

Mile High
UNITED WAY

2025–26 Community Report

Dear Neighbor...

IMPACT AT A GLANCE

$58.8 Million
invested in the community

28,162
volunteer hours facilitated

472,028
lives impacted

627
corporate partnerships



Since 1887, Mile High United Way has brought people together to solve the most pressing challenges facing our community. As the first United Way in the world, we continue that legacy today. From supporting young adults as they transition out of the foster care system to giving children a strong start and connecting families with food, housing and other critical resources – we unite people, ideas and resources to advance the common good.

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Dear neighbor,

Every day, I am inspired by the people who care for our community ...



We believe a neighbor isn't just the person living next door. A neighbor is anyone who shows up when someone needs a helping hand. It's caring about a family down the street, a child in the classroom or a person you've never met who is facing a difficult moment.

For 139 years, Mile High United Way has brought people together to show up for one another in both the big and small moments. From providing free tax preparation for a family and assembling furniture for someone moving into their first apartment to lending a helping hand after a fire or flood, we take care of our neighbors.

Business leaders, volunteers, donors, nonprofit partners, staff and participants – each of us brings our energy, vision and determination to help families find stability and build stronger futures.

For two years as board chair, it has been my honor to help support this organization as it evolves to better serve families in our community.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, thank you for being a part of our community united and for being a neighbor building toward a brighter future.

With gratitude,
Neil Oberfeld

Neil Oberfeld
2024-2026 Chairman of the Board
Mile High United Way

Dear neighbor,

When our neighbors need a helping hand, you show up ...



We believe that being a good neighbor means that when one of us needs help, we all have a role to play. Thank you for sharing that belief and putting these neighborly values into action.

This year, when families and individuals contacted us, worried about where their next meal would come from or whether they would have a place to sleep that night, you showed up. You helped ensure more children in our community got a strong start in life. You helped families find stability and a safe place to call home. And you helped create a community where our neighbors know they're not alone.

Because of you, Mile High United Way reached over 470,000 people through our programs and investments this year. As we continue to evolve to meet the changing needs of our community, you continue to ask, "How can I help?"

As you read this report, we hope you see the impact of your generosity in the stories, milestones and lives changed throughout our community. Every story is a reminder of what's possible when neighbors show up for one another.

Together, we're building a Colorado where every neighbor has the opportunity to thrive.

With deep appreciation,
Christine Benero

Christine Benero
President & CEO
Mile High United Way

P.S. A special note of thanks to Neil Oberfeld who defined what it means to show up for our community. It was my honor to be your partner.

Dear neighbor,

Last fall I didn't know how I would feed my babies ...



When I found out the food benefits that help my family were going away because of a funding pause, I immediately thought, "How am I going to feed my kids?"

I was really stressed out. Then I got a phone call that changed everything. Mile High United Way was going to provide ongoing food baskets for families. They asked if I was interested.

I wasn't the only family they were supporting, though. For a whole month, Mile High United Way provided food baskets and grocery gift cards to nearly 200 families so that none of us went hungry while we couldn't access our food benefits.

I never had to decide between paying my bills or feeding my babies. Mile High United Way made sure I didn't have to choose.

Their team has supported me in other life-changing ways.

For the past eight years, Mile High United Way has helped me and my family stay in safe, affordable housing as part of their Bridging the Gap program. This meant everything to me after years in and out of the system, then experiencing homelessness.

When my daughter, Xnyia, was a baby, they helped me enroll her in The Tamara M. Sparks Early Learning Center at their building, providing her a place to learn and grow. My son, Prince, gets the school supplies he needs each year from Mile High United Way.

I've taken classes about finances and budgeting – things I didn't learn when I was growing up. Every time I need something or don't know where to turn, Mile High United Way is there to help me.

I'm really grateful for the support I've received. It's helped my family find stability.

With thanks,
Tawyrah



BASIC NEEDS

Mile High United Way connects thousands of families every year to the resources they need most, from food and utility assistance to transportation, childcare and other critical supports.

