

# ADVANCING the Common GOOD

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## Advancing the Common Good: Three Stories of Hope & Success

Your financial support of Mile High United Way is put to work in our community improving people's lives. You make stories like these happen every day.

### School Readiness

"She already knows her colors and numbers, and she knows basic sign language," says new mom Genevieve of her daughter Mileah. "I am so grateful for that."



That's saying a lot considering Mileah was born to a drug-addicted mom. Seven months pregnant and in jail, Genevieve was given the choice of giving birth behind bars or entering a unique program called Baby Haven.

The residential program, supported by Mile High United Way, helps moms and babies

alike. The moms, like Genevieve, learn how to deal with their addictions and become responsible, caring parents. The babies, like Mileah, receive quality early care and education from birth.

"When I hear her laugh or see her face, I smile," says Genevieve, "because I know she is happy and healthy and prepared to do well in school and she's only 2-years-old."

Each year, Mile High United Way's School Readiness Initiative provides thousands of children of low-income-families access to high quality early education, their teachers with on-going training to improve their knowledge and skills and much more.

Watch the School Readiness video featuring Genevieve and Mileah.

### Youth Success

Walter and Andrew come from two different worlds, but they share a lot in common.

Andrew ran with the wrong crowd and got into some serious trouble. Walter, on the other hand, was a model student who just didn't fit into a traditional public school.

Both of them tried to make it through high school and both of them failed. They dropped out and they were in danger never completing their education.

But, thanks to Mile High United Way and its community partner Colorado Youth for a Change, they are both back in school and on track to graduate and attend college!



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### Youth Success - cont.

“I think I can safely say neither of us ever thought we could succeed in school,” says Walter, “but now, we are and we can’t wait to start college classes.”

Mile High United Way’s Youth Success Initiative provides thousands of students access to mentoring, quality after school programs, tutoring and dropout, gang and violence intervention programs.

Watch the Youth Success video featuring Walter and Andrew.

### Adult Self Sufficiency

Sylvia says she can’t believe how her life has changed.

She once was a prisoner in her own home- the victim of an abusive relationship- with no hope of escape.

Now she is a confident, self-sufficient woman with a steady job and a loving family.

And she gives the credit to the Mile High United Way supported Work Options for Women and its program that gives impoverished women the chance to gain the skills and confidence they need to succeed through hands-on training in the food service industry.

“I was once a victim and now I am the victor,” says Sylvia,” and for that, I am grateful.”

Your support of Mile High United Way’s Adult Self Sufficiency Initiative is helping people every day by providing job training and workforce development, financial education and savings programs and services for those who have or are experiencing homelessness.



Watch the Adult Self Sufficiency video featuring Sylvia.



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