WE ARE MORE THAN THE FUNDRAISERS.

WE ARE THE HAND RAISERS.

THE GAME CHANGERS.
MILE HIGH UNITED WAY FIGHTS FOR THE EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND FINANCIAL STABILITY OF EVERYONE IN METRO DENVER.
DEAR FRIENDS,

For the past 130 years, Mile High United Way has fought for the education, health, and financial stability of every person in our community. And our fight is not over yet.

Today in Metro Denver, many people struggle to have what they need for a successful life. They aren’t able to easily access stable housing, quality child care, a good education, and jobs to support their families. This is our fight.

With your help, our community will thrive. We can create opportunities for everyone, and break the cycle of poverty that families in our community struggle with every day.

Hand raisers like you are the reason Mile High United Way can tackle the big, complex, even daunting issues that face Metro Denver. We couldn’t be more grateful.

Your partnership helps ensure all young children can enter kindergarten ready to succeed and read at grade level by the end of third grade. Thanks to you, youth are able to find pathways to opportunity, and individuals and families are able to meet their basic needs and have every opportunity to move toward economic success.

Last year, with your support:

- We served 250,000 people in Metro Denver.
- We bolstered the reading skills of about 1,000 students at risk of falling behind their peers through Mile High United Way’s Colorado Reading Corps program.
- We supported more than 80,000 people who contacted our 2-1-1 Help Center for resources.
- We empowered nearly 130 Bridging the Gap youth by securing stable housing and providing one-on-one support to create successful futures.
- We engaged more than 2,400 volunteers on service projects that directly benefit children and families in our community.

We could not do this without you. Thank you for joining our fight.

Christine Benero, President and CEO,
Mile High United Way

Mary McBride, Board Chair,
Mile High United Way
When Jodi met her Mile High United Way Power Lunch reading buddy, Gerald*, she found they had a lot in common - including a love of soccer and Star Wars. She also discovered that Gerald was attending his third elementary school in just two years.

“I am thrilled that I can be an adult connection for my reading buddy,” said Jodi. “I love that he scolds and questions me when I have been absent. I love that we have built a relationship based on education and reading support, but also on laughter and fun.”

Jodi is fighting for Gerald because relationships can change lives and communities.

**What are you fighting for?**

*Name changed*
MANY METRO DENVER RESIDENTS FACE TOUGH CHALLENGES

300,000 live in poverty\(^1\)

FAMILIES IN POVERTY ARE FORCED TO MAKE HARD FINANCIAL CHOICES.

The annual income of a family of four living at the Federal Poverty Level is $24,600 per year.\(^2\)

\[ \text{\$2,050/month} = 3 \times \text{pre-tax income} \]

\$2,050 Monthly Budget

- Housing $1,221
- Food $830
- Child Care $1,486

average monthly rent in Denver, plus utilities\(^3\)
average cost of food for a family of four\(^3\)
average cost of care for a child under age 6\(^3\)

Three of a family's primary expenses cost $3,537, putting them dramatically over budget. These expenses don't include transportation, health care, internet, telephone, clothing, or unexpected needs.

This family in poverty would need three times their current annual income to make ends meet.

THIS IS OUR FIGHT.

Today in Metro Denver, one in eight people struggle to have what they need for a successful life. They aren't able to easily access stable housing, quality child care, a good education, and jobs to support their families.

Thanks to you, we made a positive impact on nearly 250,000 people last year.

**Giving All Children a Strong Start**
Ensuring all children enter school ready to succeed.

**Reading Matters**
Ensuring all children are reading at or above grade level by the end of third grade.

**Developing Tomorrow's Talent**
Ensuring all youth graduate from high school ready for post-secondary education or the workforce.

**Creating Economic Opportunity for All**
Ensuring people can meet their basic needs and have opportunities to move toward economic success.
If the 16-year-old GeQwan had counted the supporters in his corner, he would have needed only a single finger. Having experienced a traumatic childhood that led to foster care, GeQwan did what many of us would if we had no support: he built walls to protect himself from more harm. And he became a fighter.