187,827
neighbors across Colorado received support through 211

14,100
nights of safe emergency housing provided to neighbors affected by the Aspen Acres Fire in Summer 2026

455
emergency food bags provided to families during the benefits freeze for SNAP, a federal food assistance program

211
Get Connected. Get Help.™

A Lifeline When Disaster Strikes

This year, we launched a mobile disaster response unit to connect families statewide to critical resources, including shelter, food and transportation. From floods in La Plata County to wildfires near Pueblo, 211 was there to help families find safety and stability.

"When the Animas River started rising so fast and water began rushing across our access road, total panic set in. Calling 211 in the middle of the storm changed everything. We received clear information on safe evacuation routes and available evacuation shelter locations. Having that steady guidance at that moment kept my family safe."

– Evacuated Durango resident

Dear neighbor,

An unexpected hardship shouldn't cost you your home ...

Last year when I met John, he was facing eviction. Very few people knew, but John also had cancer. He's retired and on a fixed income. With the added cost and stress of cancer treatment, he'd fallen behind on his rent.

He felt incredibly stressed and unsure where to turn. But John received critical help when he needed it most.

A Mile High United Way program called the Renew Collaborative, in partnership with Denver Housing Authority and HomeStart, helped John get back on track and stay in his home. He received support from Mile High United Way, including one-time financial assistance to get caught up on rent, and a personalized plan so he didn't fall behind again.

John recently told me his cancer is in remission. I truly believe the support he received gave him the space he needed to focus on his recovery.

He told me, "Now I have hope for the future and to keep on living."

There are thousands of other neighbors in our community, like John, who are just one unexpected expense away from facing eviction: an accident, a lost job... a cancer diagnosis. Strong community partnerships and generous supporters mean our neighbors facing a crisis can get the help they need to stay in their homes.

Leading with patience and understanding returns dignity to those who need a little help to get back on track. Every day, I'm proud to partner with Mile High United Way to provide hope to families, hope that begins with a safe and stable place to call home.

With compassion,
Roberta Cooper

Service Coordinator
Denver Housing Authority

SAFE & STABLE HOUSING

Mile High United Way connects people to support for safe, stable housing, from emergency shelter and rental assistance to affordable housing and eviction prevention.

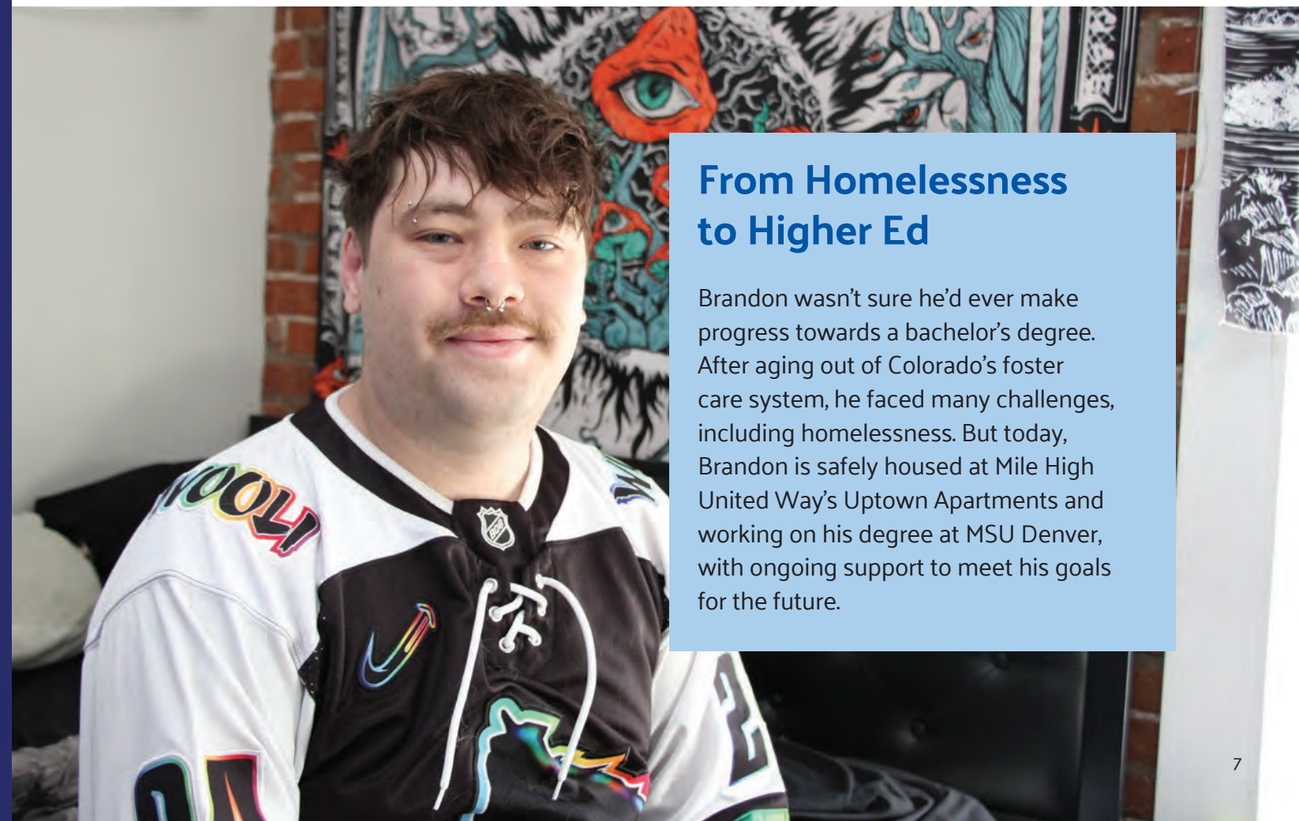
139,394
connections to housing resources provided, helping people navigate housing challenges

