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Denver Community Members Rally to Support the Mission of Warren Village Record-Breaking Annual Gala

DENVER (October 1, 2019) – <u>Warren Village</u>, a Denver-based organization focused on helping lowincome, single-parent families make the journey from poverty to self-sufficiency, held its sixth annual Gala at The Ritz-Carlton, Denver, on Saturday, Sept. 28, 2019. The Gala theme, "Taking Flight: Soaring to New Heights" honors 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, raising more than \$367,000 that will benefit Warren Village families. The event was emceed by Gloria Neal, the award-winning multi-media journalist and director of public affairs for the Mayor's Office. "Glo" humored and inspired the crowd, which included more than 375 philanthropists, community leaders, and supporters of Warren Village.

"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 achievements of our resident families as well as those of our organization," said Ethan Hemming, Warren Village president & CEO.

The organization honored Christine Benero, president of Mile High United Way for her dedicated longterm commitment to effecting positive social change in the community. Speakers included Mayor Michael B. Hancock; Kyle Craig, Warren Village board chair; Ethan Hemming, Warren Village president & CEO; and Jasmine White, Warren Village alumna.

The event was sponsored by the following individuals and businesses: Transformational sponsor: United Airlines; Sky High sponsor: Johns Manville and STAQ Pharma; Ascend sponsors: Larry & Christine Baumgartner, Brad Busse, Christine Benero, & Mile High United Way, Kyle & Elyse Craig, Katie & Scott Goodwin, Ethan Hemming & Nicole Tembrock, IMA & IMA Select, KPMG, North Highland, Jeff Parker & Eric Johnson; Table sponsors: AAA Colorado, Tammy & Mike Abramovitz, Chuck & Mindy Borgman, Bank of America, Bank of the West, BBVA Compass, CBIZ, Colorado Housing and Finance Authority (CHFA), Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP, Jeff Gilley & Kristin Maresca, The Howes Group, RE/MAX Alliance, Laura & Mike Richards, Caroline Turner, and John Nimock of UBS Financial.

Warren Village's Gala committee included: Elissa Abegglen, Tammy Abramovitz, Angela Coleman, Cheryl Coleman, Katie M. Goodwin, Tracy Graf, Heather Martenson, Becca Ochsner, Emilie Robbins, and Lou Trebino.

About Warren Village

Warren Village is focused on helping low-income, single-parent families make the journey from poverty to self-sufficiency and has served nearly 4,800 children and parents since 1974. Through its Two-Generation (2Gen) approach, Warren Village transforms parents' lives, improves children's futures and strengthens the community. The organization's holistic approach includes safe and affordable housing, parent services and advocacy, and early education and child care. For more information about Warren Village, visit the website warrenvillage.org, or engage with the organization on Facebook, Twitter (@Warren_Village) and Instagram (@warren_village).