It was Mile High United Way’s program for foster youth in transition, Bridging the Gap, that helped him realize fighting solo would get him nowhere. With coaching, he opened up enough to share his hopes for the future. That led to a job at a local restaurant, and his support system started to grow. Encouraged, he registered for culinary school, persevered, and graduated.

GeQwan may never be fully free of his traumatic past, but his experiences have taught him that he does not need to fight alone. With more and more people in his corner, he’s fighting for a better future.

What are you fighting for?
In Metro Denver, not every family can afford high-quality early childhood education, and a majority of third grade students are testing below grade level in reading.*

This means they are 24% more likely to drop out of high school, and 70% more likely to be arrested for a violent crime.**

Your support helps ensure all children have early experiences that prepare them for school. Through programs like Colorado Reading Corps, a strategic initiative of Mile High United Way, you are also ensuring all children are reading at or above grade level by the end of third grade, so they can master other subjects like math and science.

Here’s how we’re changing the odds.

Last year, our work positively impacted the lives of 55,900 children from birth to age 8.

5,300
Our 2-1-1 team received 5,300 calls from families seeking child care resources and referrals

We helped 3,763 children develop and demonstrate improved literacy skills, making them three times more likely to graduate from high school on time***

With our partners, we provided 2,600 early childhood education slots to ensure children are ready for kindergarten

75%
Of 939 students served through Mile High United Way’s Colorado Reading Corps, more than 75% are catching up to their grade-level targets

*CDE; PARCC Data; 2016-2017  **Ounce of Prevention Fund  ***Annie E. Casey Foundation
Yun Hui’s motivation for participating in Mile High United Way’s Power Lunch is personal. When she moved to the U.S. at age 11, she didn’t know any English. Her first American teacher was kind. She made Yun Hui feel special, and helped shape the course of her life.

Yun Hui became the first in her family to graduate from college.

“I volunteer as a Power Lunch reading buddy so I can give a young child the hope that I was given. I believe that education is the key to getting out of poverty. It is the way to live a better life. With Mile High United Way, I am fighting to help light the way for someone else,” she said.

What are you fighting for?
By 2020, 76% of Colorado’s jobs will require some post-secondary education. Currently, only 22 of every 100 graduates achieve that credential. Developing tomorrow’s talent is imperative for a thriving community.

As part of this work, we assist youth who are facing daily challenges — including homelessness — without family connections or support.

Youth exiting the child welfare system are among the most vulnerable people in Metro Denver. Hundreds of new 18-year-olds leave the child welfare system each year. Nationally, more than one in five will become homeless after age 18, and only about two in five will be employed by age 24.* Without help, these youth are eight times more likely to go to jail than to get a college degree.

By providing safe and stable housing, independent living coaches, financial skills training, and connections to community resources, Mile High United Way’s Bridging the Gap helped nearly 130 youth find their path to education, work, and stability.

Here’s how we’re changing the odds.

Your generous investment supports Mile High United Way-led programs like Bridging the Gap, while also supporting community programs that offer out-of-school-time programs and educational support to find pathways from high school graduation to the workforce or post-secondary education.

Working with our community partners, we changed the lives of 44,200 youth last year.

2,600 youth were mentored by positive role models

19,200 students participated in out-of-school activities that provided them a safe space to learn, grow, and work toward high school graduation.

* jimcaseyyouth.org
MEET STEVE  Business Leader, Enterprise Holdings

Steve Topalian has invested a wealth of time and energy in Mile High United Way’s community efforts as co-chair of our Tocqueville Society.

Mile High United Way’s Ready, Set, College! event equipped young people with supplies and inspiration to help them succeed in higher education. At the event, Steve shared that as a first-generation college graduate, he thrived at Enterprise, a company that was providing scholarships to other students with the will, but not the means, to pursue higher education. Steve is fighting so that every young person has the tools to enter college or the workforce.

What are you fighting for?
The increasing cost of living in Metro Denver is forcing families to make hard decisions – diapers or child care? Mortgage or medicine? When an unexpected expense of just $400 can move a family from self-sufficiency to financial emergency*, we know that more community support is necessary to ensure that everyone in our community has the opportunity to support themselves and their families.