$59,300
in financial assistance provided to help people avoid eviction, find stability and plan for the future



A volunteer assembles a bed for a new resident moving into our Uptown Apartment building.

132
young people and their families received housing support through our Bridging the Gap program to help them transition from foster care



From Homelessness to Higher Ed

Brandon wasn't sure he'd ever make progress towards a bachelor's degree. After aging out of Colorado's foster care system, he faced many challenges, including homelessness. But today, Brandon is safely housed at Mile High United Way's Uptown Apartments and working on his degree at MSU Denver, with ongoing support to meet his goals for the future.

Dear neighbor,

Every tax form tells a story. This is Katherine's ...

When I met Katherine, she was recently widowed and raising four children on her own. She came to one of Mile High United Way's free tax preparation sites looking for help.

She had never filed taxes on her own and felt overwhelmed, but she showed up, determined to figure it out for her family.

As we slowly went step by step, I helped her find support that had been there all along through valuable tax credits she didn't know she had qualified to receive. By the time we finished, her stress had lifted.

Katherine learned she was receiving more than $25,000 in tax refunds.

She told me these funds meant stability for her and her children. This wasn't just a tax refund, it was hope for a brighter future.

Katherine's story reminded me why this work matters.

What we do is more than helping people file their taxes. It's about meeting someone in a moment of uncertainty and helping them find solid ground again. It's about ensuring families don't have to navigate complex systems alone. Working at our tax sites, I see moments like this every day.

And I know that Mile High United Way will continue to support thousands of families like Katherine's, so that everyone we serve can build toward a brighter future.

With hope,
Itchel Cardenas

Tax Help Colorado Coordinator
Mile High United Way

FINANCIAL SECURITY

We connect families to the resources and opportunities they need to build financial stability, achieve their goals and create brighter futures.



Itchel (pictured left) supports volunteers at a free tax preparation site.

$22.5 Million
in tax credits and refunds provided to neighbors across Colorado

10,497
households received high-quality, free tax preparation services

532
community volunteers helped neighbors prepare and file their taxes



Building a Stable Financial Future

Through our corporate partnerships, we hosted financial literacy classes for young adults who previously were in Colorado's child welfare system.

"I learned the difference between principal, interest and credit. I feel ready to use what I learned to build my credit score and financial future."

– Bridging the Gap participant

Dear neighbor,

I now have hope for my son's future ...

What are your hopes and dreams for your child? I pray all my children are kind, smart and that they have a bright future. But I especially hope this for my little one, Ricardo. When Ricardo was only 2 years old, doctors told me he has autism. It felt very scary. I worried about his development and what this meant for his future.

Then my friend Jocelyn told me about an amazing Mile High United Way program that could help us. I would receive personal, in-home instruction to support Ricardo's development and help him get caught up so he was ready for school. It sounded almost too good to be true.

I called to join, but the program was full. I joined the waitlist, but I didn't know when there would be space for my family.

