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Warren Village to Host Seventh Annual Fundraising Gala, "Listen to My Story," April 30 Gala celebrates the rich diversity of the transformative journeys that Warren Village families experience

DENVER (Feb. 17, 2022) – <u>Warren Village</u>, a Denver-based non-profit organization focused on helping lowincome, single-parent families make the journey from poverty and homelessness to self-sufficiency, will host its seventh annual gala at The Hyatt Regency Denver Tech Center, on Saturday, April 30. United Airlines will serve as the presenting sponsor for the fourth year in a row.

This year's event, titled, "Listen to My Story," is a celebration of the rich diversity in the journeys that single parents experience on the way to finding Warren Village and while transforming their lives through the organization's Two-Generation (2Gen) approach.

This signature event—emceed by Gloria Neal, director of public affairs for the office of Denver Mayor Michael Hancock, and Warren Village trustee—is Warren Village's largest annual fundraiser and is critical to providing services to hundreds of families every year. All proceeds directly support programs for both parents and children, including Warren Village's onsite, four-star-rated Early Learning Center and its main facilities that house 92 families.

"Our annual gala is especially important to us because it shines a spotlight on the achievements of our incredible families and gives the hard-working parents we serve a chance to share their stories with the public," said Ethan Hemming, Warren Village president & CEO. "It's also a chance to celebrate the amazing support we receive from local businesses, individuals and partner organizations that really makes our work possible."

More than 400 community and business leaders will attend the event. The evening includes a lively cocktail reception, heartwarming testimonials from families, a delicious seated dinner, a coffee and dessert bar, a live auction hosted by Gary Corbett, and dancing to live music by Hazel Miller & the Collective.

The evening's distinguished honoree will be Erin Brown, vice president of community investment and impact of the Colorado Health Foundation. Warren Village will recognize Brown for more than 25 years working on behalf of Colorado families, particularly around early education and social equity and inclusion. Brown served as Denver's first chief equity officer under Mayor Michael B. Hancock.

"We are thrilled to be able to recognize Erin for the significant impact she has had in the Denver community around leadership, and diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI)," said Hemming.

The event's confirmed and expanding list of corporate and individual sponsors includes: Presenting sponsor: United Airlines; Champion sponsors: Apartment Association of Metro Denver, Katie & Scott Goodwin, Jr., Johns Manville, UBS/John Nimock, and Urban Ventures; Table sponsors: AAA Colorado, Bank of America, Bank of the West/BNP Paribas, Larry & Christine Baumgartner, Craig Brown & Ed Scholz, CBIZ, Colorado Housing and Finance Authority (CHFA), Ethan Hemming & Nicole Tembrock, Huntington Bank, KPMG, PetersPoormon, LLC, SCL Health, Lou Trebino & Lars Ruggles, and STAQ Pharma.

Please visit <u>WarrenVillage.org/gala</u> for more information.

About Warren Village

Warren Village is focused on helping low-income, single-parent families make the journey from poverty to selfsufficiency and has served 8,254 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 <u>warrenvillage.org</u>, or engage with the organization on Facebook, Twitter (@Warren_Village) and Instagram (@warren_village).

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