In Mile High United Way’s 2-1-1 Help Center, connecting people to resources is one of the key ways your investment enables us to provide immediate relief from the stress that comes with financial instability.

Here’s how we’re changing the odds.

We work to provide financial opportunity for all. In addition to Mile High United Way’s 2-1-1 Help Center and our Centers for Family Opportunity, we supported the work of community partners, impacting the lives of 143,200 adults last year.

80,000 2-1-1 calls received from people around Colorado seeking help. The top three needs last year were housing, income support, and utilities

703,500 meals provided

450,900 shelter nights provided

Mile High United Way’s Centers for Family Opportunity provide ways for families to take steps up the economic success ladder. Housed in two Metro Denver locations, our Centers provide financial coaching, education classes, and opportunities to build job skills which together build steady employment and increased income. Participants demonstrated true, positive growth, which is the first, critical step toward economic stability.

Thanks to you, Mile High United Way is focused on helping individuals in need, now and into the future.

*Federal Reserve Board 2015 Survey of Household Economics and Decision-making
When Jeff volunteered with others from UPS at Project Homeless Connect, he spoke with many guests and heard multiple times that the event was the highlight of their year. Hearing their gratitude felt almost overwhelming, he said.

“To hear their stories - to see that people’s lives are so affected by factors beyond their control. To see their strength, faith, and hope, just shattered so many perceptions about what it means to be in need or homeless,” he said.

Jeff is fighting for every individual in need in Metro Denver.

What are you fighting for?
Mile High United Way’s United Neighborhoods™

Our United Neighborhoods approach creates opportunity in the highest-need communities in Metro Denver.

Leveraged Investments: We invested $250,000 to support out-of-school programming at Garden Place Academy and Swansea Elementary School, and supported affordable housing rehabilitation and mobile healthcare at the schools.

Strengthening Organizations: Led by Impact United, we are strengthening organizations serving Globeville, Elyria-Swansea: Cleo Parker Robinson Dance, Clinica Tepeyac, Colorado Statewide Parent Coalition, and El Sistema Colorado.

Activated Partners: We brought together diverse community groups to identify shared goals and strategies to support the needs of the Globeville and Elyria-Swansea neighborhoods.

Improved Systems: We funded one position each at Garden Place Academy and Swansea Elementary School to support parent engagement and mental health services.

Mobilized Volunteers: We engaged corporate and individual volunteers to donate 2,350 hours during seven days of service at Garden Place Academy and Swansea Elementary School.

Strengthened Community: We launched a leadership program for parents at neighborhood elementary schools to empower Globeville and Elyria-Swansea residents.

Mile High United Way directs resources to where they are needed most. Through the United Neighborhoods™ model, Mile High United Way builds community coalitions, invests in the highest performing partners, empowers residents to become community leaders, shares vital data that informs critical decisions, and advocates for smart public policy.

Mile High United Way was cited in the Denver Office of Economic Development’s JumpStart 2017 Plan for our “deep commitment to improving opportunities for residents in the areas of affordable housing, workforce development, health, and education.”

Here’s how we’re changing the odds.
MEET FLOR  Community Leader, United for Swansea parent

Flor’s three children attend Swansea Elementary School, where Flor is a leader of the United for Swansea parent group.

Presenting at the 2016 Women United Luncheon, Flor said, “My children see me volunteering every day at school. They are proud of my efforts, and I am proud to be an example for them. And perhaps, my leadership is motivating for other parents.”

Flor is fighting to help her children get a great education.

What are you fighting for?
Anadarko's Christina Robison at Project Homeless Connect. She is a community leader and member of Mile High United Way’s Emerging Leaders Council.
Mile High United Way works with individuals and companies to infuse purpose into the workplace and their lives by designing inspirational engagement opportunities.

**Mobilizing the business community**

Last year, 2,400 Mile High United Way volunteers provided over 34,000 hours to help improve the community, valued at $888,370.