About six months later, I received a life-changing call. Mile High United Way was expanding the program, and there was room for us! I felt so much hope and joy.

After one year in the program, I see so many positive changes in Ricardo. He's learning his numbers, letters and words and catching up to other kids his age. But more importantly, both of us are gaining confidence.

I have learned how to be the best parent for my son. I was lost before Mile High United Way came into my life. Now I know what Ricardo needs and how to help him succeed.

Things haven't always been easy and we've faced unexpected challenges. But Mile High United Way gave my family hope when I didn't know where else to turn. Today, I am so excited about my son's future.

I am forever grateful to everyone who supported this incredible program.

With hope and joy,
Mayra

EARLY CHILDCARE & EDUCATION

Mile High United Way expands access to high-quality early learning and partners with schools to ensure children have the support they need to succeed in school and beyond.

4,286
children accessed childcare and early learning support through our programs and community investments

2,649
early learning sessions were provided through weekly home visits, helping children prepare for kindergarten

1,978
parents and caregivers were connected to affordable childcare

Dear neighbor,

Knowing my child is safe gives me peace of mind ...

When my daughter, Manuella, started attending The Tamara M. Sparks Early Learning Center, my family was going through some struggles, including experiencing homelessness. By the grace of God, we had the opportunity for her to attend this facility.

She has become a little thriving person. She has overcome obstacles and is ready to conquer more. I feel that she is in a safe and loving space when she is there. Thank you so much for your love and support.

With thankfulness,
Celina

Parent at the Tamara M. Sparks Early Learning Center





We Believe All Children Deserve a Strong Start

The Tamara M. Sparks Early Learning Center, in partnership with Mile High Early Learning, provides high-quality early childhood education for up to 60 children, along with support for food, housing and other basic needs. Together, with your support, we help families like Celina's find stability and set children like Manuella on a path to lifelong success.

ADVOCATING FOR STRONGER COMMUNITIES

This year, we testified at the state legislature in favor of a 10-year extension of Colorado's Childcare Contribution Tax Credit, which helps raise funds to open new childcare centers, recruit and train staff, improve facilities and lower costs for families.

"Dear neighbor, **in a year of extraordinary budget pressure, lawmakers from both parties chose to protect a decade of investment in our children. We were proud to stand with partners across the state to secure this win, and we are proud to stand with the families and providers it serves."**

– Roweena Naidoo, Vice President, Policy and Community Initiatives



Staff, supporters and legislators gathered at the Capitol to raise awareness of Mile High United Way's policy priorities and honor the legacy of our co-founder, Frances Wisebart Jacobs, during Women's History Month.

CELEBRATING OUR DIVERSE COMMUNITY

Mile High United Way values and celebrates the diversity of our community, from the neighbors we serve and partners who join our work to the staff who support our mission each day.



"Our Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee helps create opportunities for people to feel valued and celebrated for who they are. Together, we're building a stronger workplace and deeper connections throughout our community. I'm proud to help lead this work because DEI doesn't stand apart from what we do. It's part of how we make decisions and support one another. When people feel they truly belong, they can better contribute to positive change."

– Eric Brunner, DEI Committee Co-Lead

Members of our team tie-dye T-shirts in preparation for Denver PrideFest.



TOGETHER WE RAISED $63.8 MILLION TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY

Corporate Partnerships

$3.1 Million

Foundations, Government, Other

$47.6 Million

Individuals

$13.1 Million

Mile High United Way serves as an administrator for the State of Colorado's Opportunity Now Colorado grant program. We're proud to be part of this innovative program to meet Colorado's workforce needs. In 2026, the program supported 40 grantees for a total of $34.2 million.

COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS AND EXPENDITURES: $58.8 MILLION

WE ARE FINANCIALLY STRONG WITH $67.9 MILLION IN NET ASSETS AS OF JUNE 30, 2026.



In the fiscal year 2025-2026, 91 cents of every dollar spent was for programs, which far surpasses the Better Business Bureau standard of 65 cents.

59.2%
workforce & small business grants ($34.8M)

24.5%
Mile High United Way programs, community collaboration and impact goals ($14.4M)

7.1%
to other nonprofit organizations ($4.2M)

6.6%
fundraising and events ($3.9M)

2.6%
management and general ($1.5M)

OUR MISSION IS TO UNITE PEOPLE, IDEAS AND RESOURCES TO ADVANCE THE COMMON GOOD.

