KPMG and Cooley for their sponsorship of our Fall Gala. This partnership allowed us to utilize shared vendors, space, and furniture from a 2-day conference they held at the same venue prior to the gala which decreased event expenses.

In addition, they then donated all of furniture from the events to our First Step location. Thank you also to Eclectic Hive for assisting in the procurement and coordination of the furniture.





## KIDS' CLUB IS ALWAYS ON THE MOVE!

Kids' Club, managed by our Family Services team, provides school-aged children (ages 7-18) residing at Warren Village with academic support and recreational, cultural, and socio-emotional activities after-school and during the summer. Through partnerships with organizations like Girls on the Run, Skate Pass and Yoga for the People, we are able to maximize available resources provided through donations. Kids' Club also organizes fun monthly events such as pizza and movie night, talent shows, and dance competitions.





Children enjoying the many interactive exhibitions at the Denver Museum of Nature & Science.

Girls training for a November 5K with the help of coaches from Girls on the Run.

## SESAME STREET VISITS THE LEARNING CENTER

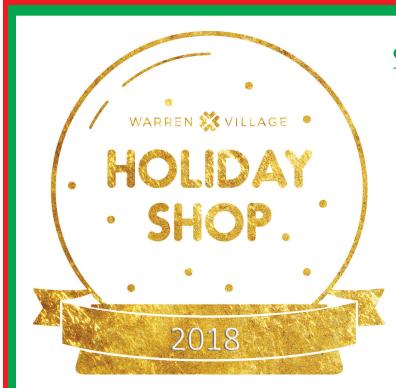


Sesame Street's Elmo and Abby Cadabby visited the Learning Center this past spring.



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# Saturday, December 15 Get Involved!

- Donate new, unwrapped gifts
  from our wish list
  - Organize a gift drive
- Provide monetary donations & gift cards
  - Volunteer Before, After, & During Event
  - Provide meal sponsorship for this event

For more information, please contact Molly Barfuss at mbarfuss@warrenvillage.org or call 303.320.5032