

# THE KINDNESS PROJECT

The Kindness Project funding is allocated to community and volunteer engagement opportunities for Women United members, including:



### Mile High United Way Children's Holiday Party

Because of you, 150 volunteers came together to serve 295 families over the holidays, including 900 children.

"I absolutely loved this event and enjoyed working directly with the community — especially in such a festive and welcoming environment." - Celia Dietrich (Dietrich & Company, Women United Member)



### Women United Community Baby Shower

Over \$19,000 of diaper donations and other baby supplies were collected and distributed to 6 partner agencies serving women and girls in our community.

"As a mom, I am honored to have the opportunity to support young families in our community who may not have the resources I had when I was first starting my family. What a great way to come together to support women and girls in our community."

– Julie Bearup (Chair, Community Connections Committee)



**Birthdays Bags (coming May 23!)** - upon learning that many families in our community visit food banks seeking birthday supplies - cake, candles, etc. - Women United members started Birthday Bags to collect and assemble birthday items.



### Power Lunch

10 Women United volunteers visited elementary schools weekly or bi-weekly to read with their buddies

"I love that we have built a relationship based on education and reading support, but also on laughter and fun. I volunteer as a Power Lunch reading buddy so I can give someone else the hope that I was given."

- Yun Hui Kehoe (Women United Member)



### Urban Peak Valentine's Day Breakfast

7 Women United members served breakfast to teens experiencing homelessness on Valentine's Day



### Lunch & Learns

In 2018-2019 Women United hosted Lunch & Learns and events focused on social issues affecting women and girls, including:

- Early Childhood Education
- Self-Sufficiency Standard
- Human Trafficking
- Pay Equity
- Day on the Hill
- Networking Happy Hour
- 200 Women United members participated in Lunch & Learn activities (duplicated)

**Thank you for your investment in the Women United Initiative!** You have changed the lives of women and girls in our community by helping to move them from poverty and crisis to economic success and security.

To learn more or to invest in the Women United Initiative, please visit [unitedwaydenver.org/women-united](http://unitedwaydenver.org/women-united) or contact [womenunited@unitedwaydenver.org](mailto:womenunited@unitedwaydenver.org).



