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Warren Village Continues Support of Hundreds of Past Residents through Two Successful Years of Alumni Engagement Network

DENVER (Nov. 10, 2020) – This year, [Warren Village](#), a Denver-based organization focused on helping low-income, single-parent families make the journey from poverty to self-sufficiency, recognizes two years of its Alumni Engagement Network. The program, a formal means of offering ongoing support for past residents after they transition away from Warren Village, has resulted in communication with hundreds of families.

In 2018, Warren Village created a structure for the program, which included hiring a full-time staff member, or alumni navigator, who is a licensed clinical social worker, as the point of contact and a continuing resource for alumni families. In addition to regular outreach, the alumni navigator provides a continuum of alumni programs, services and activities.

The Alumni Engagement Network team also includes three peer resource navigators, Warren Village alumni available to directly help fellow alumni as they face exciting opportunities and potential challenges.

In addition to providing support, the program allows Warren Village to better understand the long-term outcomes and impact of the organization's mission, gaining insight into ongoing challenges – and program needs - through longitudinal surveys.

“These surveys allow us to better understand how the organization can tailor programs for existing residents and alumni,” said Elise Matatall, Warren Village alumni navigator. “For example, our latest survey, conducted in May of this year, indicated that 73 percent of respondents had their housing, education and/or employment situations affected by COVID-19. Our peer resource navigators identified one way to help families in need – by organizing a school supply drive this fall.”

“Our fall school supply drive resulted in delivery of donated supplies to nearly 40 alumni families,” said Jessie, Warren Village alumna and peer resource navigator. “Many of our adult alumni are in school themselves. The peer resource navigator team worked closely with the alumni navigator to ensure that parents and children received the supplies needed during a time when COVID-19 is making life more challenging.”

Peer resource navigator efforts also include an ongoing “Been There, Done That,” session focused on sharing life skills among alumni, a scholarship class for alumni working toward degrees and a Facebook page where alumni can share challenges, offer advice and continue to connect with their Warren Village community.

“We know that when residents leave Warren Village after two or three years, they are moving away from a highly supportive environment. While this is the right trajectory, it’s also extremely challenging,” said Ethan Hemming, Warren Village president & CEO. “Through our peer resource navigator team, we hope to provide a resource, embedded in the residents’ community, that believes in empowerment and the strength that we all do better when we work together as one.”

For more information about Warren Village or the Alumni Navigator program, please visit the [website](#) or the [media kit](#).

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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