



Lifting hearts

WARREN VILLAGE HELPS LOWER INCOME, SINGLE-PARENT FAMILIES ACHIEVE SELF-SUFFICIENCY AND GO FROM POVERTY TO PRODUCTIVITY. *by Callie Miller*



Since 1974, Warren Village has been taking in low-income, single parents who struggle to subsist and giving them a chance at economic independence, sustainable personal self-esteem, productivity, and sufficiency among their community. The village mainly provides safe housing and gets people off the streets, where these residents and parents then focus on their career. Most work on their college or work force program attainment to improve their long-term trajectory.

The goal

"The concept from the very beginning was to focus on two-generational support for single parents who are coming out of homelessness in central Denver," notes President and CEO Ethan Hemming. "We are putting in place opportunity for folks like our parents who have not had the right resources, training, and opportunities they need to succeed in life." Under a Two-Generation approach, families at Warren Village are empowered to change their life trajectories through components like safe and affordable housing, parent services and advocacy, and early education plus child care.

Through this journey, families' lives can be changed for generations to follow.

What's new

Warren Village is celebrating two years of its Alumni Engagement Network, a program that connects past Warren Village residents with one another to continue giving support. Hemming tells us, "We've always had a desire to help folks once they leave us because once they leave they get a great diminishment of support, so we added this network." Through the network, alumni can share their experience and success with other struggling alumni after leaving



Warren Village. This support can come in the form of a meeting or a phone call, depending on the individual's needs; and since the pandemic, the need for alumni engagement has increased. Hemming says, "It has become harder since we can't be in person, and since there is less ease the needs and demands have gone up. So we're going to double down on what we can do to help."

Get involved

On any regular day, Warren Village offers many ways to get involved through investments, volunteer positions, internships, events, sponsorships, and fundraisers. With all the recent changes through COVID-19, though, involvement relies heavily on donations and only a few virtual volunteer opportunities. To find out more, check Warren Village's website for updates and other ways to help support the organization. **DLM**



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