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The Piton Foundation Awards Warren Village Community Investment Grant

Denver, CO (June 6, 2016) – The Piton Foundation, which is part of Gary Community Investments, has awarded Warren Village a \$200,000 community investment grant over two years to further develop the organization’s two-generation approach that positively impacts the economic security goals of low-income families. This investment in Warren Village is part of The Piton Foundation’s strategy to build a community of organizations across the region that support vulnerable families as they struggle with volatile income and housing challenges. Warren Village serves low income, single parent families in the Denver area by providing safe affordable housing, quality education and care for children, after school and summer programming for youth, and family services that include college-to-career opportunities, education and career counseling, workforce development and parenting classes.

The Piton Foundation’s investment will significantly impact the work at Warren Village that addresses needs related to community development, educational opportunities, workforce development and youth engagement. With the support of this grant Warren Village will move families onto the path to economic self-sufficiency. Warren Village will be measuring the impact on each family's economic security through 18 self-sufficiency indicators. In addition, it will track the impact on parents through academic and workforce indicators, including course completion and job placement, and it will measure impact on children’s cognitive, physical and socio-emotional ability.

“It is crucial to provide single parents with access to education and career training so they can earn a living wage and get on the path to self-sufficiency. Equally important is the investment in the early learning and development of our children. The Piton Foundation is making a lasting impact in our community and we are honored to be awarded this generous grant,” said Ethan Hemming, president and CEO of Warren Village.

The demand for low-income families to have safe, affordable housing, along with access to wrap-around supports and services in Denver, has increased since 2009. This two-year grant, which supports the expansion of Warren Village’s two-generation approach to moving families out of poverty through post-secondary education and programs to bolster growth in children, aligns with multiple strategies within Gary Community Investments’ quest to impact family economic security outcomes.

In addition to providing housing and workforce support, Warren Village helps ensure that all children have access to safe, affordable high-quality childcare so they can become school ready. According to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development, Warren Village’s model is a nationally recognized example for creating sustainable stability for families, and other organizations across the region are expanding their programs with a similar focus. This investment is an important step in building a regional platform of family economic security providers that are dedicated to the two-generation approach.

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About Warren Village: Warren Village has been a trusted partner in the Denver community since 1974 and exists so that low income, single parent families achieve sustainable personal and economic self-sufficiency. Warren Village offers a safe place to call home; wrap-around family support services including workforce training, educational advancement, and life-skills classes; and a nationally accredited early learning center for children six weeks to 10 years of age. www.warrenvillage.org

About The Piton Foundation: The Piton Foundation, which is part of Gary Community Investments, is a private foundation established in 1976 by Denver oilman Sam Gary. It is committed to improving the lives of Colorado's low-income children and their families by increasing access to quality early childhood and youth development opportunities and fostering healthy family and community environments. In addition to investing in creative solutions for Colorado's low-income children and their families, Piton operates its own programs, including the Data Initiative, Tax Help Colorado, and the nation's largest Earned Income Tax Credit public information campaign. www.garycommunity.org