BBB ACCREDITED CHARITY

CHARITY NAVIGATOR your guide to intelligent giving

Gold Transparency 2026 Candid.

Audited financial statements and tax form 990 for Mile High United Way, Inc., for the period ending June 30, 2026, are available for your review online at unitedwaydenver.org.

Dear neighbor,

What if you could help your community alongside your family?

My own journey supporting Mile High United Way started more than a decade ago. Today, my husband, Jeff, and I are honored to serve as chairs of the Family Impact Project, which brings families together to support our community.

We deeply believe in the power of teaching children about philanthropy and showing them what it looks like to give back. Watching other families come together to volunteer, learn and make a difference reminds us that generosity can be taught and shared.

The world only gets better when all of us take part, and we're grateful to help lead a project that inspires belief in every generation.

With warmth and gratitude,
Christy Schaefer

Family Impact Project Co-Chair



Christy and Jeff Schaefer and their children at a Family Impact Project volunteer event.

Family Impact Project

Mile High United Way's Family Impact Project brings together donors and their families for meaningful, hands-on volunteer activities to inspire philanthropic engagement across generations.

Co-Chairs
Christy Schaefer, Slides and Sunshine
Jeff Schaefer, Bank of America



NEIGHBORS







MAKING A DIFFERENCE





FOR OUR COMMUNITY

VOLUNTEER AND EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

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There's no better example of neighbors supporting one another than the community that comes together at Mile High United Way's events each year. Our volunteers show up in countless ways to give their time and make a difference – from building bikes and sorting baby supplies to handing out water to Turkey Trot runners and beautifying public spaces.

$1,108,883
volunteer economic impact

28,162
volunteer hours

6,078
volunteers



BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

720
students received supplies

375
volunteer hours

166
volunteers

In August 2025, volunteers came together for our annual Back to School Bash, helping students start the school year strong. Children picked out new backpacks and school supplies, giving them the tools they need to feel confident and succeed in the classroom.

"Dear neighbor, **I'm so grateful for the opportunity to help give a child the confidence to walk into the classroom feeling prepared, whether that's with a new backpack or the right school supplies to do their best. It's an honor, and I'm excited to be part of it every single year."**

– April, Mile High United Way volunteer



A RECORD-BREAKING MILE HIGH UNITED WAY TURKEY TROT

$770,000+
raised

11,600
trotters

171
volunteers

Nearly 11,600 runners shook their tail feathers and gave back to our community on Thanksgiving Day at Mile High United Way's 52nd annual Turkey Trot.

Our Turkey Trot is one of the largest in the nation, featuring a costume contest, Family Fun Run, Finish Village and the Great Divide Beer Garden.



DAY OF CARING

978
volunteer hours

353
volunteers

17
partner organizations

Hundreds of volunteers donated their time to support community projects across Denver, Boulder and Broomfield counties during the 31st Day of Caring in September 2025. Volunteers restored playgrounds, sorted donations and more.



CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PARTY

1,421
volunteer hours

1,265
children served

500
volunteers

Volunteers made the holidays bright for hundreds of families at the Children's Holiday Party in December 2025. From wrapping gifts and crafting with kids to helping parents select the perfect gift, our community shows up each year to ensure families have what they need to make the holidays special.

2026 COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS



Each year, our Community Champions step up to serve our community through corporate engagement, giving and volunteerism. This year, Vectra Bank Colorado received the Champion of Hope Award, our highest honor for corporate community involvement. They are a dedicated partner supporting Back to School Bash, as well as volunteering year-round and running a successful employee giving campaign.

"Vectra Bank's partnership with Mile High United Way reflects our commitment to creating stronger, more resilient communities across Colorado. We're proud to partner with Mile High United Way to drive meaningful and measurable change for families."

