OPPORTUNITY & EMPOWERMENT

Since 1974, our Two-Generation (2Gen) approach has been providing opportunities and comprehensive resources to empower low-income, single-parent families to change their life trajectory.

The number of children in the Denver Metro area without a stable, safe place to live has increased by 322% over the last 10 years.

Our holistic approach includes three main program components:

**Safe & Affordable Housing**
With safe, consistent, and affordable housing, families can break the cycle of poverty and achieve self-sufficiency. Warren Village offers two to three years of transitional housing in 92 apartments accommodating single-parent families with up to six children. In addition, we offer a one-year transitional communal living program for 13 single mothers and their children through our First Step program, in partnership with Denver’s Road Home.

**Parent Services & Advocacy**
Warren Village provides each resident with a Family Advocate who helps parents set goals and find additional resources, including: post-secondary education assistance through our College to Career Initiative, career exploration through our Workforce Partnership Initiative, financial literacy classes, holistic wellness supports, and comprehensive long-term housing plans.

**Early Education & Child Care**
Children who experience poverty and homelessness are at an increased risk for social, emotional, and cognitive problems. Warren Village’s on-site Learning Center provides early childhood education, child care, mental health supports, and 2/3 of the daily nutritional requirements for children between the ages of 6 weeks to 10 years. This support allows their parents to focus on their education and/or employment.

WE HAVE SERVED 4,873 CHILDREN AND PARENTS SINCE 1974

WE SERVED 222 CHILDREN AND 139 PARENTS IN FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019

OUTCOMES

In Fiscal Year 2018-2019, of the 48 families who moved out of Warren Village after a stay of six months or more:

- 90% found permanent housing
- 63% had completed a degree or certificate program, or are currently “on track” to graduate or complete a certificate
- 86% increased their personal competencies
- The average annual salary of residents working full time at exit is $31,765.
Living at Warren Village is a hand up - not a handout. Parents are required to maintain a full-time schedule of employment and/or education, attend Life Skills Classes, and volunteer in the community. They pay 30% of their total income for rent.

**Wellness Initiative**
Lasting and long-term personal and economic self-sufficiency requires both a healthy mind and body. Our Wellness Initiative is the foundation for stability and greater levels of success. Each family participates in Life Skills Classes focused on the following components:

- **PHYSICAL WELL-BEING**
- **PSYCHOLOGICAL WELL-BEING**
- **FINANCIAL WELL-BEING**
- **SOCIAL WELL-BEING**

**Workforce Partnership and College to Career (C2C) Initiatives**
These initiatives build upon our existing education and career services, and provide a continuum of career development and job readiness services that emphasize career pathway planning and exploration, internships, certificate training programs, and post-employment support. Family Advocates offer robust wrap-around services and support, including enrollment services, financial aid support, tutoring and childcare. C2C also includes a partnership with Community College of Denver, that provides two to three onsite classes per semester at Warren Village, in a supportive and comfortable learning environment.

**GET INVOLVED**

**Volunteer** - Warren Village works with more than 1,000 individual and group volunteers a year who make an impact by:
- Sharing their profession, hobbies, and passions by facilitating an evening Life Skills Class or support our Workforce Partnership Initiative.
- Providing safe, quality childcare at Warren Village while parents attend evening Life Skills Classes.
- Hosting a Family and/or Community night with their group, by providing dinner and activities for residents.
- Joining the Warren Village Young Leaders group.

**Donate** - We need your help! Half of our budget each year is supported by generous donors in the community. 76% of all contributions go directly to program services.

**MODEL ENHANCEMENTS**

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**SUCCESS STORIES**

**REBA**
Reba grew up in poverty, and while she feels her parents did the best they could with the skills and resources they had, it just wasn’t enough. She never had a model for success. Despite all of this, she was the first in her family to graduate from high school, and seemed destined to pursue college. Reba had her first child with a partner who started to become abusive, and between that and becoming so wrapped up in making ends meet, she lost sight of her goals. Once Reba had her second child, she decided it was time to leave the abuse behind. She knew that the future her kids deserved could not be accomplished while living in an environment that was not supportive of her personal or educational goals. Reba found Warren Village, entered her new apartment, and felt an overwhelming sense of relief in knowing that she was finally in a place where she could build a foundation for her family. With help from her family advocates, she was able to navigate resources, complete two associate’s degrees, and continue her studies at a local university working towards a bachelor’s degree in Project Management, which she is focused on completing before she leaves Warren Village.

**SAVANNA**
With the impending arrival of her son Leander, Savanna knew that in order to provide the best care possible for her son, she would need to establish a stronger support system. She found the stability she needed when she was accepted into Warren Village when she was 5 months pregnant. Without help from Leander’s father, Savanna received the support she needed from her family advocate and fellow residents who helped her prepare for the future. Leander and his mother are both happy, healthy, and thriving. Leander is enrolled in our onsite Learning Center, and has developed a special bond with his teacher Maria. With a strong passion to give back to the community, Savanna is working steadily towards obtaining her paramedicine degree and interning as an EMT. If there is a simple lesson to be learned, it’s that all mothers need help and support, and the community and relationships built at Warren Village help make this possible.