- **1,658 volunteers** at our annual events: Project Homeless Connect, the Turkey Trot, and the Children’s Holiday Party
- **80 Days of Service** for our partner companies
- **455 volunteers** with reading to students in 12 elementary classrooms through Power Lunch

**Taking corporate partners deeper**

Today **75% of all employees** and **88% of millennials** say their job is more fulfilling when they are provided opportunities to make a positive impact at work. Having a strong community engagement strategy is no longer optional as 64% won’t take a job if a company doesn’t have strong corporate social responsibility (CSR) values.

Mile High United Way is uniquely positioned to help our corporate partners align their philanthropic priorities and their employee engagement activities to help their employees find purpose, and produce meaningful outcomes for our community.

- We bring **deep expertise** on community issues
- We help companies **design CSR strategies** that support their brand, inspire their employees, and build credibility in the marketplace
- As a trusted 3rd party, we help **tell our partners’ stories**

1 independentsector.org/resource/the-value-of-volunteer-time/  
2 coneccomm.com/research-blog/2016-employee-engagement-study  
3 coneccomm.com/research-blog/2016-millennial-employee-engagement-study
Mile High United Way policy grantees leading a discussion on the importance of Early Childhood Education, at our 2017 Advocacy Day at the Capitol.
Advocating for systemic change

During the 2017 legislative session, Mile High United Way worked with our elected leaders, policymakers, and partners to tackle our community's big issues. Together, we are creating long-term, systemic change to improve the odds for the families and individuals in Metro Denver, and across the state. During the past year’s session, we supported 15 bills to remove barriers and create pathways to success for all. Ten bills were signed into law.

In addition to supporting bills, we've invested in local organizations whose public policy work aligns with our Community Impact Goals and use a two-generation approach - serving children and parents simultaneously - to help entire families advance economically. Last year, we supported the following organizations:

- 9to5 Colorado
- A Plus Denver
- Bell Policy Center
- Colorado Center on Law and Policy
- Colorado Children’s Campaign
- Colorado Fiscal Institute
- Colorado Immigrant Funders Collaborative
- FREC
- Stand for Children
- Padres & Jovenes Unidos

Impact United: Using data to evaluate, learn, and grow

Mile High United Way is dedicated to continuous improvement of not only our own programs and investments, but also in strengthening the Metro Denver nonprofit sector as a whole. This year we led Impact United in response to the growing need for evaluation and capacity building work in the nonprofit community. We coached more than 20 nonprofits to better use data to drive decisions that help them fulfill their mission and improve their organizational health.

This year also marks the last year of our five-year investment in The Social Innovation Fund (SIF), an intensive, evidence-building initiative to improve reading proficiency in young children. Through SIF, we have served over 9,000 children with high-quality early childhood programs. All seven of our nonprofit partners are in the final stages of completing rigorous impact studies which demonstrate the effectiveness of early literacy programs.
TO LIVE BETTER, WE MUST LIVE UNITED.

Working together for a stronger Metro Denver

We know that not one organization alone can solve our community’s most complex problems. That is why we invest your dollars in high-performing organizations that serve geographically and culturally diverse communities, and align directly with Mile High United Way’s Community Impact Goals and strategies.

- **Strategic Investment Grants** supported organizations who work to ensure: children enter school ready to succeed; children are reading at or above grade level by the end of third grade; youth graduate from high school ready for post-secondary education or the workforce; or individuals and families can meet their basic needs and have every opportunity to move toward economic success.

- **United Neighborhood Grants** were awarded to organizations addressing community-identified gaps in education, health and affordable housing in Globeville, Elyria-Swansea.

- **Social Innovation Fund** grantees worked with Mile High United Way over five years to improve effectiveness of early literacy programs in Colorado.

- **Public Policy Grants** supported organizations whose public policy work aligns with our core strategies (see page 19).

Ai’Laija thrives with after-school care

Ai’Laija, age 8, has been attending programs at Girls Inc. of Metro Denver for three years. Her mom Angel appreciates the support she receives.

