



**NORTH DENVER CORNERSTONE  
COLLABORATIVE** AN INITIATIVE OF MAYOR  
MICHAEL B. HANCOCK

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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Mile High United Way and the North Denver Cornerstone Collaborative invest \$120,000 in Globeville, Elyria, and Swansea schools**

*Grant strengthens outreach, activities, and support at Swansea Elementary and Garden Place Academy*

**DENVER, CO- September 26, 2016** – Mayor Michael B. Hancock, Christine Benero, President and CEO of Mile High United Way and Anna Jones, Executive Director of the North Denver Cornerstone Collaborative (NDCC), announced today that they are joining together to provide \$120,000 in grant funding to Denver Public Schools (DPS) Swansea Elementary and Garden Place Academy. The money will support the Globeville, Elyria, and Swansea (GES) neighborhoods by funding two positions that will further its community engagement and student support. They will work to coordinate services like behavioral health support, youth development activities, resident leadership opportunities, and after school programs.

“We are proud to link arms with Mile High United Way through the NDCC and the Denver Public Schools Foundation to support the Swansea and Garden Place communities,” Mayor Hancock said. “Our schools are essential to ensuring that our kids are healthy and thriving. This grant strengthens efforts to engage our parents in that vital work while expanding opportunities for developing our youth and supporting our teachers.”

The investment will help to broaden access to outside resources and ultimately support a strong collaborative foundation for improved educational outcomes for GES children now and in the future.

“Mile High United Way stands with the residents, business leaders, and community leaders to set priorities and take action together to make a meaningful difference,” Christine Benero, President and CEO of Mile High United Way said. “When we work together, we make a lasting and holistic impact on our community. This is what a community united looks like.”



This effort is part of Mile High United Way's United Neighborhood strategy in the Globeville, Elyria, and Swansea neighborhoods, in conjunction with the city's neighborhood plans for GES. Mile High United Way United Neighborhoods™ is a partnership among residents, community leaders, policymakers, and nonprofits working collectively in the most under-resourced neighborhoods in Metro Denver. This united approach will support residents in becoming co-creators of their success, ensuring long-term positive community change.

The North Denver Cornerstone Collaborative is a coordinated effort on behalf of the Mayor to ensure community engagement, integrated planning, and deliberate connections among the city's major projects in GES and RiNo.

These elementary schools play an integral role in bringing people together, and this support will help them maintain their position as meaningful centers for the Globeville, Elyria, and Swansea communities. "We know that when our kids thrive, our communities thrive," said Verónica Figoli, President and CEO, DPS Foundation. "This grant partnership is an investment in lives and neighborhoods that will pay dividends into the future. We are grateful to Mile High United Way and NDCC for their support of DPS students and communities."

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### **About Mile High United Way**

Mile High United Way tackles the big, complex, even daunting issues that face Metro Denver. We are changing the odds for families and individuals in our community and moving them out of poverty. But we can't do it alone—it takes a united approach. We believe every child has the right to a safe and stimulating place to learn, and that when every youth in Metro Denver graduates prepared for a career or college, our community is stronger. We also know that when people don't have their most basic needs met, longer-term goals like finding financial stability are out of reach. Learn more at [unitedwaydenver.org](http://unitedwaydenver.org)

### **About NDCC**

The North Denver Cornerstone Collaborative (NDCC) is a collection of six major redevelopment projects in the city's River North, Globeville, Elyria and Swansea neighborhoods. Since its creation in 2013, the NDCC has achieved notable milestones including completing design for the Brighton Boulevard redevelopment, completion of the National Western Center master plan, and the creation neighborhood plans for Globeville and Elyria Swansea.

### **About Denver Public Schools Foundation**

Denver Public Schools Foundation is Denver Public Schools' fundraising partner, generating resources, building relationships and championing public education to impact system-wide achievement in order to realize the vision of *Every Child Succeeds*. The DPS Foundation engages the entire community in support of DPS' more than 90,000 students and nearly 200 schools. Learn more at [www.dpsfoundation.org](http://www.dpsfoundation.org).