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CenturyLink's Women Empowered Group Collects Hundreds of New Shoes for Warren Village Children

DENVER (Sept. 1, 2020) – This fall, for the 14th consecutive year, CenturyLink's Women Empowered employee resource group (ERG) is collecting and distributing new shoes for the children of [Warren Village](#), a Denver-based organization focused on helping low-income, single-parent families make the journey from poverty to self-sufficiency.

Every summer, Warren Village sends a list of shoe needs to the CenturyLink Women Empowered resource group who has a team collecting new shoes donated by employees at five different Denver-based CenturyLink locations. Since the inception of the program in 2006, CenturyLink has collected more than 2,750 shoes and donated about \$453,350 in hours.

"Women Empowered, is a dedicated group of CenturyLink employees supporting our members in discovering and claiming their personal power and progressing women forward," said Kristen Vitale, CenturyLink Women Empowered chapter president. "The Warren Village shoe drive gives us an opportunity to provide a needed service to a local organization focused on breaking the cycle of poverty, while encouraging community giving and teamwork among CenturyLink employees."

This year, Warren Village children are receiving the shoes in stages by family, rather than at a collective event, to adhere to COVID-19 safety guidelines.

"The long-standing partnership with CenturyLink has allowed us to make a real impact on children and families for many years," said Ethan Hemming, Warren Village president & CEO. "Many of us remember the excitement of a new pair of shoes at the start of a school year. While this year's school year may look different to many, this tradition of seeing the business community come together to give back is integral to the Warren Village culture. We look forward to it every year."

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 5,205 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).

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