– Heather White, director of community banking, EVP at Vectra Bank and Mile High United Way board member

CHAMPION OF HOPE

VECTRA BANK COLORADO

SPIRIT OF HOPE

Wings Credit Union

SOCIAL IMPACT AWARD

KAISER PERMANENTE®

PARTNER IN SERVICE AWARD

Koala Kare

BRIAN SMITH AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

Brianna Hein

KeyBank

GARY COMMUNITY INNOVATION IN PHILANTHROPY AWARD

SIEMER INSTITUTE

CORPORATE GIVING SOCIETIES

Corporate Giving Societies recognize companies that demonstrate their dedication to a purpose-driven workplace, positive team culture and strong employee engagement through their involvement with Mile High United Way. Total contributions include both the corporation's giving and their employees' personal commitments.

CORNERSTONE SOCIETY - $1 MILLION+ CONTRIBUTED ANNUALLY

Xcel Energy®

LOCKTON

KEYSTONE SOCIETY - $500,000-$999,999

PCL CONSTRUCTION

CAPSTONE SOCIETY - $250,000-499,999

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STRATEGIC INVESTMENT GRANTS

Investing in Our Neighbors

We know that our community's challenges are greater than any one organization can solve. Mile High United Way is proud to invest in organizations whose work aligns with our mission to help create opportunities for all.

This includes organizations like OUR Center, which helped Brittney, a single mom, maintain housing, work full-time and pursue a degree in criminal justice.

"The help I received was the difference in whether my daughter and I would be evicted," Brittney said.

71,082
overnight shelter stays provided

6,249
families were delivered meals

4,041
children provided with high-quality early childhood education

Ability Connection Colorado
Adams County Emergency Food Bank
BeyondHome
Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver
Broomfield FISH
Casa de Paz
Clayton Early Learning
Colorado Coalition for the Homeless
Colorado Legal Services
Colorado LiftED Foundation (formerly Colorado Dream Foundation)
Colorado Statewide Parent Coalition
Denver Asset Building Coalition
Denver Public Schools Foundation
Ember Center (formerly Crisis Center)
Family Learning Center
Family Star Montessori
Family Tree
Florence Crittenton Services
Focus Points Family Resource Center
Girls Inc. of Metro Denver
Growing Home
Hope Communities
Jewish Family Service
Justice for the People Legal Center
La Piñata del Aprendizaje
Longmont Meals on Wheels
Metro Denver Homeless Initiative
Mile High Early Learning
Mountain Resource Center
New Legacy Charter School
Nourish Meals on Wheels
Open Door Youth Gang Alternatives
Outreach United Resource Center (OUR Center)
Project Angel Heart
Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network
Roots Family Center
Safehouse Progressive Alliance for Nonviolence
Scholars Unlimited
SECOR Cares
Servicios de La Raza
Sewall Child Development Center
St. Francis Center
St. Vrain Valley Schools
Sun Valley Youth Center
Sunshine Home Share Colorado
The Action Center
The Delores Project
The Gathering Place
TLC Learning Center
Urban Peak
Volunteers of America
Warren Village
Wild Plum Center

FOUNDATION SUPPORT

Foundations help fund Mile High United Way's wraparound support for families. These grants directly support our community programs, helping families meet their basic needs, access early childcare and education, find safe and stable housing and more.

$1 MILLION AND MORE

Anschutz Foundation*
Colorado Health Foundation*
HCA Healthcare Foundation*
HomeStart – Greenlight Fund*

$250,000 - $999,999

PNC Foundation*

$100,000 - $249,999

Busse Family Foundation
Denver Broncos Charities*
The Siemer Institute*
Wells Fargo Foundation

$25,000-$99,999

Buell Foundation
Comcast-NBC Universal Foundation
Huntington Bank Foundation
Intermountain Health Foundation
List Family Foundation
Morgridge Family Foundation
Rose Community Foundation
U.S. Bank Foundation
Vital Projects Fund Inc

$15,000-$24,999

Gates Family Foundation
Holman Enterprises Foundation
JP Morgan Chase Foundation
Virginia Hill Foundation

$10,000-$14,999

Banc of California Foundation
Fred & Jean Allegretti Foundation
LibertyGives Foundation
MET Foundation
Pinnacol Foundation
United Way Worldwide – Ride United

*multi-year gifts



Thanks to the generous support of the HCA Healthcare Foundation, we were able to expand our HIPPY (Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters) program, moving families off the waitlist and providing more children in our community with access to high-quality early childhood education.