**WOMEN UNITED INITIATIVE**

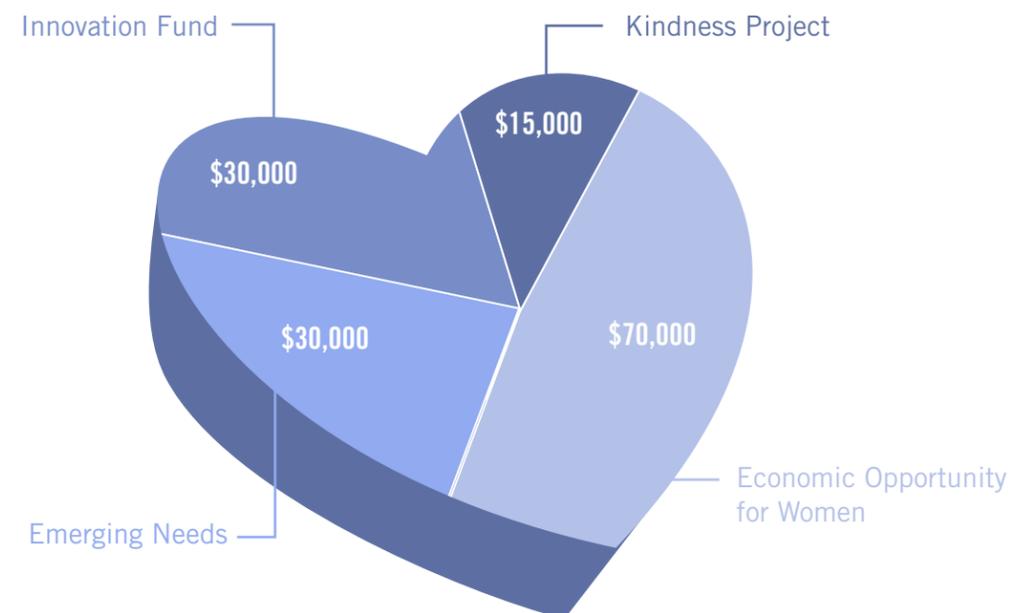
## 2018-2019 IMPACT REPORT

Mile High United Way Women United leads the charge by addressing the biggest challenges facing women and children. They inspire the change by investing in high impact programs, responding to emerging needs in our community, and taking action as volunteers and advocates for Metro Denver's women and girls.

"As an investor in the Women United Initiative, I know that I am changing the lives of women and girls in my community. I also have an opportunity to expand my perspective and awareness of social issues to be better informed, and love being able to volunteer throughout the year with other women who also care about the same issues that I do."

– Teresa Van De Bogart (Chair, Women United)

**Campaign Year Funding Total: \$145,000**



### THE WOMEN UNITED INITIATIVE PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES FOR:

- Education and awareness of issues affecting women and girls
- Investment in impact-focused and collaborative community efforts focused on women and girls
- Ongoing engagement through volunteering

## ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR WOMEN



The Economic Opportunity for Women funding supports the Strategic Investment Grant (SIG) funds granted to Mile High United Way partner agencies that provide services for women and girls, with a focus on members of the Denver Women’s Collaborative. Here are the agencies that were supported:

- The Gathering Place
- The Delores Project
- Safehouse Denver
- Florence Crittenton
- Girls, Inc.
- Work Options for Women
- Warren Village
- Mi Casa Resource Center
- Center for Work Education and Employment

Because of you:

- 7,550 girls & women served
- 600 girls & women received job coaching or skills workshops
- 197 girls & women gained employment
- 983 girls received academic support



## INNOVATION FUND: GIRLS, INC.

The Innovation Fund is allocated annually to an innovative project identified by Women United members through an application process open to organizations that focus on the development of women and girls in our community.

The 2018 Innovation Fund award was given to Girls, Inc. to support the growth of its Strong, Smart & Bold Beans (Bold Beans) social enterprise through the purchase of a mobile coffee truck. Bold Beans is a girl-led coffee business that provides opportunities for teen girls to explore entrepreneurship, gain real-world business skills, and prepare to enter the workforce through careers that lead to long-term economic independence.

“ We are thrilled to invest in the growth of our social enterprise model and launch a Bold Beans coffee truck, which will be fueled by our strong, smart, and bold girls! ”

– Sonya Ulibarri (President & CEO, Girls, Inc.)



## EMERGING NEEDS: Infant & Toddler Community



The Emerging Needs funding supports an emerging need identified by Mile High United Way annually. This funding has been allocated to the Mile High United Way Bridging the Gap Infant and Toddler Community (BIT-C).

Being a parent means that you have an opportunity to be your child’s first teacher. You get the chance to watch your child grow, and you get to grow with them. But how can you teach your child when you don’t know what they need or aren’t sure where to start?

For many parents in the Mile High United Way Bridging the Gap (BTG) program, they are investing in their families to ensure they are able to provide the same resources we all want for our children. BTG serves young people ages 18-24 who have exited the child welfare system. For young people who recently left the system, it can be difficult to get the resources they need to thrive. But, with support of their Independent Living Coaches and support from the BTG community—together, they are working toward their future goals and the goals they have for their families.

In the Bridging the Gap Infant and Toddler Community (BIT-C), positive interactions between parents and children are being facilitated, and growth is happening.

## Because of you, 23 parents and 28 children currently participate in BIT-C

The parents are working diligently to build skills and create a better future for both themselves, and their children. Parents are learning how to nurture for their children and are now more in tune with their needs. Because of the program, parents and children are growing, together.

“ I’ve learned how to give my baby space to just have fun and be a baby. ”