“As a single mother, I’m so thankful for Girls Inc. programs. Ai’Laija gets picked up after school, given a light dinner and gets homework help! I don’t have to leave work early to get her or worry about feeding her when she gets home. Girls Inc. gives her a chance to express herself with no barriers and grow as a person. It’s an opportunity she wouldn’t get from any other after-school program,” Angel said.

When you invest in Mile High United Way, you’re investing in organizations like Girls Inc., one of Mile High United Way’s Strategic Investment Grant partners.
Giving All Children a Strong Start

Abilities Connection Colorado
Adams 14 School District—STARS Early Learning Center
Arapahoe County Early Childhood Council
Bright by Three
Catholic Charities and Community Services of the Archdiocese of Denver
Children’s Outreach Project—Clayton Early Learning
Clayton Early Learning in partnership with Mile High Learning*
Cleo Parker Robinson Dance ◊
Colorado Coalition for the Homeless
Colorado Humanities*
Colorado Statewide Parent Coalition*
Denver’s Early Childhood Council
The Early Childhood Partnership of Adams County
Early Excellence Program of Denver
Escuela Tlatelolco Centro de Estudios
Family Star
Florence Crittenton Services
Focus Points Family Resource Center
Friends of the Haven—Baby Haven
Growing Home
HOPE Center
Invest in Kids
Mile High Early Learning Centers
Mountain Resource Center Qualistar Colorado
Reach Out and Read Colorado
Sewall Child Development Center
Volunteers of America Warren Village

Reading Matters

Bennie E. Goodwin After School Academic Program
The Bridge Project*
Colorado I Have A Dream Foundation
El Sistema Colorado ◊
Growing Home
Heart & Hand Center
Reading Partners
Scholars Unlimited
Summit S4*
YMCA of Metropolitan Denver*

Developing Tomorrow’s Talent

Adams County Youth Initiative
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Colorado, Inc.
Boys and Girls Clubs of Metro Denver
The Bridge Project
City Year Denver
College Track
Colorado I Have A Dream Foundation
Colorado Youth at Risk

Colorado Youth for a Change Denver Afterschool Alliance (Denver’s Office of Children’s Affairs)
Denver Education Attainment Network
Denver Kids
Denver Public Schools Foundation
Denver Urban Scholars
El Sistema Colorado Environmental Learning for Kids
Florence Crittenton Services
Friends for Youth Girls Inc. of Metro Denver
Goodwill Industries of Denver
Heart & Hand Center
Metro Denver Partners
Mile High Youth Corps
Mi Casa Resource Center
Open Door Youth Gang Alternatives
Open World Learning Project VOYCE
Servicios de La Raza
Volunteers of America
YESS Institute
YMCA of Metropolitan Denver ◊

Creating Economic Opportunity for All

The Action Center
Bayaud Enterprises
Center for Work Education and Employment
Centro Humanitario Para Los Trabajadores
Centro San Juan Diego
Clinica Tepeyac ◊

* Social Innovation Fund partners ◊ United Neighborhoods partners
WE ARE CAREFUL STEWARDS OF YOUR COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

By harnessing the collective generosity of Metro Denver, we are fighting for the education, health, and financial stability for everyone in our community.

YOUR INVESTMENT IN METRO DENVER

THANK YOU!
TOGETHER, WE RAISED $30.4 MILLION
TO SERVE 250,000 PEOPLE IN METRO DENVER.

27 FOUNDATIONS
1,000 CORPORATIONS
25,000 INDIVIDUALS
Invested into the Community

Mile High United Way values its fiduciary responsibility to donors, funders, and the larger community, and strives to operate as efficiently as possible. Last year, 83 cents of every dollar spent was for programs, which far surpasses the Better Business Bureau standard of 65 cents.

Our mission is to unite people, ideas, and resources to advance the common good.

COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS AND EXPENDITURES – $30M

- Invested into the Community: 83%
- Mile High United Way Programs, Community Collaboration, and Impact Goals ($14.2M): 47%
- Donor Designated Gifts to Other Nonprofit Organizations ($10.7M): 36%
- Fundraising and Events ($4.2M): 14%
- Management and General ($0.8M): 3%

WE EXCEED THE STANDARDS FOR EFFICIENCY, TRANSPARENCY, AND COMPLIANCE

- We disclose the findings of our annual audit conducted by our independent firm, EKS&H LLLP
- We protect donor contributions to other nonprofits by verifying each agency’s IRS eligibility
- We are financially strong with $39.7 million in Net Assets as of June 30, 2017

Financial information for Mile High United Way, Inc. The audited financial statements and tax form 990 for Mile High United Way, Inc. and its subsidiary Mile High United Way Curtis Park for the period ending June 30, 2017 are available for your review online: unitedwaydenver.org
Champion of Hope Award
Given to companies for conducting outstanding workplace campaigns and for having demonstrated their commitment to the community in a comprehensive and tangible way.

Spirit of Hope Award
Awarded to new Mile High United Way partners for conducting outstanding workplace campaigns and for having demonstrated their commitment to the community in a comprehensive and tangible way.

McKinsey&Company

Campaign Awards
These awards are given to corporate partners for going the extra mile during their workplace campaigns.

Champion of Hope Emeritus Award
Honors companies that were awarded the Champion of Hope award for three consecutive years. By raising funds to change lives and transform communities, these companies are among our community's strongest supporters.
Cornerstone Society
Comprised of companies whose total corporate and employee giving exceeds $1,000,000.

Keystone Society
Comprised of companies whose total corporate and employee giving exceeds $500,000.

Capstone Society
Comprised of companies whose total corporate and employee giving exceeds $250,000.

Anadarko Petroleum Corporation
Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield
AT&T - Denver
CoBank ACB
Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP
Deloitte
EKS&H LLLP
Ernst & Young LLP
Newmark Grubb Knight Frank
U.S. Bancorp

Loyal Corporate Partners
Companies that partnered with Mile High United Way every year for the last 20 years or more, and have generously given a cumulative $1,000,000 or above.

Accenture
Alcatel-Lucent
Alliance Data
Anadarko Petroleum Corporation
Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield
Ball Corporation
Bryan Cave
CenturyLink
CH2M HILL
CoBank ACB
Comcast
Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP
DCP Midstream
Deloitte
Delta Dental Plan of Colorado
EKS&H LLLP
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Gates Corporation
Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher
Great-West Financial
IBM Corporation
ING Security Life
Johns Manville
JPMorgan Chase & Company
Kaiser Permanente
KeyBank of Colorado
King Soopers
KPMG LLP
Lockheed Martin Space Systems Company
Lockton Companies
Macy’s Corporate
Microsoft
MillerCoors
Molson Coors
National Renewable Energy Laboratory
Nationwide
Newmark Grubb Knight Frank
Nordstrom fsb
PCL Construction Enterprises, Inc.
Pepsi Cola Bottling Company
PwC
Raytheon
SM Energy Co.
Suncor Energy
TIAA
Tri-State Generation & Transmission
United Airlines
UPS - United Parcel Service
U.S. Bancorp
Vectra Bank Colorado
Wagner Equipment Co.
Wells Fargo
Xcel Energy
Thank you to the community, corporate, and family foundations that support the work of Mile High United Way through generous gifts.

$250,000 to $499,999
Peierls Foundation, Inc.

$100,000 to $249,999
Colorado Health Foundation
Fred W. Bailey Trust
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$25,000 to $99,999
The Anschutz Foundation
Busse Family Foundation
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Records-Johnston Family Foundation, Inc.
Tulsa Community Foundation
The Ben & Lucy Ana Walton Fund of the Walton Family Foundation
Weary Family Foundation

$15,000 to $24,999
Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad Foundation
Cliff Foundation
Ben C. Delatour Foundation
M. Krohn Memorial Foundation
Nord Family Foundation
Sturm Family Foundation

$10,000 to $14,999
Bank of America Foundation
Colorado Rockies Baseball Club Foundation
Union Pacific Foundation
United Fire Group Foundation
During the 2016-2017 school year, Mile High United Way, the Denver Broncos, Verizon, and EverFi teamed up to bring the NFL Character Playbook program to nearly 3,000 students in 44 schools across Metro Denver. Nationally funded by United Way Worldwide, Character Playbook is a digital learning initiative that teaches students concepts around positive character development, social-emotional learning, and building and maintaining healthy relationships throughout their lives.
SUPPLIES FOR SUCCESS: HELPING STUDENTS PREPARE FOR SCHOOL

We believe every student should be set up for success when they start school. Each year, Mile High United Way’s Emerging Leaders Council hosts Supplies for Success, a day where children and their families can get all the tools they need for a great school year.

