

MILE HIGH UNITED WAY WOMEN UNITED®



Mile High United Way

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2024-2025 YEAR IN REVIEW

Dear Women United Community,

As we reflect on this past year, one word comes to mind: gratitude. Whether you've given your time, your voice, or your resources, you have helped us grow, connect, and create lasting impact. Together, we've deepened our commitment to women, children, and families across Metro Denver, and we're excited to share just how far we've come.

Women United Support at a Glance

Your donations to the Women United Initiative directly fuel our four core impact areas:

The Kindness Project:

Small acts of support with a big impact—whether it's a warm coat, school supplies, or a thoughtful gesture.

The Emerging Needs Fund:

Meeting urgent, unexpected needs in our community.

The Tamara M. Sparks Early Learning Center:

Supporting our youngest learners with care, education, and wraparound family services.

The Innovation Fund:

We champion organizations developing innovative solutions to challenges facing women and girls in our community. This year, we're proud to support Family Tree's Roots of Courage—a program offering safe, confidential housing for women and children escaping domestic violence.



We also honor the impactful work of our past Innovation Fund recipients, who continue to uplift and empower women and families across Metro Denver:

- *Safehouse*
- *Progressive Alliance Network (SPAN)*
- *The Delores Project*
- *The Gathering Place*
- *Warren Village*
- *Colorado Village Collaborative*
- *Crisis Center*
- *Florence Crittenton Services*
- *Girls Inc. of Metro Denver*
- *Growing Home*
- *New Legacy Charter School*
- *Safehouse Denver*

Thank you to these incredible partners for the work you do every day to create a more just and equitable future for women and girls.

The Power of Our Committees

The Women Behind Women United

Fueled by passion, leadership, and collaboration. From planning signature events to strengthening member connections, these women are the driving force behind our growth and impact.

Growing Our Committees

This year, we focused on deepening the roots of our work by growing four dynamic Women United committees. With 16 dedicated members, these teams brought fresh energy and vision to everything from large-scale events to intimate gatherings designed to bring Women United members together.



Celebrating Through Service:

Women of Tocqueville Events Committee

Whether hosting our Cookie Party to support the Children's Holiday Party or gathering baby supplies for our Community Baby Shower, this team turned compassion into action and helped bring warmth to families throughout the year.

Thank you to Julie Bearup, Kristi Sullivan, Kimberly Smith, and Sonia Franzel for your thoughtful leadership.

Behind the Scenes, At The Village: Moments That Matter: Women United Events Committee

This powerhouse crew made the fourth annual Women United Village a success by recruiting volunteers, gathering supplies, and coordinating community partners to ensure families received essential care and resources.

Thank you to Ashley Story, Cindy Humphreys, and Kelsey Day for your dedication and vision.

From our civic engagement night, Red, White, and Ballots, to a serene spring floral workshop, this committee curated thoughtful, high-impact events that brought members together for connection and inspiration.

Thank you to Cheryl Johnson, Donna Benner, Melissa Demos, Janet Waidley, and Sonia Phares for creating such memorable experiences.



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Reimagining Tradition:

Women United Luncheon Committee

At this year's Luncheon, our committee members reimagined the guest experience by adding interactive volunteer stations that educated and engaged attendees with Mile High United Way's mission in meaningful ways.

Thank you to Yun Hui Kehoe, Kimberly Chatman, and Brittany Rogers for elevating this year's event.



A special thank you to our Women United Leadership team including Ashley Story, Julie Bearup, Yun Hui Kehoe, Kathy Ambrose, Kim Chattman, and Kimberly Smith. This group of dedicated women supports the Mile High United Way team year round with planning, strategy, committee structure and so much more!

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Join Us to Deepen Your Impact

We are still seeking to grow these committees in the coming year. If you are interested in joining our impactful work, please reach out to Hannah at hannah.howard@unitedwaydenver.org.

Community Impact and Outreach



VOLUNTEERISM

125

Hours that Women United Members spent volunteering to support Mile High United Way events like The Village and Children's Holiday Party, and with our community partner, Food Bank of the Rockies.



CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PARTY

1,200

Children received gifts distributed by Women United members and other volunteers to over 500 families at Mile High United Way's Children's Holiday Party.



THE VILLAGE

150

Families who received essential baby and toddler care items at the fourth annual Women United Village.



OUR EARLY LEARNING CENTER

60

Affordable child care slots for families with children ages newborn to 5 at the new Tamara M. Sparks Early Learning Center at Mile High United Way, thanks in part to Women United members. This investment will also create a place for workforce development training and wraparound support for families.

We're incredibly grateful to all the Women United members who showed up throughout the year—whether you joined us at a floral workshop, gathered with us at the Women United Luncheon, or volunteered your time at Back to School Bash, Children's Holiday Party or The Village. Your presence makes our events meaningful, our community stronger, and our mission come to life. Thank you for showing up, again and again, with heart.

Women United Luncheon

“When you support Women United, you tell the women and girls of our community ‘You matter. You have the power to change the world around you. You can be unapologetically true to yourself.’” -
Christine Benero, Mile High United Way President & CEO

Our 26th Annual Women United Luncheon was a celebration of generosity and resilience. With over \$420,000 raised, the event helped expand access to critical resources for women and families across our region.

We were inspired by stories from Emmy and Tony Award-winning actor Christine Baranski and moved by the real-life impact stories shared by our community members.



THANK YOU

Thank you for being part of Women United. Your light, your leadership, and your love make all the difference. Let's keep going—stronger, together.

With gratitude,
Hannah Howard, Mile High United Way
Ashley Story, Chair, Women United