

Mercy Tucker: Project I See You and Shared Power

Mercy Tucker is a director of the 501(c)3 organization, Project I See You. It got its start in La Victoria, Dominican Republic, when she and her family lived there from 2006–2010. Its mission is to change communities through women being seen. What they have found is when a woman's life changes it changes everything around her. That is evidenced by the work in the DR that has led to an Empowerment Center, Centro Te Veo ("I see you"), where they run a cafeteria and community service hub, as well as offer educational and occupational classes. A safe house for women is currently under construction to be completed this year.



After adopting their daughter, Daniela, from DR (bringing the number of Tucker children to four), the Tucker family moved back to Denver and into the Cole/Whittier neighborhood. Here Project I See You staff encountered women on the street and began to build one-on-one relationships with them. It was evident a space was needed where they could consistently gather and the vision of Te Veo House was born. Project I See You and Open Door Ministries made the commitment in 2018 to see a transition home for women become a reality. Te Veo House is located on the corner of Marion St. and Colfax Ave. It is a space for women coming out of experiences of homelessness, incarceration and sex trafficking; a safe place where they can get out of survival mode and take a breath as they find their way forward, supported as they take their next steps. After a lot of hard work and anticipation the house is now OPEN! There will be opportunities to bring and prepare meals and lead workshops in the coming months.
> *To sign up to volunteer: visit projectiseeyou.org/volunteer.*

LOVE RECOGNIZES NO BARRIERS. IT JUMPS HURDLES, LEAPS FENCES, PENETRATES WALLS TO ARRIVE AT ITS DESTINATION FULL OF HOPE. -MAYA ANGELOU

Working through pandemic, Project I See You was able to provide rental assistance and relief to women and supported a single mother in the process of buying her own home. The Shared Power Initiative was launched at the end of 2020 as a way of meeting this moment. Shared Power is \$10,000 for 10 women in 2021. It offers support for women who would not otherwise have backup. It provides resources to help women own their own homes and women-owned businesses to stay open. Project I See You has always been about love, truly seeing the other and reciprocation of dignity. We could all use that right now.
> *To donate to this initiative: go to secure.subsplash.com/ui/access/QDSC36/#/.*

COMMUNITY MEETINGS
We love to get together with our neighbors! And we plan to meet in person at the Ford Warren library as soon as we can. They have not yet opened their community room, so we have to wait a little longer.

To receive email notifications of the latest Whittier happenings, please sign up at the WNA website: whittierneighborhood.org

We are looking forward to seeing you again when we are back with monthly meetings.

Look on the back for the dates of the

Whittier Walking Market.

You do not want to miss them!



M A D A M C . J . W A L K E R P A R K R E P A I R S

The Whittier Neighborhood Association, the Denver Park Trust and the Madam C.J. Walker Park Coalition are excited to partner in an effort to replace and update interpretive signage that was installed over 20 years ago at Madam C.J. Walker Park. Located at 30th Ave. and High St., the park is a tribute to the important and lasting legacy of Madam C.J. Walker, the first self-made female millionaire — Black or white — in the nation.

> *To learn more about the project or to make a tax-deductible donation, please visit denverparktrust.org/walker-park*

WHITTIER WALKING MARKET



BACK FOR 2021

What is a walking market? The Whittier Walking Market is an opportunity to stroll through the neighborhood to purchase goods sold by community members: produce, baked goods, flowers, art, woodworking, etc. *June's market will include the Annual Whittier Yard Sale!* The market was featured on Channel 7 News ([youtube.com/watch?v=bu8KWiNjSa](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bu8KWiNjSa)) as an innovative community event.

For more information, including a list of vendors and interactive map, please follow the Whittier Neighborhood Association Facebook group or visit the WNA website at whittierneighborhood.org

> *If you are interested in being a vendor (June, July, August, December) or participating in the yard sale (June), please fill out the form at tinyurl.com/2f4ra2nf.*

2021 WHITTIER WALKING MARKET DATES

SATURDAY
JUNE 12
(WITH THE YARD SALE)
10 AM – 3 PM

SATURDAY
AUGUST 14
4 – 7 PM

BE
SURE TO
JOIN THE
FUN!

SATURDAY
JULY 10
4 – 7 PM

SUNDAY
DECEMBER 12
NOON – 3 PM

WNA SEEKING BOARD MEMBERS

The Whittier Neighborhood Association is looking for neighbors who are interested in:

- Connecting in a deep way with the community
- Developing new relationships
- Creating new ways to communicate to neighbors
- Having fun!

Available positions are Communications Chair, Fundraising Chair and Secretary.

> *Contact the WNA Board via the website for more details: whittierneighborhood.org*

DPR REC CENTERS & POOLS OPENING

Denver Parks and Recreation (DPR) will implement a phased reopening of recreation centers, pools, registered programs and other activities throughout the spring, summer and fall of 2021. Reopening plans have been developed based on equity; community vs. individual benefit; maintaining other essential city services and partnerships; and current staffing levels.

> *For information & to make reservations, visit denvergov.org; click on Rec. Center & Pools link on the home page.*

STARTING JUNE 7

OUTDOOR POOL

M-Th 9 a.m.–6 p.m.

F & Sa 10a.m.–6 p.m.

Mestizo/Curtis Park Outdoor Pool

3181 Champa St. | 303-292-2363

RESERVATIONS Limited to one session per day. Capacity TBD.

SWIM BLOCKS Two open swim blocks available for walk-up reservation each day: 10:30 a.m.– 2 p.m. & 2:30 – 6 p.m.

COST \$2/swim block Free for MY Denver, MY Denver Prime, SilverSneakers and Renew Active participants. Can be paid online or in-person. *Non-refundable*

WEIGHT AND CARDIO ROOM ACCESS

M–F Noon – 8 p.m.

Carla Madison Recreation Center

2401 E. Colfax Ave. | 720-865-5580

RESERVATIONS Required for 1-hour workout blocks. Can be made up to 7 days in advance, online or by phone. One workout block per person, per day. Capacity varies.

COST \$2/block Free for MY Denver, MY Denver Prime, SilverSneakers and Renew Active participants. Can be paid online or in-person. *Non-refundable*

FREE MEALS

M–F 4 – 5:30 p.m.

St. Charles Recreation Center

3777 Lafayette St | 720-865-2190

STARTING AUGUST 16

ACCESS TO WEIGHTS, INDOOR POOL AND CARDIO EQUIPMENT

Glenarm Recreation Center

2800 Glenarm Place | 720-865-3380