Last year, we helped 247 children get prepared with backpacks, pens, pencils, crayons, folders, and more. Thank you to the 14 companies who hosted drives and supported this event.
The Emerging Leaders Council (ELC) is a collective of young community leaders (ages 21–45) who support Mile High United Way by making an annual gift of $500 or more. ELC comes together to make a positive impact through volunteerism, advocacy, philanthropy and by developing community leaders.

**Steering Committee Members**

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Nick Hoffmann, Professional Development Co-Chair
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Brandon Thomas
Brian Van Fleet
Heather Yount
Women United is a community of women giving to Mile High United Way at or above the Leadership level ($1,000 or more each year). Their mission is to inspire, educate, and motivate women to become agents of change in our community through philanthropy, leadership, and volunteerism.

**Women United Chairs**
Linda Brisnehan, Lockheed Martin Space Systems (retired)
Teresa Van De Bogart, Molson Coors Brewing Company

**Community Connections Committee**
Chair: Julie Bearup, Community Leader
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Nancy Buchanan
Kathy Busby
Kendall Carbone
Linda Fahrenbruch
Laura Gill
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Karen Kennedy
Carol Lay
Donna MacConnell
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Angela Marzan
Kelly Rodriguez
Megan Rusk
Barbara Shangraw
Kim Smith
Rebecca Stevens
Jen Weege
Meegan Wood-Trombley
Sally Woods

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Jenae H Anderson
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Renelle Darr
Maggie Dehn
Alice Jackson
Amy Kane
Amy Klemt
Clare Lenox
Carol Lewis
Carol Litton
Jennifer Mello
Tracy Perez
Jennifer Rehm
Robin Ricketts
Vanessa Walker

**Women United Luncheon Committee**
Chair: Maggie Dehn, TIAA
Sonja Borodko
Linda Brisnehan
Heather Frizzell
Patrice Henning
Cheryl Johnson
Carol Lewis
Jennifer Mello
Jennifer Rehm
Wendy Topalian
Teresa Van De Bogart

**Frances Wisebart Jacobs Award**
Frances Wisebart Jacobs was one of the original founders of United Way, in Denver in 1887. The Mile High United Way Frances Wisebart Jacobs Award is given to women who have made a significant impact on the community and on women's philanthropy.

**2016 Award Recipient**
Libby Anschutz
Hosted by Women United, the Community Baby Shower benefits families across Metro Denver with needed baby supplies like diapers, clothing, strollers, and more. Last year’s event brought in $20,000 in supplies for children and their families.
Mile High United Way's Tocqueville Society adopted a classroom at Swansea Elementary over the past year. Twelve volunteers read with students in a second grade classroom once a week for an hour. The experience made a big impact on both the students and volunteers. “It was really gratifying and fun to spend time with my Reading Buddy each week. We both looked forward to, and learned from, our time together,” said Power Lunch volunteer and Tocqueville Society member Mike Oakley.
MILE HIGH UNITED WAY’S TOCQUEVILLE SOCIETY

The Tocqueville Society is a powerful group of local business and civic leaders who individually contribute $10,000 or more and share a similar passion for investing in Mile High United Way and our community and making a difference – personally and collectively.

Tocqueville Ambassadors

Tocqueville and Champion Chairs and Ambassadors volunteer their time to enrich the experience of donors and engage new members.

Steve and Wendy Topalian, Tocqueville Co-Chairs
Jason and Jodi Maples, Champions Co-Chairs

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