Tocqueville Society Co-Chairs
Anish Michael, FGC
Annette Michael, U.S. Anesthesia Partners
Marty Ruffalo, Ball Corporation (Retired)
Kristi Sullivan, Sullivan Financial Planning

Women of Tocqueville Co-Chairs
Julie Bearup, Community Leader
Yun Hui Kehoe, Community Leader

TOCQUEVILLE SOCIETY

Mile High United Way's Tocqueville Society is an esteemed group of business and philanthropic leaders dedicated to tackling our community's most pressing challenges. Members invest $10,000 or more annually to help families in our community find stability and build stronger futures.

Tocqueville Society members also invest their time, from volunteering at events like the Children's Holiday Party to providing free tax assistance through our Tax Help Colorado program.





WOMEN OF TOCQUEVILLE

Mile High United Way's Women of Tocqueville brings together community leaders to create a world of opportunity for women and their families. Members invest their resources, time and passion to raise awareness of critical issues facing women and girls, build connections and influence systemic change.

MILLION DOLLAR ROUNDTABLE

Nationally recognized cumulative gifts of $1,000,000 and more

Rick and Kathy Ambrose
Doug and Lindsay Andrews
Phil and Nancy Anschutz
Peter and JoAnn Beaupré
Kristin and Jim Bender
Brad Busse (L)
Busse Family Foundation
Sue and Howard Carver (L)
David and Laurie Copeland
Sandy Dewing (d)
Jeff and Cinnamon (d) Hawks
Kurtis and Mary Haeger
Michael and Yun Hui Kehoe
Leo and Susan Kiely
Steve Lockton
John Madden (d)
Jason Maples (L)
Lilli Maples
Peter Maples
Caz Matthews (L)
Tate and Eileen McCoy
Jodi Montgomery (L)
John and Carrie Morgridge
Morgridge Family Foundation
Steve and Neyeska Mut
Jeffrey Peierls
Albert and Debbie Rosenthaler
Paul and Sue Sparks
Hannah Sperber
Steve Talley
Al and Frances Troppmann
Three Anonymous Donors

INDEPENDENCE ORDER

Nationally recognized annual gifts of $250,000 - $499,999

R. David and Suzanne A. Hoover*
Michael and Yun Hui Kehoe
Mary Leprino*
Steve Lockton
Stephen Shurack and Linda Wackwitz
Paul and Sue Sparks
Leo Tokar and Andrea Baldrica
One Anonymous Donor

LA SOCIÉTÉ NATIONALE

Nationally recognized annual gifts of $100,000 - $249,999

Rick and Kathy Ambrose
Deron and Deborah Brown
Brad Busse (L)
Busse Family Foundation
Sue and Howard Carver (L)
Mark and Katherine Fulford
Jeff and Cinnamon (d) Hawks
Tate and Eileen McCoy
Brad and Melissa McQueen
The Musso Family*
Steve and Neyeska Mut
Brandon and Deb Ridenour
Rhonda Sparlin
Steve Talley
Kevin and Lois Vanek
One Anonymous Donor

JIM AND PAT BYE CHAMPIONS CIRCLE

Nationally recognized annual gifts of $25,000 - $99,999

Rob and Sigute Andrew
Doug and Lindsay Andrews
Dave and Laura Baker
Mike and Julie Bearup
Marc and Brooke Beasley
Kristin and Jim Bender
Christine Benero (L)
John and Sue Bolger
Jack and Vicki Box
Linda and Pat Brisnehan (L)
Kreg and Nita Brown
Ted and Heather Brown
Dorian Brugger
Thomas and Barbara Burke
Jay Busch and Bunnie Valenti
Jim and Sharon Butler
Rick Connor
George and Marion Curtis
Jerome and Jackie Davis
Lori and Joe Davis
Bob and Erin Deibel
Doug and Mimi Dell
Celia Dietrich
Christina Dorfhuber and Jules Arias
Richard and Lori Ehrman
Judy Elliott
Ed Ellis and Barbara Neal
David and Janie Eves
Darla Figoli
Jamie and Cathy Gard
Kurtis and Mary Haeger
Catherine A. Hance and Bruce Stocks
John T. Hays (L)
Scott and Cheryl Hefner
Jeffrey Hild*
Jim and Sarah Holder
Hollie Velasquez Horvath
Arnold and Kimberly Hoy
Karen Tramm Hyde
Karen Kennedy
Theodore E. and Heather A. Kijanka
Jason and Liz Leisinger
Mark and Ranae Lichtwardt
Dr. Daniel Lyons and Laura Zerbe*
Patrick and Susan Malone
Jason Maples (L)
Ashley and Tom May
Jim and Fran McKinnis
Matthew Mendell and Megan Tracz
Jodi Montgomery (L)
John and Carrie Morgridge
Scott and Chris Morrison
Bob and Jane Nagel
Kevin and Sally Neher
Cathy Orquiola
John and Carly Partridge
Neal and Monica Pedersen
Mike Pereira
Randy Pharo and Joey Porcelli
Frank and Kimberly Prager*
Richard Rainaldi and Martha Records
Scott Remington and Leanna Clark
Robin L. Ricketts & Brian A. Brieske
Albert and Debbie Rosenthaler
Marty and Phyl Ruffalo
Jack and Elaine Sample
Ryan and Denise Schmidt
Kimberly Smith
Brett and Kelly Sullivan
Sean (d) and Kristi Sullivan
Kiem Thang
Brian and Mary Beth Vaught
Blaine Versaw and Trish Lovewell-Versaw
Herb and Karen Vogel
Carol Waddell and Julie Junkin
Lesleigh and James Watson*
Donald and Pamela Wendell
Dave Whitcomb and Laurie Schoen





Brandon and Kristyn Wilcox
Hugh and Nan Williamson (L)
Mary Ann Woodward
Alice Yake (Jackson)
David and Deborah Younggren
Four Anonymous Donors

TOCQUEVILLE SUMMIT GIVING CIRCLE

Nationally recognized annual gifts of $15,000 - $24,999

Barry and Trisha Amman
Steven and Susanne Bates
Jeff and Tammi Belden
Kent and Valerie Berke
William Bishop*
Brian and Sarah Boonstra
Julie Tschida Brown and Dave Brown*
Jamaica and Brian Burke
Marc and Victoria Carpenter*
Jeff and Chelsea Carver (L)
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Women United is a growing force of community leaders dedicated to creating a world of opportunity for women and their families. Through philanthropic investment, volunteerism and advocacy, members invest in solutions that help women and families find stability, overcome barriers and build stronger futures.

Last year, Women United members invested $166,200 into high-impact programs through the Women United Initiative, including Ember Center, which works to end domestic violence and sexual assault.

The Women United Initiative also supports our 211 Help Center and The Tamara M. Sparks Early Learning Center. Through events like our Back to School Bash and Children's Holiday Party, Women United members also provide access to essential resources that help families thrive.



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WOMEN UNITED VILLAGE

239 volunteer hours

132 families served

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The fifth annual Women United Village in May 2026 provided essential baby and toddler supplies for more than 130 families, including car seats, bikes, diapers and cribs. Parents and caregivers received packages valued at an average of $205. The event receives significant support from the Women of Tocqueville Baby Shower.

MILE HIGH UNITED WAY WOMEN UNITED

THE WOMEN UNITED LUNCHEON

In April, more than 1,000 guests joined Mile High United Way for the 27th annual Women United Luncheon, raising more than $540,000 to support women and girls. Award-winning actress and guest speaker Mary Steenburgen inspired attendees to pursue their dreams while serving their community.

Denver community leader, philanthropist and activist Arlene Hirschfeld received the 2026 Frances Wisebart Jacobs Award for her outstanding, lifelong commitment to women, children, education and the arts. Dulce Pugh, a Mile High United Way staff member and former



HIPPY program participant, shared how the support she received helped her build a brighter future and inspired her to help other families do the same through our early learning program.



Women United members and speakers at the 2026 Women United Luncheon.

"Dear neighbor, **my work with Mile High United Way has expanded my understanding of the challenges facing our community, and inspired me to see how those challenges can be met with solutions. My favorite experience is watching the joy and dedication I see in my young son when we volunteer together."** –Ashley Story, Women United Chair



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The Mile High United Way Catalyst Society is dedicated to helping young professionals become community champions through personal, professional and philanthropic development. Members connect with community leaders and gain access to networking, mentoring and skills-building opportunities.

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